

**MARTIN LUTHER KING'S DAY OF SERVICE: LESSONS FOR  
UNIVERSITY OF JOS COMMUNITY**

**BY**

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BEING MR. VICE CHANCELLOR'S ADDRESS ON MLK DAY  
CELEBRATION ORGANISED BY THE UNIVERSITY OF JOS-  
AMERICAN CORNER IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE PUBLIC  
AFFAIRS SECTION OF THE U.S. EMBASSY, ABUJA  
DATE: Friday, 25<sup>th</sup> January, 2008**

**Her Excellency: Robin Renee Sanders, US Ambassador to Nigeria  
and her entourage  
Distinguished Representatives of Plateau State Government  
Distinguished Invited Guests  
Principal Officers of the University of Jos  
Distinguished Gentlemen of the Press  
Distinguished Staff and Students of the University Community  
Great Josites**

We are delighted and deeply honored as a community to host the US Ambassador to Nigeria on this special event to celebrate a historical icon in human and civil rights struggle in the person of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Your Excellency, December 2, 2008 will be exactly five years since Ambassador Meece and my predecessor Professor Monday Mangwat inaugurated the University of Jos-American Corner partnership. Since then, the Corner has carried out several activities of bilateral mutual interest to both the US Embassy and the University of Jos. Similarly, we have received support particularly in the area of resource materials Books, Magazines and exchange programmes from the US Embassy.