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William Barber II's BYU Forum to Galvanize Those Who Listen

PROVO, Utah, Nov. 29, 2021 – The Rev. Dr. William Barber II, renowned advocate for equal rights and social justice, will speak at a Brigham Young University forum on Nov. 30 at 11:05 a.m. in the Marriott Center. Barber's quest to unite others and generate change, informed by his personal experiences, parallels the BYU forum theme, "creating a beloved community."

Barber serves on the national board of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and chair of the organization's legislative political action committee. He has been involved with over 140 progressive organizations, namely the relaunch of the Poor People's Campaign, a movement originally started by Martin Luther King III's father, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Barber, too, learned activism from his parents who helped integrate North Carolina's public schools.

BYU recently hosted Martin Luther King III on Sept. 28. Barber's messages will closely resemble and support those of Martin Luther King III.

Like Martin Luther King III, Barber is keen on moral justice. He firmly teaches that a united America has the power to transform and learn from its past. He encourages all listeners to join.

"We need a moral movement across the nation," Barber said. "A movement that is about the moral fabric of our society guided by a deeply moral and constitutional vision of what is possible."

As a verified user, Barber has over 341,000 followers on Twitter. He coined the #MoralMondays to highlight weekly social justice victories. Barber's conscious use of Twitter highlights the belief he has in rising generations. He believes that change begins with them.

Barber will speak in person and be broadcast online, via BYUtv and BYU radio.

About BYU

BYU is a private institution in Provo, Utah, that was founded in 1875. It has a total undergraduate enrollment of 33,365. BYU ranked No. 79 in US News and World Report's 2022 list of the best national universities. BYU is founded, supported and guided by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. For more information about BYU, see www.byu.edu.

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