

Board Profile: Dr. Bernice A. King



Introduction:

Dr. Bernice A. King is a globally renowned thought leader, strategist, and peace advocate, known for her transformative work in nonviolent social change. As the CEO of The Martin Luther King, Jr. Center For Nonviolent Social Change (The King Center), she carries forward the legacy of her parents, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and Coretta Scott King. Under her visionary leadership, The King Center continues to champion nonviolent social change through policy, advocacy, education, and training using the Kingian philosophy and methodology of nonviolence which she rebranded Nonviolence365[®] (NV365[®]) philosophy.

Professional Accomplishments and Initiatives:

Through her work at The King Center, Dr. King educates youth and adults around the world about the nonviolent principles and strategies modeled by her parents. Under her leadership, the Center has implemented various initiatives reaching over 1 million people around the world, including the Beloved Community Leadership Academy, Students with King for K-12, NV365[®] Education & Training, and The Beloved Community Talks, a courageous conversations platform about the difficult racial and social justice issues impacting our world. She also spearheaded the development of an NV365[®] certification program for trainers, expanding the reach of “Kingian Nonviolence” globally.

In addition to her transformative work at The King Center, Dr. King is Advisory Council Chair for Ready Life, a Fintech Services company that provides a novel pathway to home ownership without a credit score. She is a board member of The National Black Bank Foundation (NBBF) and serves as Senior Vice President of Corporate Strategy and Alliance for Redemption Holdings, an investor Company acquiring an existing profitable bank to build a tech-enabled minority focused financial institution (A Black Bank).

Education and Recognition:

Dr. King's educational background includes a Doctorate of Law from Emory University, a Master of Divinity Degree from Candler School of Theology at Emory University, and a Bachelor's Degree in Psychology from Spelman College. She holds honorary Doctor of Divinity degrees from Wesley College and Clinton College, an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters from Spelman College, and an honorary Doctor of Laws from Grinnell College. Dr. King's commitment to education is evident through the establishment of the Be A King Scholarship at Spelman College in Atlanta. Her significant contributions have been recognized with awards like the Atlanta Business Chronicle Lifetime Achievement Award for

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, The Phoenix Award from The Congressional Black Caucus Foundation in 2020, as well as The Phoenix Award from the City of Atlanta in 2023.

Social Impact and Advocacy:

As a member of the 50th Anniversary class of Leadership Atlanta, Dr. King effectively utilizes her influence to encourage Atlanta business leaders to actively support racial equity and social justice issues, which contributed to the successful passage of Georgia's Hate Crime legislation. Her advocacy and dedication to creating the Beloved Community through Nonviolence365[®] have garnered international acclaim and recognition. She also utilizes her influence as a member of the Rotary Club of Atlanta.

Philosophy and Vision:

Dr. Bernice A. King's philosophy and vision are deeply rooted in the philosophy and methodology of nonviolent social change, inherited from her esteemed parents, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and Coretta Scott King. As CEO of The Martin Luther King, Jr. Center For Nonviolent Social Change, she is committed to carrying forward their legacy and advancing the transformative power of Nonviolence365[®]. Through policy, advocacy, education, and training, Dr. King envisions a world where courageous conversations, actions, and initiatives on racial and social justice lead to lasting change. Her dedication to education, recognition of impactful contributions, and effective use of influence to drive social impact exemplify her commitment to creating the Beloved Community—a just, humane, equitable, and peaceful society for all. As a thought leader, strategist, and peace advocate, Dr. Bernice A. King's transformative leadership inspires and empowers generations to shape a future marked by love, courage, compassion, empathy, and nonviolent solutions.

Summary:

Dr. Bernice A. King is an inspirational and transformational leader dedicated to ensuring her parents' legacy and teachings continue to influence future generations. Her impactful work at The King Center has made her a global advocate for nonviolent social change and a beacon of hope for those striving to create a more just and equitable world. Dr. King's vision, dedication, and extensive experience make her an invaluable asset to any board seeking transformative leadership and a commitment to social impact.