

Martin Luther King Day

“At the center of non-violence stands the principle of love” says Martin Luther King.

The beauty of this wonderful world will be better understood if everybody realizes the diverse aspects that come along with it. The different faiths, cultures and races that the human population is made of is amazing. Unfortunately, riots and tension in some part of the world or other almost on an everyday basis is what we come across from the media network.

Mahatma Gandhi who is fondly remembered as the ‘father of the nation’ in India brought freedom to India from the British Raj through his nonviolent practices which are called ‘satyagraha’ movement. MLK was greatly inspired by the teachings of Mahatma Gandhi when he fought for the rights of black people in the USA.

In the middle of the country, in the aeronautical capital of USA, in Wichita, Kansas MLK day was celebrated with a lecture on the “Golden Rule”. Dr. Jeffrey Whattles, a professor in Kent State University, Ohio gave a stimulating speech on the Golden Rule.

The powerful message he gave was always to remember to say “I am sorry”, “Please forgive me”, “I am sorry”, “I love you” .

He said that if each and every individual remembers to say this, then the world will be out of trouble. This will effectively put the golden rule in place.

Martin Luther King's greatness was talked about while discussing the Golden Rule which says "Treat others the way you want to be treated".

Hindu American Seva Charities partnered with The Global Faith in Action and organized a potluck dinner which was attended by nearly 60 people from all walks of life. This was held in a low income part of the town and the event was open to all.

The Golden Rule practiced by many faiths were read and 'seva' was encouraged to discover oneself. Gandhi says that "the best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others".

Our great Martin Luther King also encourages 'seva' in his own words as 'An individual has not started living until he can rise above the narrow confines of his individualistic concerns to the broader concerns of all humanity'.

Think Seva, breathe seva and do SEVA !