

RECOMMENDATIONS

PASSED BY THE

STUDENT NONVIOLENT COORDINATING COMMITTEE CONFERENCE

ATLANTA, GEORGIA

OCTOBER 14-16, 1960

I. COORDINATION

- A. The General Conference accepts the following as the statement of purpose for the student movement.

"We affirm the philosophical or religious ideal of nonviolence as the foundation of our purpose, the presupposition of our faith, and the manner of our action. Nonviolence as it grows from Judaic-Christian traditions seeks a social order of justice permeated by love. Integration of human endeavor represents the crucial first step towards such a society.

"Through nonviolence, courage displaces fear; love transforms hate. Acceptance dissipates prejudice; hope ends despair. Peace dominates war; faith reconciles doubt. Mutual regard cancels enmity. Justice for all overthrows injustice. The redemptive community supercedes systems of gross social immorality.

"Love is the central motif of nonviolence. Love is the force by which God binds man to himself and man to man. Such love goes to the extreme; it remains loving and forgiving even in the midst of hostility. It matches the capacity of evil to inflict suffering with an even more enduring capacity to absorb evil, all the while persisting in love.

"By appealing to conscience and standing on the moral nature of human existence, nonviolence nurtures the atmosphere in which reconciliation and justice become actual possibilities".

(This Statement of Purpose was adopted in Raleigh, North Carolina on April 17, 1960, at the close of the first general conference of student movement participants.)

- B. The Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee be established as coordinator and administrative body of the student movement in South, with its directives and functions delegated to it by the General Conference. This Committee shall be composed of:

1. One Delegate from each of the following states:

Arkansas	North Carolina
Alabama	Oklahoma
Florida	South Carolina
Georgia	Tennessee
Kentucky	Texas
Louisiana	Virginia
Maryland	West Virginia
Mississippi	District of Columbia
Missouri	

2. The General Conference will elect six members-at-large at least three of whom should have served on the Committee

- before; no more than one should be from the same state.
- 3. Included as voting members would be one delegate from the following:
 - National Student Association
 - National Student Christian Federation
 - National College and Youth Branch of NAACP
- 4. The following shall be included as observers:
 - a. American Friends Service Committee (AFSC)
 - American Civil Liberty Union
 - Congress of Racial Equality (CORE)
 - The Fellowship of Reconciliation
 - National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP)
 - Southern Christian Leadership Conference
 - Southern Conference Educational Fund
 - National Student YWCa
 - Southern Regional Council
 - b. Any other group to be selected by the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee.

- C. The Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee shall meet once every other month, but the chairman of the committee may call an emergency session of the committee.
- D. All members of the committee shall have equal status and shall equally be considered spokesmen for the movement. For Administrative purposes the committee shall have a rotating chairman selected from the committee by the committee.
- E. Local protest groups shall remain autonomous.
- F. For purposes of coordinating and communication, local groups should, if possible, organize a State group to coordinate State Activities and to maintain contact with the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee.
- G. The Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee shall remain self-directing but shall welcome cooperation with adult organizations which are supporting the movement.
- H. Among the functions of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee are:
 - 1. To maintain contact with students outside the South.
 - 2. To cooperate with these groups in nation-wide activities that are in keeping with the above statement of purpose.
 - 3. To try to encourage their involvement in problems of discrimination in their own areas.
- I. The Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee shall have five advisors to be named by the conference.

II. COMMUNICATION

- A. The conference authorize publication of a newsletter by the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee staff in Atlanta, th

this newsletter by called "The Student Voice" and be published monthly, and that at least two copies be sent to two key persons in each protest area.

- B. One purpose of the newsletter is to print weekly interesting to students involved in the student movement.
- C. The newsletter is sent to protest areas in the South, the North, to school newspapers and to interested persons.
- D. Any press releases that are not concerning policy be left to the discretion of the staff of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee as to wording and need.
- E. The Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee shall release statements concerning policy.
- F. The Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee publish a descriptive pamphlet to be used for promotion, information, and fund-raising.
- G. Each protest area appoint one reporter who will write to the office of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee at least once per month, reporting the status of the movement in his area. The reporters will also send school newspapers and other news clippings so that the office of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee may be kept abreast of the "inside Story" and may release such via the newsletter.
- H. The Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee consider establishing a subscription rate for the newsletter and set up the structure necessary to handle such.

III. Finance

Since the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee has attempted to set up coordination and communication on a South-wide basis, it was and still is necessary that the representatives from the States meet regularly. In some instances representatives cannot secure money from their respective areas; consequently, it is necessary for the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee to provide travel funds, room and board.

The maintenance of the office of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee requires money - for supplies, mailings, and staff. To date, all persons working in the office have done so for a minimal sum; hereafter, such persons will be salaried.

It is necessary for students to meet periodically in a General Conference. This requires funds.

In view of the above and, considering the advancements and extensions that will need to be made:

- A. The Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee be authorized to raise funds, freeing them from dependence upon individual contributions.
- B. The Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee appoint a Finance

Committee to outline a program of fund-raising which will insure a consistent income for the Committee.

- C. The Finance Committee of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee establish a system whereby local area groups contribute to the budget of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee.
- D. The Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee, through its Finance Committee, make appeals to national organizations, regional organizations, supporting student groups, and entertainers - through a system set up by the Finance Committee.
- E. The Finance Committee secure the services of an auditor to help with the accurate accounting and bookkeeping.
- F. The office of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee shall apply for non-profit status and retain its account at the Citizens Trust Company of Atlanta, Georgia.
- G. All funds coming into the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee be handled by the Chairman of the Finance Committee together with his committee and the advisors of the Student nonviolent Coordinating Committee.
- H. The Chairman of the Finance Committee, the Administrative Secretary, and one other member of the Executive Committee be authorized to sign checks for the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee. Before a check may be cashed, two of the three persons must have signed it.
- I. For immediate needs, each student protest group at its respective college should collect regularly an amount to be determined by the local group, and send this directly to the office of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee. Each Local group should work out its own program to raise money and should send it in by check made out to the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee.
- J. Employ an Administrative Secretary on a salaried basis of \$3,000.00 a year.

IV. The Conference also passed the Election Day Project which was sent out separately, immediately following the conference.