Past Recipients of the
Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
Award

1988  Elva Bell
1989  Joanne Weaver-Stroh
1990  Shirley M. Dennis
1990  William D. C. Dennis
1992  Helen Lee Johnson
1993  William A. Holt, Jr.
1994  Allen Mitchell
1995  M. Sgt. Oliver Roach
1996  Rev. Thomas C. Griffin
1997  Mr. & Mrs. Joseph P. West, Sr.
1998  Rev. Robert Johnson Smith
1999  James & Jessie Jones
2000  McKinley Lennox
2001  Tony Williams
2002  Oscar P. Vance, Jr.
2003  Dr. Donald Clark
2004  Rabbi Harold Waintrup
2005  Pastor Robert Johnson
Smith II (posthumous)

2006  Mrs. Lillian Quarles
2007  Black Women's Educational
2008  Ms. Valerie Ward
2009  Ms. Rennee J. Dinkins
2010  Malelessia A. Dennis,
Mary T. Sachs Breast Center
at AMH
2011  Pastor Jerome F. Coleman
2012  Mrs. Margot A. Clark
2013  Montford Point Marines
2014  Steven A. Johnson, MD, FACS
2015  Hon. Garrett D. Page, Judge
2016  Rev. Dr. Miriam J. Burnett,
MD, MDIV, MPH,
CHCQM-PHYADV
2017  Chief William J. Kelly
2018  Rev. Charles W. Quann

Lift Ev’ry Voice and Sing!
The Negro National Anthem

"Lift every voice and sing,
‘Til earth and heaven ring,
Ring with the harmonies of liberty.
Let our rejoicing rise
High as the list’ning skies,
Let it resound loud as the rolling sea.
Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;
Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us;
Facing the rising sun of our new day begun,
Let us march on till victory is won."

The No Place for Hate Pledge

"I promise to try to respect ALL people,
including those who are different from me.
I promise to do my best to make our community
NO PLACE FOR HATE."
**Program**

**Welcome**

*Dr. Jeffery S. Fecher,* Superintendent, Abington School District

**Master of Ceremonies**

*Mr. Virgil B. Walker,* Assistant United States Attorney (retired)

—  PLEASE STAND.  —

**Pledge of Allegiance**

Abington Township Honor Guard

**Negro National Anthem: Lift Ev’ry Voice and Sing!**

*Led by Ms. Renee Royal,* Salem Baptist Church of Roslyn

*Musical accompaniment by Pastor Paul Scott*

**No Place for Hate Pledge**

*Mrs. Shirley Dennis & APD Deputy Chief Kelly Warner*

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**Remarks by Federal, State, & County Officials**

*Hon. Madeleine Dean,* U.S. Representative, 4th Congressional District

*Hon. Ben Sanchez,* State Representative, 153rd Legislative District

*Hon. Art Haywood,* State Senator, 4th Senatorial District

*Hon. Josh Shapiro,* Attorney General, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

*Hon. Dr. Valerie A. Arkoosh,* Chair, Montgomery County Commissioners

*Hon. Kenneth Lawrence,* Vice Chair, Montgomery County Commissioners

**Musical Selection**

*Ms. Renee Royal,* Salem Baptist Church of Roslyn

*Musical accompaniment by Pastor Paul Scott*

**Presentation of Speaker**

*Hon. Napoleon Nelson,* Treasurer, Cheltenham Township

**Keynote Speaker**

*Hon. Kelley B. Hodge, Esq.,* 25th District Attorney of the City of Philadelphia

**Tributes to Dr. King**

*Overlook Elementary School,* Mr. Joshua Perlman, Principal

*Rydal Elementary School,* Dr. Lyndsay Morgan, Principal

*Abington Junior High School,* Mr. Daniel File, Principal

—  PLEASE STAND.  —

**Special Recognition Award**

**Presentation of Award**

*Mr. Anthony W. Luker,* Education Outreach Specialist, Office of the Attorney General, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

**Award Recipient**

*Mr. Bernard Griggs, Jr.,* Philadelphia Building Trades & Construction Council

—  PLEASE STAND.  —

**Thirty-Fourth Annual Memorial Award**

*for Promoting Harmony, Cooperation, and Understanding within Our Community in the Spirit of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.*

**Presentation of Award**

*Hon. Wayne C. Luker,* Ward 5 Commissioner & President, Abington Township Board of Commissioners

**Award Recipient**

*Hon. Kelley B. Hodge, Esq.,* 25th District Attorney of the City of Philadelphia; first African-American woman to serve as District Attorney in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

**Musical Selection**

*Ms. Renee Royal,* Salem Baptist Church of Roslyn

*Musical accompaniment by Pastor Paul Scott*

**Benediction**

*Rev. Dr. Alexander Payne, Sr.,* Pastor, McKinley Memorial Baptist Church of Willow Grove

Please note that the order of service is subject to change due to scheduling.