

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Commission



Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Anniversary Subcommittee

Commemorative Programs and Activities: WORKING DOCUMENT

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Task (✓ Completed)	Description	Proposed By	Date/Location	Assignment
Emancipation Proclamation Jubilee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> state celebration regional celebrations Slave/African American Cemetery Project (staff research begun)	Collaborative event between the King Commission, CWC, Living the Dream, Ministers' Conference of Richmond and Vicinity, and other relevant community organizations Assemble work group to assist Commission and Subcommittee	Lacy Ward	January 1, 2013 Location to be Announced	Sen. Marsh to contact Baptist Ministers Conference of Richmond and Vicinity Dr. Vaughan to confer with Speaker re: participation of CWC Brenda Edwards to follow up with Lacy Ward for written proposal and staff of CWC after consultation with Speaker
✓ Annual History Teachers Conference	Presentation of the Commission's plans for the Lincoln Bicentennial to conference attendees	Subcommittee	Richmond Late October 2008	Betsy Barton
✓ Reading List	Consolidated reading lists recommended by Dr. Stone and Dr. Delaney	Subcommittee	2008	Dr. Stone and Dr. Delaney
✓ Children's Reading List	Development of a book list suitable for children and youth on Abraham Lincoln	Subcommittee	Public/private schools	Betsy Barton
"The Civil War" by Ken Burns	A PBS play/video on Abraham Lincoln	Sen. Marsh	2009	Brenda Edwards
✓ Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial clearinghouse for events in Virginia	MLK Commission act as the clearinghouse for Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial events in Virginia; utilize website	Subcommittee	2008	Brenda Edwards
✓ Bicentennial Logo	Branding for the Lincoln Bicentennial and public relations purposes	Subcommittee	2008	Paranita Carpenter Hampden-Sydney College
✓ Lincoln Bicentennial Commemoration	Announcement of the Lincoln Bicentennial Commemoration on the King Commission website	Subcommittee	2008	Brenda Edwards

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Public relations campaign and media packet	Development of a public relations campaign and media packet. Request/explore with Hampden-Sydney College.	Subcommittee	2008	Brenda Edwards (via Brian Grogan)
✓ Annual Lincoln Day Ceremony	Co-host with the Lincoln Society of Virginia the Annual Lincoln Day Ceremony at the Lincoln Homestead Cemetery in Rockingham County	Subcommittee Commission	February 12, 2009	Dr. Stone (The Lincoln Society of Virginia) Brenda Edwards (press release)
Support for the Commemoration	Assistance of members of the King Commission and its subcommittees and other nonlegislative citizens, and the cultivation of relationships with local, state, and national organizations to garner support for the commemoration	Subcommittee	2008--2010	Sen. Marsh
Speakers' Bureau	Lincoln scholars and historians to lead Local Reading Clubs, seminars, symposia, and serve as resource persons for classroom teachers	Subcommittee	January-February 2009	Dr. Vaughan Mr. Jeffery Burden
Local Musical Tributes	Letter to directors of local orchestras, institutions, and schools, and affiliation of musicians to include period music and tribute to Abraham Lincoln in repertoire	Subcommittee	2009-2010	Charles Withers (Roanoke Symphony) Brenda Edwards--letters to directors and associations
Confer with local Petersburg and Richmond officials regarding locating new markers at Lincoln-related sites	Erection of markers at Lincoln-related sites in the Commonwealth	Subcommittee	2009	Councilman Moore
Teacher Institutes and Seminars	Opportunities for teacher staff development regarding Abraham Lincoln. Bridgewater, VSU, Washington and Lee, UR, Richard Bland suggested as possible sites	Subcommittee	2009-2010	Dr. Stone, Dr. Delaney, Brenda Edwards--letters to institutions
✓ Abraham Lincoln as National History Day theme in 2009	Promote theme with history teachers conference	Subcommittee	February 2009	Dr. Barton
Partnerships	Pursue partnerships with Comcast, Verizon, Dominion, Lincoln Society of Virginia, VHS, LVA, VFH, PBS, the National Lincoln Bicentennial Commission, and the Virginia Forum	Subcommittee	2008-2010	Councilman Moore Dr. Stone Dr. Vaughan Dr. McGlennon
✓ Lincoln's Virginia connections, publicity, and links to respected Lincoln websites, museums, historical societies, and National Lincoln Bicentennial Commission	Emphasis during commemoration on Lincoln's Virginia connections. Use King Commission website as one means to educate and inform the public; utilize website	Subcommittee	January-February 2009	Brenda Edwards
✓ Post Lincoln Bicentennial programs and activities	Re-activate the Commission's Calendar of Events; use website	Subcommittee	2009-2010	Brenda Edwards
Local Reading Clubs	Organize and promote the creation of "Local Reading Clubs," which will meet to discuss Lincoln-related books with leading scholar or historian; utilize website	Subcommittee	2009-2010	Dr. Delaney Brenda Edwards

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Petersburg Commemoration of Lincoln's Visit • Education concerning significance of Walnut Hill Elementary School 	Collaborate with the City of Petersburg for its Lincoln commemoration; ascertain expectations of Commission	Commission	2009	Mr. Kevin Kirby Councilman Moore Brenda Edwards
✓ Preservation of Lincoln Homestead in Rockingham County (on-going)	Promote and seek the state's purchase of the Abraham Lincoln Homestead or its inclusion in the federal park system by the National Park Service to ensure its preservation as an historic site and accessibility to the public. Explore assistance of National park Service.	Commission	2008 -- to completion	Dr. Phillip Stone (The Lincoln Society) Senator Marsh (Brenda Edwards via Brian Grogan who has relationship with Superintendent of NPS)
Commemorative meetings of the Lincoln Subcommittee and MLK Commission ✓ Lincoln, VA, July ✓ Rockingham County, VA ✓ Petersburg, VA Richmond, VA	Hold subsequent meetings in localities and at historic sites visited by and/or related to Abraham Lincoln in Virginia	Commission	2009	Brenda Edwards Christine McCormick
✓ Resolution commemorating Abraham Lincoln	2009 General Assembly Session	Subcommittee	January 2009	Delegate McClellan Brenda Edwards
✓ Morning Hour Floor Speeches	House and Senate floor speeches on February 12, 2009	Subcommittee	January 2009	Sen. Marsh Delegate McClellan Brenda Edwards
Concluding Event(s)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • February 12, 2010 Annual Lincoln Day Ceremony at Lincoln Homestead • February 2010 Gala/Reception 	Subcommittee	February 2010	Delegate McClellan
✓ Joint Ventures and Collaborations (on-going)	Seek partnerships with other local, state, and national entities commemorating Lincoln Bicentennial; notify public of local, state, and national commemorative events on website	Subcommittee Commission	2008-2010	Subcommittee/Commission Brenda Edwards
✓ Lecture by Vernon Burton	Author of The Age of Lincoln will speak at Washington and Lee University	Subcommittee	December 2008	Dr. DeLaney
✓ Fifth Annual Lincoln Symposium	Dr. James I. (Bud) Robertson, Jr., hosted by the Lincoln Society of Virginia, will address the topic "Lincoln, the Man"	Subcommittee	Bridgewater College, April 21, 2009 at 7:30 p.m.	
Lincoln Legacy School	Substitute Lincoln Legacy School for Essay and Art Contest			
Other Activities				