

**TRINITY PRESBYTERY PEACEMAKING COMMITTEE ANNOUNCES**  
**HIGH SCHOOL ESSAY CONTEST**

The Peacemaking Committee of Trinity Presbytery announces an essay contest for high school students residing within Trinity Presbytery who are members of a church within Trinity Presbytery or who are active in a Trinity Presbytery ministry. Graduating seniors are eligible to participate. Five cash awards of \$100 each will be awarded. The criteria for entering the essay contest are:

- a. Student must be a member of a member church of Trinity Presbytery OR active in a Trinity Presbytery ministry.
- b. All essays must be the student's original creation.
- c. The student must be willing to meet with the Peacemaking Committee in an informal meeting to articulate and discuss their ideas with the committee.
- d. The student must be willing for their certificate and cash prize to be presented to them at their home congregation or ministry
- e. The student must be willing for their essay to be published and / or disseminated by Trinity Presbytery (on website, etc.), with credit for authorship given to the student but without payment of additional fees.

**ESSAY QUESTION**

*The Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr., is known now as a peacemaker, but in his own time his activities were not necessarily viewed by everyone as peaceable. Utilizing scripture, King's letters and writings, and your own argument, discuss the use of nonviolent direct action by those engaged in peacemaking along with its potential application with regard to any contemporary social issue that concerns you. Include discussion of something you could envision yourself doing in the future to engage in peacemaking.*

The essay should be between 1500 and 3000 words in length, printed in 12 point font, double spaced, and on 8 1/2" x 11" paper. The cover letter accompanying the essay submission should include the student's name, address, email address, phone number, and their affiliated Trinity Presbytery church or ministry. (However, for purposes of ensuring anonymity and objectivity in the grading process, the student's name should not be included on the face of the essay itself.) For grading rubric, see <https://tripeace.wordpress.com/2019/05/02/essay-contest-announcement/>

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| The timeline for the essay contest is as follows:<br><br>Deadline for submissions: July 5, 2019<br>Winners announced: July 20, 2019<br>Meet with Committee: TBA<br>Certificate and Cash Prize Awarded at Recipient's Home Church or Ministry: TBA | Submit entries before 12:00 AM on 7/ 5/19 to<br><br>Trinity Presbytery Peacemaking Committee<br>554 DaVega Drive<br>Lexington, SC 29073<br><br>Or email to <a href="mailto:TrinityPeacemakers@gmail.com">TrinityPeacemakers@gmail.com</a> |
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