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Ellison to MLK crowd: 'Be encouraged'



Photo by Timothy Ramsey

Keith Ellison, front runner for the Democratic National Committee chairperson, delivered the keynote address during the prayer breakfast.

Keith Ellison, the front runner for DNC chairperson, speaks

BY DONNA ROGERS
THE CHRONICLE

More than 1,000 people gathered for the annual breakfast on the Martin Luther King Jr. Day holiday Monday, Jan. 16, in the Embassy Suites Pavilion downtown to hear what appeared to be a blueprint for success for the Democrats in 2018.

"If you and I are going to succeed in this era, we must go to the people."

said Minnesota U.S. Rep. Keith Ellison, the front runner for the Democratic National Committee chairperson. He was the keynote speaker at this year's breakfast. He is vying to lead the Democrats as they reorganize to win elections in 2018.

"This movement is not about one person, but it is about our common struggle to elevate dignity and humanity, and if we will dedicate ourselves and never quit and never stop, and always move forward, never back away ... then we will win. So be encouraged."

The Chronicle and the Ministers' Conference of Winston-Salem and Vicinity sponsored the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day Breakfast Forum, also known as the Prayer Breakfast.

This year was seen as significant because of the challenges 2016 brought for African-Americans.

District Judge Denise Hartsfield, the mistress of ceremonies, mentioned the hard truths that came about in 2016, such as the attack on rights in North Carolina and the election of Republican Donald Trump over Democrat Hillary Clinton, who received about 3 million more votes

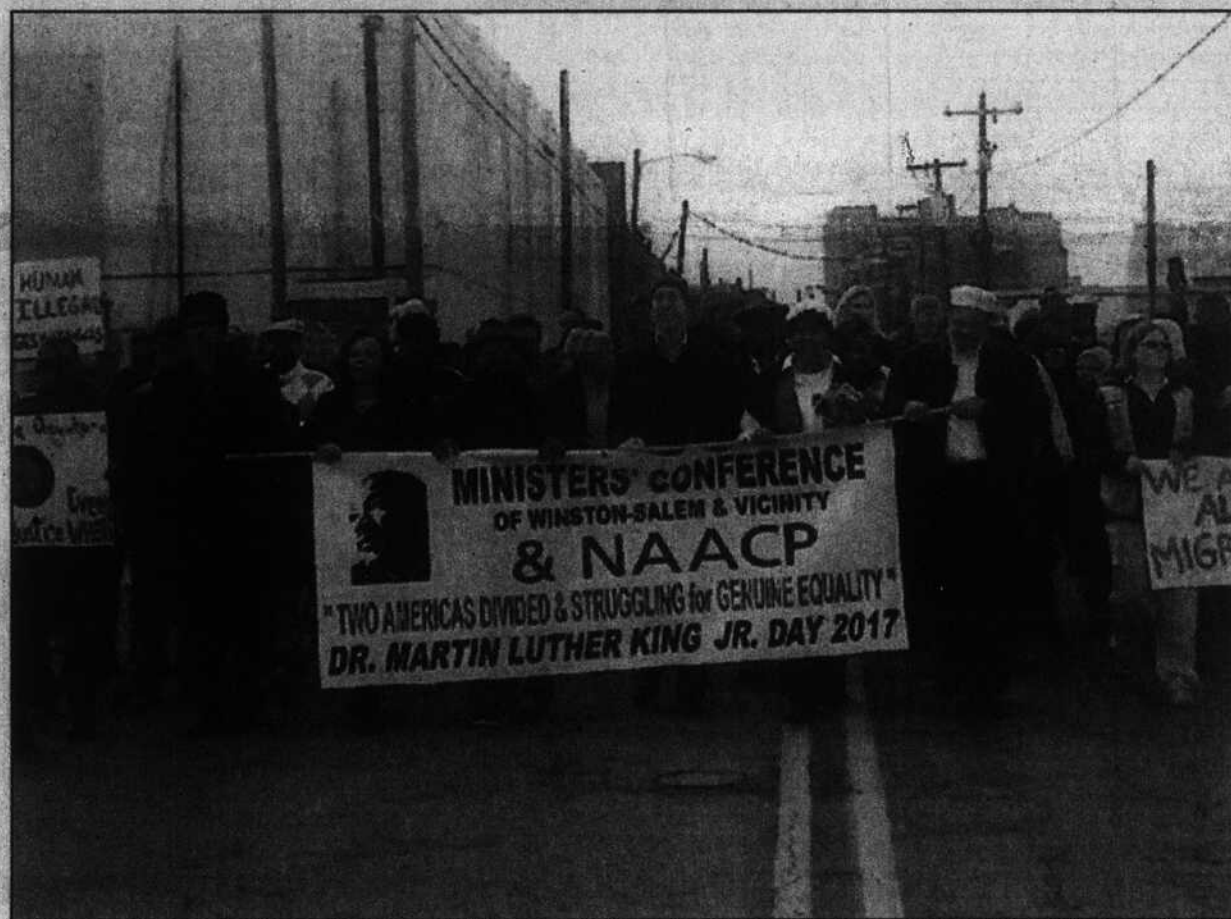
than Trump but lost the Electoral College vote. The College decides the president of the United States under the U.S. Constitution.

