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THE MARTIN LUTHER KING  
HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE

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May 15, 1967 - - - Dr. Martin Luther King announced today that he has accepted invitations to lead a Pilgrimage to the Holy Land in November 1967.

Dr. King will be the principal speaker at multi-racial interfaith services at sacred sites in the Holy Land. The Civil Rights Leader, Pastor, and Nobel Peace Laureate will deliver his first speech November 14th on the Mount of Olives in Jerusalem, Jordan. On November 16th, Dr. King will speak at the Tsemah Amphitheatre by the Sea of Galilee in Israel.

During his visits in the Middle East, official receptions have been arranged for him in each country on his itinerary.

Dr. King was encouraged to lead this Pilgrimage by his long time friend, Dr. Sandy F. Ray, pastor of Brooklyn's Cornerstone Baptist Church, president of the New York State Empire Missionary Baptist Convention and Board Member of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, of which Dr. King is president. Dr. Ray, who has made several trips to the Holy Land, stated that under the meaningful leadership of Dr. King this Pilgrimage will prove to be a great spiritual, cultural and educational experience for all participating nations, faiths and races.

Referring to his forthcoming visit to the Holy Lands and the opportunity to preach there, Dr. King said in New York: "One of the most memorable occasions of my life was to visit the Holy Land and to see and feel the inspiring land from which our faith burst forth. Therefore, I count this a rare privilege in my ministry to lead this Pilgrimage and am delighted to officially accept these invitations."