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Rev. Eugene Rivers to Speak at MLK Day at UNH

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DURHAM -- The University of New Hampshire will celebrate the life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Tuesday, Jan. 23. The national day of recognition is Monday, Jan. 15, a day when UNH is not in session.

Keynote speaker at the UNH event will be the Rev. Eugene Rivers III, author and co-founder of the Boston Ten Point Coalition, one of several programs he has developed to combat violence, drugs and poverty.

Rivers has been featured in Newsweek magazine for his advocacy for black American leadership in the war against AIDS in Africa. He also is co-chair of the National Ten Point Leadership Foundation, which supports African-American Christian churches providing resources for inner-city youth, and works with the World Council of Churches Program to Overcome Violence.

Rivers is a contributing editor to Sojourners magazine and author of "The Ten Point Plan for a National Church Mobilization to Combat Black-on-Black Violence."

The UNH celebration, which begins at the Field House at 7 p.m., includes performances from Sisters in Step and two gospel choirs, and is free and open to the public. Parking is available in A Lot, across from the Field House. For more information, call Sean McGhee, director of the UNH Office of Multicultural Student Affairs, 603-862-0324.

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