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Rep. John Lewis Speaks on Reconciliation and Justice at Washington National Cathedral

On Sunday March 30, Rep. John Lewis will be the guest preacher at the Washington National Cathedral's 11:15 AM service. The sermon commemorates the 40th anniversary of a speech made by Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. On March 31, 1968, King gave his last Sunday sermon at the Washington Cathedral. Five days later he was shot and killed in Memphis.

In honor of the 40th anniversary of his speech and the 40th anniversary of King's assassination, the Cathedral asked Congressman Lewis to speak. The Congressman will take part in The Sunday Forum: Critical Issues in the Light of Faith at 10 AM, a discussion on issues of the day in the context of faith, that precedes the service, and he will deliver his sermon at the 11:15 AM service. The service begins a whole week of preaching and programming on the topic of racial reconciliation at the Washington National Cathedral. The Cathedral calls this series "*Remaining Awake—A Week Celebrating Racial Reconciliation and Justice*."

WHO: Rep. John Lewis, Guest Preacher

WHAT: Initial Sermon for "Remaining Awake—A Week Celebrating Racial Reconciliation and Justice" series

WHEN: March 30, 2008
10:00 AM The Sunday Forum: Critical Issues in the Light of Faith
11:15 AM Service

**WHERE: Washington National Cathedral, Massachusetts and Wisconsin Avenues,
NW, Washington, DC, Nave of the Cathedral**

The Washington National Cathedral is the 6th largest cathedral in the world and the 2nd largest in the U.S. Pierre L'Enfant included the idea for a national church in his plan. On January 6, 1893, the U.S. Congress issued a charter for the building of that church. The Cathedral was begun in 1907 and finally completed in 1990.

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