

Message From the TODOS President January 2023

Happy New Year! Some might say that it's too late for this greeting (if you celebrate on the Gregorian calendar). But, it is just in time if one celebrates New Year on the Orthodox calendar (January 14) and it is a bit early if one celebrates on the Lunar calendar (January 22). While it is a New Year, I'm writing this on the late Martin Luther King Jr's birthday.

I am drawn to Martin Luther King's commitment to equity and his courage. In the speech "I have a dream" King talks about his dream and makes it visible for all to imagine with him. I am also drawn to three sentences...

"We cannot walk alone.

And as we walk, we must make the pledge that we shall always march ahead.

We cannot turn back."

During this year (whenever the New Year starts for you), TODOS: Mathematics for ALL will celebrate its 20th Anniversary. I think about those early mathematics education advocates who came together to walk together around a dream of **high quality mathematics education for ALL**; the ALL included bilingual and multilingual speakers, racialized humans, and humans who did not have access for other reasons.

Over the 20 years we've learned that there are so many ways that mathematics education and educational systems more broadly have 'not included' humans for a variety of reasons. As an organization and as individuals within the organization we've continued to learn and to make visible the vision and actions (i.e. the way we might walk the vision) through TODOS Live! Sessions, the Blog, the Podcast, Position Statements, articles in *TEEM*, leadership institutes, conferences, etc. TODOS has laid down a path in their walk, leading the ways for other organizations, in what vision and walking might look like.

You will see references to TODOS' 20th Anniversary throughout this year. I invite each of you to participate in opportunities, such as the 2023 Conference, to focus your vision and to find a stride in your walk, as we collectively 'march ahead' in advocating for high quality mathematics education for ALL.

And, as we collectively march ahead I invite you to visit some of Martin Luther King's [quotes](#), published by the Rotary Action Group for Peace in 2016. These quotes remind me of King's courage and help me to continue the march forward.

With respect and gratitude,

Florence Glanfield, President
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