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Community Members,

Fifty-seven years ago today, Martin Luther King, Jr. delivered his famous “I Have A Dream” speech. That dream, that vision, one of racial equality, is still just that, a dream. We are still living with that truth unrealized. For far too many people of color, their dreams are still living nightmares as they face fear of violence, (too often at the hands of those called to protect them), discrimination, and countless other violations of their civil liberties. Fifty-seven years is far too long to wait for the vision of our constitution that clearly states that, “all of us are created equal”, to become a reality. Are we really surprised that anger and violence have come to us? I am just so very sorry that this is so! Words just seem so inadequate right now. Yet I must just hope and pray that those nightmares might cease, that they would be changed into real dreams of possibility, hope, and human potential realized. Only then will we have reached the potential laid out by our founders. Only then will we as a society know real peace. Maybe this generation will carry us there? May it be so! Please, may it be so!



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