

East Bay Friends of SNCC
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Dear Friend,

In our last two general mailings we have not included a fund-raising appeal, and as a result our steady monthly income has decreased markedly. We want to take this opportunity to remind our many supporters that regular monthly or quarterly contributions are an extremely valuable source of income. If you have pledged a regular contribution in the past please keep your pledge up to date; and if you have not made a pledge please do so now so that we may help SNCC operate through the hard winter months. Last year at this time SNCC's income fell off sharply and it had to operate in debt for many months.

In addition to general operating expenses, there are two very important reasons for contributing to SNCC now. First, many thousands of poverty-stricken Negro families will be unable to enjoy a pleasant Christmas without the assistance of SNCC. These poor families do not even have enough to eat day to day, much less the resources to celebrate Christmas.

Secondly, SNCC is supporting the Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party in its program to challenge the seating of Mississippi congressmen under Title II, Section 201 of the United States Code. This challenge, which is explained in the Bay Area Newsletter, also requires financial resources over and above the regular SNCC operating budget; and the need is now, for the challenge must be made to Congress this January.

Please give what you can for freedom, equal representation, and a happy Christmas; and give regularly. It is most important. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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