The Call

Ella Baker scanned newspaper accounts of sit-ins for names of people to invite. She contacted people with whom she had worked and wrote to heads of student bodies. Rev. Doug Moore of Durham toured North Carolina and Virginia urging demonstrators to send representatives. James Lawson and the Congress of Racial Equality contacted activists. In the end, there were over 200 participants: 126 student delegates from 38 communities across the South, representatives from 19 northern colleges, and observers from the Fellowship of Reconciliation, CORE, the American Friends Service Committee, the National Student Association and the YWCA.

YOUTH LEADERSHIP MEETING
SHAW UNIVERSITY
RALEIGH, N.C.--APRIL 15-17, 1960

WHY THIS MEETING?

Recent lunchcounter sit-ins and other nonviolent protests by students of the South are tremendously significant developments in the drive for Freedom and Human Dignity in America.

The courageous, dedicated and thoughtful leadership manifested by hundreds of Negro students in college campuses, in large cities and small towns, and the overwhelming support by thousands of others, present new challenges for the future. This great potential for social change now calls for evaluation in terms of where do we go from here. The Easter week-end conference is convened to help find the answers. Together, we can chart new goals and achieve a more unified sense of direction for training and action in Nonviolent Resistance.

WHO WILL ATTEND?

Representation is invited from all areas of recent protest. However, to be effective, a leadership conference should not be too large. For this reason, each community is being asked to send a specified number of youth leaders. Adult Freedom Fighters will be present for counsel and guidance, but the meeting will be youth centered.

SCHEDULE:

The opening session will be Friday, April 15 at 7:30 o’clock. Saturday will be devoted to workshops, buzz-sessions and committee work. There will be a public meeting Saturday night, and the conference will close at luncheon Sunday.

EXPENSES:

We believe that your community will want to help share your travel expenses; and the Southern Christian Leadership Conference hopes that housing and meals will be underwritten. The total cost for six (6) meals and housing for two (2) nights will be $6.30 per person.

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