



Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee

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Dear Friends,

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Enclosed you will find the report of the Spring Conference of SNCC, held a few weeks ago, together with a copy of the revised constitution and the address list of participants.

The Conference was an important step forward in the development of SNCC. We must now move forward to implement the decisions made there. Of first importance is a meeting of the Coordinating Committee, as provided for in the new constitution. We have decided to hold the first meeting of the Coordinating Committee here in Atlanta on June 1 and 2, beginning on the evening of June 1st.

According to the new constitution, the Coordinating Committee shall consist of a representative from each local protest group that wishes to affiliate with SNCC, together with advisors and observers from the active civil rights and civil liberties groups. This is the Committee which shall set general policy and program for SNCC and which determines the Executive Committee which will exercise direction over the activity of the staff. This first meeting will be an extremely important one: every active local group should be represented. A local group will be expected to cover the costs of its representative; we will try to provide free or low cost housing.

The conference also decided that each local protest group should have a News Coordinator who will be responsible for sending and receiving news of the activity of the protest movement. Enclosed is a "News Report Form" which you or your News Coordinator may wish to use to keep us informed of news for inclusion in the Student Voice and for requests for help. As you send in a report we will send you more forms; you may wish to mimeograph it and distribute it locally. We can only be of service to you if we know what is happening.

It was good to meet you at the conference, and we look forward to hearing from each of you and meeting you again.

Sincerely yours,

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