

# The Urgency of Now

COMMUNITY-WIDE RECONCILIATION DIALOGUE

## TIME AGAIN TO BREAK THE SILENCE

### ALL-DAY SYMPOSIUM

Saturday, March 8, 2008

Inner Light Center, 5630 Soquel Drive, Soquel, CA 95073



**Dr. King's *Beyond Vietnam* speech given at Riverside Church NY City, exactly one year before his assassination 40 years ago**

*Inner Light Ministries will be using the Time Warner version of the speech as contained in the series "A Call to Conscience." It has an extraordinary preface by George McGovern setting the tone and providing the historical context.*



**Dr. Vincent Harding**

*Historian, author, and activist, Dr. Harding has participated in movements for compassionate justice and nonviolent social change since the late 1950's. He is professor emeritus of Religion and Social Transformation at the Iliff School of Theology in Denver, Colorado, and is the co-founder of the Veterans of Hope Project, an interdisciplinary initiative on religion, culture, and grassroots democracy.*



**Rev. Deborah L. Johnson**

*Founder of Inner Light Ministries, an Omnifaith spiritual community, and The Motivational Institute, an organizational development consulting firm specializing in cultural diversity. A life-long social change agent and dynamic public speaker, she is the author of *The Sacred Yes and Your Deepest Intent*.*



**Dr. Liza J. Rankow**

*Interfaith minister and founding director of OneLife Institute for Spirituality & Social Transformation, a nonprofit organization based in Oakland, CA. She is a published author and a popular speaker and teacher known for bringing compassion, creativity, and insight to the process of individual and cultural healing.*

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"to save the soul of America"**

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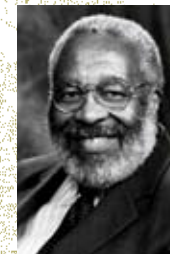
Grappling with the questions Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. poses to us as spiritual people and citizens of the US in his epic speech, ***Beyond Vietnam—A Time to Break Silence*** authored by **Dr. Vincent Harding**

**Rare Discourse with one of King's Colleagues**  
**Community Dialogue**  
**Personal Introspection**  
**Inspirational Music**  
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### Morning Session 8:30–12 noon

Invocation

Slideshow of Rare Photos of Dr. King and the Civil Rights Era

Photographer: Bob Fitch

Inner Light Gospel Choir

Collective Listening to Dr. King's Speech:

*Beyond Vietnam – A Time to Break Silence*

Community Dialogue with

Dr. Vincent Harding and Rev. Deborah Johnson

Moderator: Dr. Liza J. Rankow

Lunch, 12:15 (purchase buffet or on your own)

### Afternoon Session 1:30–5:30

Inner Light Gospel Choir

Guided small group discussions

Brief reporting from groups with responses by Dr. Harding

Summation by Rev. Deborah Johnson

Honoring our Vietnam Veterans

UCSC Gospel Choir Class, Winter 2008

Dinner, 5:45 (on your own)

### Evening Session 7:30–9:00

Healing Circles for the consciousness of war

and the people who have shouldered its impacts

DR. KING'S EPIC SPEECH AVAILABLE IN ADVANCE

## BEYOND VIETNAM...

Please take the time to familiarize yourself with Dr. King's *Beyond Vietnam– A Time to Break Silence* speech before Saturday, March 8. Below is a link to retrieve the speech in both audio and print formats. Dr. Harding's book *Martin Luther King Jr: The Inconvenient Hero* has been revised and recently released. It contains eye opening accounts of Dr. Harding's influential role in creating an expanded vision of peace as a civil rights issue. He will be signing books after the event.

[www.americanrhetoric.com/speeches/mlkatimetobreaksilence.htm](http://www.americanrhetoric.com/speeches/mlkatimetobreaksilence.htm)

Contact the Resource Center for Nonviolence for MLK study groups: [www.rcnv.org](http://www.rcnv.org)

**Excerpt from article by Rev. Deborah L. Johnson—**

King's *Beyond Vietnam– A Time to Break Silence* is considered to be one of the greatest speeches of the 20th century. Dr. Vincent Harding, an intimate colleague of King who encouraged him to speak out against the war, authored the speech. Harding, a foremost authority on the civil rights movement, will be with us for a deep soul searching exploration of King's question, "Where do we go from here?" How do we, as a people, find our moral compass and how do we point ourselves in the direction of social justice based on spiritual oneness? How do we, individually and collectively, reconcile where we have been with where we want to go as a peaceful, just, and empowering people?

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### Registration Form (Advance Registration Requested by March 1<sup>st</sup>)

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