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"Imagine you are a bird, a bird that can soar very high, perhaps an eagle. Now, imagine you are circling high above the land, watching communities below ... Visualize a land where all people are developing to their full potential, where education is attractive to all; a land where families are whole and affirm each other; where the elderly are loved and cared for; a land where there is no violence; a land where government is truly by, for and of the people. After circling and seeing this happy, healthy land, return to earth. Ask yourself: What did I do when I was here to make this such a wonderful place? How did I let my light shine into dark corners? Affirm this vision with me ..."

Dorothy F. Cotton

At Illinois Wesleyan University Legendary Civil Rights Leader Dorothy Cotton, to Speak at Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Fellowship Dinner BLOOMINGTON, Ill.--A close associate of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., civil rights activist and educational director for the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) will speak at the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Fellowship Dinner on Sunday, Jan. 27, 2002 at 5 p.m. Cotton's visit to Illinois Wesleyan is part of the National Holiday marking the birth of slain civil-rights leader and Nobel Peace Prize Laureate Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Co-sponsored by Illinois Wesleyan and The United Community Gospel Singers of Bloomington and Normal, the dinner will be held in the Main Lounge of Memorial Student Center, 104 E. University St., Bloomington.

Tickets for the dinner are \$11.00 each for adults and students and \$5.50 for children under 12 years of age. Tickets may be purchased by calling Corine Sims at 309/828-4602 or by calling the Illinois Wesleyan Office of Multicultural Affairs at 309/556-3412.

Cotton, who is the former director of student activities at Cornell University in Ithaca, N.Y., worked closely with Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and was with King in 1963 when he delivered his most famous speech at the historical "March on Washington." Noted for being a teacher, singer, lecturer, listener, workshop and seminar leader, facilitator, peacemaker and visionary, Cotton is said to be a powerful speaker, who uses the "songs of the movement" to tell the story. She has traveled extensively throughout the world, including the former Soviet Union, The People's Republic of China, Switzerland, Africa, Vietnam, and Europe, conducting and participating in international workshops and discussions on global issues.

From 1960-1972, Cotton was education director for the Southern Christian Leadership Conference from 1960-1972 and later directed the Citizenship Education Program (CEP) designed to empower disenfranchised citizens, by developing local leadership in the South and promoting social change using nonviolent strategies.

Cotton also has served as the Vice President for Field Operations for the Martin Luther King, Jr. Center for Nonviolence Social Change in Atlanta where she was a senior trainer in nonviolent

and empowerment for leadership. Under former president Carter's administration, Cotton served from 1978 to 1981 as the Southeastern Regional Director of ACTION, the federal government's agency for volunteer programs.

Cotton served as a consultant to numerous organizations, corporations and schools on topics that address women's issues, race relations, nonviolence, multiculturalism/diversity, communication, personal and spiritual growth and human relations. She is currently a partner with Civic Organizing, Inc., which she initiated the National Citizenship School for the 21st century.

Among the numerous awards Cotton has received, is an Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree from the University of New England and an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree at Spelman College in Atlanta in 1999.