June 15, 1964

Dear SIM Students and Ministers:

Enclosed you will find several items I hope will be of interest. There are two copies of each, one for the student and one for the minister.

The Orientation Evaluation was written by Ruth Brandon and Bill Minter on the day after the Conference ended. It was not intended for general distribution, but it may be helpful for the information of those who were not at the Conference and for the reflection of those who were. We would be interested in any further comments on the Conference from the participants.

The list of students and churches is self-explanatory. Extra copies are available on request.

The conclusion here regarding SIM's progress so far this summer is that "no news is good news". But that will become less and less true as time passes. To help you share with your fellow SIM'ers, therefore, we have institutionalized a mid-summer report. All student participants are requested to send in this news sheet before Monday, July 13; anything received after that date will be excluded. Those received will be edited, mimeographed and sent to all students, ministers, and interested persons. Here are some suggestions of what you could include in your report:

1. The one experience that has made the biggest impression on you.
2. A short summary of your main activities and especially those that might be different from other SIM jobs.
3. Anything funny.
4. Anything showing the influence of interracial ministry in the community... in the church.

I will be looking forward to hearing from you. Feel free to write or call if any problems arise which we could help clarify or solve here in New York. We hope for good news about your work; we expect something less than revolutionary but more than trivial.

Sincerely yours,

Tom Boomershine
Summer Coordinator
Reactions by most participants seemed favorable, even highly enthusiastic in some cases about the quality of speakers and simply about the opportunity to meet with fellow SIM'ers before facing the individual church. One person commented that it made one feel really part of something more than just a field work job. Another felt that if a student had qualms or felt lonesome at the summer prospects it helped to have personally known and talked with others headed for similar situations. Particularly welcomed was the presence and participation of a number of the ministers to be involved in SIM. Not only could they add perspectives and ideas in discussion, but also when both the pastor and student pastor were present it was felt that the common experience provided valuable common ground for beginning the summer working relationship.

The panel the first evening was unfortunate in its one-sidedness; there was only one student and two ministers. Another year, planners should get definite commitment from panel participants so they will arrive. The panel should include some variety from the following possibilities: 1) student, pastor; 2) town with 1 SIM church, town with more than 1 SIM church, town with both Negro and white churches in SIM; 3) Negro, white; 4) church with SIM student only 1 year, church which has had several SIM students.

The panel of laymen was most enjoyable and also informative of some of what might be expected or not expected, liked or disliked by local churchmen.

Jim Forbes' session was also felt very good by most though the value seemed not so much in the images which emerged as in the reactions people had to the suggesting of the concerns aroused for the breaking of the images. There was some disagreement with Forbes' choice of groups. He used northern white, southern white and Negro. The southern white image seemed to exclude the poor white. The northern white did not seem appropriately unified. There was a difference between rural, urban, suburban - New England, Midwest, California. The Negro seemed more properly separated into the older images of passivity and its accompanying traits and the newer images of the educated Negro and the Negro of the "revolution".

The speeches by Will Campbell were enjoyed by all. His manner of speech primarily conveyed a certain atmosphere rather than only certain contentions, and this was valuable. His emphasis on the necessity of ministering to the racist, and his analysis of the position of the poor white (as not only a victim, but also one who did not know his enemy and struck out against the Negro) were points which stood out.

Floyd McKissick, in spite of being tired and having to arrive late, made all of us feel that we had a better understanding of the prospects for the summer. His specific references to North Carolina were valuable even for those going elsewhere.
Did the Conference, then, accomplish its purpose? As far as one can tell now, yes. The speeches and panels, while by no means comprehensive, were useful. The schedule was crowded and most people were tired, but, as one person commented, it was interesting enough that you never found yourself wishing a session would end. The fact of being together as a group was also important, perhaps more so than the content of the presentations. It seemed that most people found the conference worthwhile.

Specific questions for participants:

- Physical arrangements?
- Schedule too crowded?
- Was there enough opportunity for discussion among the participants themselves?
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