

Justice And Security

MMBB'S support for the



civil rights movement was rooted in the spirit and ministry of its founder, Henry L.



Morehouse. His support for civil rights ultimately included founding Shaw University, Morehouse College and Spelman College.

Flexible Retirement Benefits

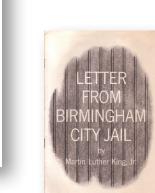
Like Dr. King, you chose to serve God knowing the rewards are more spiritual than monetary. But that doesn't mean you should forsake your financial future. MMBB offers investment, retirement and insurance benefits specifically designed for faithbased organizations—and those who work for them. We can tailor a plan that is easy to manage, fits your needs and budget, and provides security for your church and your family. The way we see it, you answer to a higher calling. And we answer to you.



MMBB Supports Pastors Who Support Civil Rights

During the civil rights movement, MMBB did more than express support for equal rights for African Americans. In 1963, MMBB Executive Director Dean R. Wright sent a letter to American Baptist pastors offering financial support to pastors dismissed because of their pastoral leadership on civil rights. MMBB also assisted them to find new preaching positions.





Letter from a Birmingham Jail

In 1963, J. Martin England, an MMBB field representative, opened MMBB's first office in the "South". He was present in 1963 in Birmingham when Martin Luther King was arrested. When he visited King in prison, King passed him a fragile paper on which his "Letter from a Birmingham Jail" was written. England gave the manuscript to MMBB Executive Director Dean R. Wright who had it published. In these and many other public and private acts, MMBB exercised a witness for justice that was prophetic, personal and institutional.



Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Joins MMBB

Despite his father's membership in MMBB, Martin Luther King, Jr. always objected when approached about joining. He was concerned that the Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta could not afford the premium for the comprehensive retirement plan. After the bombing and fire at the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church in Birmingham, Alabama in which four young girls were killed, MMBB again approached him. Ralph Abernathy, who was already an MMBB member, said in his deep voice, "Sign" and turned his broad shoulder to give King a surface on which to write. Following King's assassination, MMBB supported King's family for over 30 years.

In 2003, Mrs. Coretta Scott King told MMBB, **"Thank You For All the Support**

I Have Received Across the Years.'



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