

Media Advisory – Probation Receives 2017 MLK, Jr. Difference Maker Award

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WHAT: In recognition of work being done in the [Youth Detention Facility](#) and the [Probation Department's](#) innovative and creative approaches in addressing societal issues, the [Chief Probation Officer Lee Seale](#) will be presented with the 2017 Martin Luther King, Jr. Difference Maker Award in Innovation for Change at the 2017 Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration.

Each year, the MLK Celebration Committee awards a few local leaders, businessmen and women, pastors, and other people in the community that are making a difference in Sacramento in the areas of Service and Advocacy, Programs for Children, Innovation for Change, Historical and Cultural Preservation, Unity of the Church, and Mentoring and Coaching.

Other highlights of the evening include presentation of the Martin Luther King, Jr. scholarship awards for some of Sacramento's brightest and most gifted young people; the Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration mass choirs; and Keynote Speaker Chaplain Earl Smith, chaplain for the San Francisco 49ers and Golden State Warriors.

WHEN: January 15, 2017 at 5:30 p.m.

WHERE: Capital Christian Center Auditorium, 9470 Micron Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95827

VISUALS: Honorees will be recognized by the MLK Jr. Celebration Committee and a short video presentation will run of footage related to his/her occupation and/or responsibilities.

RESOURCES: "Our employees truly are Difference Makers in the lives of young people throughout the County of Sacramento. Their work at the Youth Detention Facility demonstrates their commitment to innovative approaches to reducing crime and putting youth on the path to success. This recognition is a tribute to their work," said Chief Probation Officer Lee Seale.

DIFFERENCE MAKER AWARD HONOREES:

Chief Probation Officer Lee Seale and Christopher Johnson

Innovation for Change: Those who have the courage to innovate and change the status quo. We solicit the nomination of individuals that apply innovation and creative approaches for addressing societal issues. Our aim is to address persistent challenges in the lives of the marginalized.

Dr. John Jackson and Amaya Weiss

Service and Advocacy: Those who have provided voice to the marginalized. We encourage nomination for individuals that provide services and/or advocacy for basic human rights or those marginalized by poverty, ethnicity, national origin, gender, or age.

Jerry Manuel

Programs for Children: *Those who stand for children. We seek nominations for those individuals that invest their resources for the wellbeing of children – our future.*

Jeff Kreiser

Unity of the Church: *Those who have created pathways for bringing the church together as one. Jesus never approached anyone with caution or suspicion. We are looking for nominees who have demonstrated a Christ-like approach to ministry by living a life of inclusion and acceptance.*

Gary Fox

Sherwood Carthen Lifetime Achievement Award: *One who embodies the passion for the community that for which Bishop Carthen was known and with a lifetime of work that displays this passion.*

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