50 Years after "I have a dream"

On 28 August, the bells will ring for Martin Luther King

Montreux is associated to the commemoration of the famous speech of Martin Luther King. This is to mark our friendship with the city of Atlanta and our sympathy with the person who has advanced the cause of human dignity that the Municipality has formally asked the parishes ring their bells on Wednesday 28 August from 3pm to 3:05pm.

On 28 August 1963, Martin Luther King delivered at 3pm local in Washington D.C. a speech, which is in history and in our collective memories: "I have a dream... ".

50 Years later, the civil rights movement and some people who have accompanied Dr. King launched the idea of commemorating by a ringing of bells for this important step in recent history not only for the United States of America, but for the whole world. Beyond the full recognition of Afro-American citizens, it is the fight for the dignity of all citizens, regardless of their color or their social situation.

The Municipality of Montreux wishes to associate itself with this very special commemoration. The Municipality maintains in effect for several years a pact of friendship with the city of Atlanta, a city where Dr. King was born and in which he launched and hosted the civil rights movement.

In addition, the City of Montreux, which has close to 47% of foreigners and more than 140 nationalities among its residents, intends to emphasize by this one-time action the importance it gives to the values of respect and justice for all advocated by this charismatic Afro-American pastor.

Martin Luther King, assassinated in 1968 at the age of 39 years, is a figure with global reach. His non-violent struggle for the civil rights of blacks earned him in 1964, at the age of 35, to receive the Nobel Prize for Peace.