



September 28, 1964

Dear Members and friends of Gainesville CORE:

A meeting will be held this Thursday evening at 8 PM at Mt. Pleasant Church to discuss fall activities of the Gainesville Chapter of the Congress of Racial Equality. Senior Field Secretary B. Elton Cox will be present to assist in planning. Any person interested in planning and participating in direct action projects in Gainesville is welcome to come and join the chapter.

PROJECTS AND RELATION TO OTHER GAINESVILLE GROUPS:

Gainesville CORE is devoted to ending segregation and discrimination, as are other active groups in the city. We feel that a small group organized to investigate and exposure these evils is needed in Gainesville. As a real "core" unit, we hope that other groups will join us in these activities when their aims and methods are similar to theirs. We do not expect to conflict with other groups or to work in areas where adequate programs now exist. For example, we support and participate in the Youth Council voter registration drive, and are now using The Gainesville Women for Equal Rights' research as a basis for future projects. We invite the physical and moral support of all concerned individuals. All advice will be accepted and is welcomed, although only active members (those who demonstrate a willingness to participate in action projects) may vote.

Several projects have been suggested. One is an exposure of the inferior texts used in so-called Negro schools. Another is the desegregation of the county summer camp run by the recreation department. A follow-through is necessary on previous CORE work in city hiring, and the question of a Housing Code needs to be pursued. Further, it is apparent that the "War on Poverty" program needs pushing to get grants to this county. As a CORE chapter we will select one of these or other projects and attempt to militate community support and action for them.

MASS MEETINGS:

There are in the state a number of excellent speakers employed by CORE who could bring a new emphasis on civil rights activities to Gainesville. We hope to organize interesting and well-attended meetings for the general public around these speakers.

SUPPORT OF OTHER GROUPS:

We intend to continue our support of activities of other groups in the city.

VALUE OF CORE IN GAINESVILLE:

We feel that an independent group, not tied to traditional methods or the forces of the "power structure" can lend much to progress in Gainesville. We are always willing to expose our views to the light of truth and discussion, but we feel that some positions cannot be compromised. We feel that a militant position in Gainesville will be of great value to the activities of other groups and that new ideas and methods will enliven the civil rights movement here.

So, if you are interested or have suggestions to make, meet in front of Mt. Pleasant this Thursday evening at 8.

Yours for Freedom and Brotherhood,

GAINESVILLE CORE