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For printing signs, banners, posters, tee shirts, and bumper stickers (and for preaching sermons) that are appropriate to the legacy of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., please consider the following slogans:

ABOLISH WAR,

ABOLISH POVERTY,

AMEND THE CONSTITUTION,

SUPPORT AN ECONOMIC BILL OF RIGHTS,

JOBS FOR ALL,

GUARANTEED INCOME FOR ALL,

SUPPORT UNIVERSAL BASIC INCOME, and

GOOD NEWS TO THE POOR - Luke 4:14-19.

ABOLISH WAR and ABOLISH POVERTY are slogans appropriate to the legacy of MLK Jr. because abolishing war and abolishing poverty are major themes in King's 1967 book *WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE: CHAOS OR COMMUNITY?* Here, for the sake of avoiding "chaos" by seeking "beloved community," King prescribed nonviolent resistance to evil, and he prescribed "the total, direct and immediate abolition of poverty" (2010 [1967]: 175).

AMEND THE CONSTITUTION and SUPPORT AN ECONOMIC BILL OF RIGHTS are appropriate because, for the sake of abolishing poverty, King prescribed that we amend the US Constitution by adding a "social and economic Bill of Rights" (Ibid: 211).

JOBS FOR ALL and GUARANTEED INCOME FOR ALL are appropriate because King prescribed government policies that "create incomes" by providing jobs and "new forms of work" that "enhance the social good," and "guaranteed income" for all (Ibid: 170-175).

SUPPORT UNIVERSAL BASIC INCOME is appropriate because "universal basic income" (UBI) is the contemporary way of saying "universal guaranteed income." UBI advocacy can profit from calling attention to King's 1967 book.

GOOD NEW TO THE POOR – Luke 4:14-19 is appropriate because, according to Luke 4:14-19, the "Spirit of the Lord" (the Holy Spirit) inspires bringing poverty-abolishing "good news to the poor," and because King resolved to preach from this text at least once each year.

King's legacy should not be reduced to his 1963 "I have a dream" speech. Studying his writings can help us to appreciate his legacy more fully, and to print more appropriate slogans.

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