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Clark College plans events for MLK day

Life's most urgent question, according to the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., is: "What are you doing for others?"

Clark College will honor King with a daylong observance Jan. 19. It will start with a documentary showing. Then you can get involved in community service.

The film, "A Village Called Versailles," is about a community of Vietnamese immigrants in eastern New Orleans who were devastated by Hurricane Katrina. It follows how the community fought to save itself from turning into a toxic waste dump in the wake of flooding. The film will be shown at 11 a.m. in the Penguin Student

Lounge, 1933 Ft. Vancouver Way.

In the afternoon, Clark and community volunteers will help out at the Clark County Habitat ReStore, 5000 E. Fourth Plain Blvd, which sells used building materials to raise money for Habitat for Humanity.

In the evening, it's back to Clark College for a 5:30 p.m. reception and a 6 p.m. keynote lecture by S. Renee Mitchell, poet, columnist and multimedia artist. A concert by members of Vancouver's Community A.M.E. Zion Church will close the day's observance.

All these events are free and open to the public. To sign up as a volunteer, visit <http://mlk-day.gov>. For more information about the day's events at Clark College, visit <http://www.clark.edu/special/mlk>.