Ellison praised Dr. King and civil rights icons such as Georgia U.S. Rep. John Lewis, who said in a recent interview that he doesn't consider President-elect Donald Trump a legitimate president and he will not attend his inauguration.

Dozens of Democrats in the U.S. House of Representatives have said they will join Lewis by not attending the inauguration ceremony that will transfer presidential power to Donald Trump tomorrow, Jan. 20.

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MLK HOLIDAY



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Following the annual Martin Luther King Jr. Day Breakfast sponsored by The Chronicle and the Ministers' Conference of Winston-Salem and Vicinity, nearly 100 people marched from the Embassy Suites to Union Baptist Church.

There are 'two Americas,' ministers' group says

CHRONICLE STAFF REPORT

To commemorate the holiday to remember civil rights icon Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., the Ministers' Conference of Winston-Salem and Vicinity (MCWSV) sponsored a one-mile march on Monday, Jan. 16, after the annual Martin Luther King Jr. Prayer Day Breakfast. The annual King Day march started at the Embassy Suites on Cherry Street downtown and proceeded to Sixth Street and headed north onto Trade Street. The march ended at Union Baptist Church at 1200 Trade St., the site of the Noon Hour MLK Jr. Day celebration this year. As people marched, they held signs, including one promoting the theme the Conference had for its nighttime service on Monday. The Rev. Dr. Lamonte Williams, president of the MCWSV, said the theme for the evening service was to be "Two Americas divided and struggling for genuine equality." He says the Conference decided to choose this particular theme for the service because America is divided. "Now we find ourselves in this moment in history where we have basically two classes of citizens, the haves and the have nots," Williams said last week.

N. Carolinians hail Obama, but dread Pres. Trump

BY CASH MICHAELS
FOR THE CHRONICLE

On Friday, Jan. 20, at the stroke of 12 noon, as Barack Hussein Obama officially steps down from power as the nation's two-term elected president of the United States, controversial businessman Donald J. Trump will be sworn-in as the 45th president, and his four-year term will begin.

As elsewhere in America, North Carolina is virtually split between those sorry to see the nation's first African-American go, and those who are happy to see a new Republican president take office, promising to "Make America Great Again."

In the black community, though, while there is generally pride in Obama's historic tenure, there is also trepidation about what the Trump presidency will mean for the nation, and the world.

Speakers across the country, and across the state at Dr. Martin Luther King Holiday commemorations, addressed what was most on people's minds and hearts.

"If we confront the era of Donald Trump, then you don't need to get all scared," U.S. Rep. Keith Ellison, Democrat of Minnesota, and leading candidate to chair the Democratic National Committee, said Monday in Winston-Salem. "People before you stood up."

He spoke at the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day Breakfast Forum, also known as the Prayer Breakfast, which was sponsored by The Chronicle and the Ministers' Conference of Winston-Salem and Vicinity.

"President Obama should be penned among America's best in our history," state Rep. Evelyn Terry of Winston-

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People on the Street

Trump and the future

BY TEVIN STINSON
THE CHRONICLE

Tomorrow, Friday, Jan. 20, Donald J. Trump will officially be sworn in as the 45th President of the United States. After arguably the

most controversial election of all time, The Chronicle wanted to know how the people of the city felt about the immediate future of the country. To find out, we hit the streets, and here's what the people had to say.



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Question: With President Elect Donald Trump set to be sworn in tomorrow (Friday, Jan. 20), what are your thoughts on the immediate future of the country?

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