

CRUSADE FOR CITIZENSHIP
DINNER

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1831 TAYLOR STREET, COLUMBIA, S.C.

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August 22, 1959

Dear Brother Minister:

As you have probably heard, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. of Montgomery, Alabama is coming to Columbia the latter part of September. I believe that you will agree with me that Brother King is the most outstanding Christian Minister in this country today. He has won this title by his humility, his unselfish Christian character, and his courageous leadership of his people in a time of serious crisis. We all admire his spirit of non-violence and the influence he has among the great men of the world. Who knows when we ourselves, as Ministers and leaders of our people, will be called upon to give the same kind of leadership to our own people?

The purpose of Dr. King's visit to our State will be to conduct workshops in registration and in non-violent leadership techniques. This will help to prepare us for the uncertain days that lie ahead. This is a golden opportunity to prepare ourselves for a more effective leadership, for "Who knows but that thou art come to the kingdom for such a time as this?"

Besides the fact that Dr. King's coming will do so much for us, his presence will be an inspiration to all of our people. This man is a contemporary prophet, a crusader for human rights, and a preacher of no mean ability. Therefore, we can well afford to support and participate in his movement. Added to all of this is the fact that we shall have the opportunity and the privilege of associating with and honoring the greatest man of our day.

All of this leads up to the request that you, as a fellow-minister, help us to plan for Brother King's coming. We are holding a meeting in Columbia on Friday, August 28, at Leevy's Auditorium (address above) to discuss the part that Ministers can play to make Brother King's coming the most significant event in South Carolina in recent years. Friday's meeting begins at noon.

God bless you, My Brother, *M. D. McCollum*
General Chairman

N.B: Tentative Program:

Tuesday night, September 29: Testimonial Banquet, Township Auditorium.

Wednesday morning, September 30: registration of delegates from all the Southern States, at First Calvary Baptist Church.

Wednesday afternoon: Workshops on Registration and on Christian non-violence.

Wednesday night: Big Mass Meeting at Township Auditorium--featuring Dr. King as principal speaker. Thursday: Continuation of Workshops. Afternoon, adjournment.

SEE YOU FRIDAY, AUG. 28.

HIGH NOON.