

MISSIONARY REPORT

1. Name: Mary Ellen La Rue
2. Church: Ashtland Park Christian, Des Moines, Iowa
3. Denomination: (Disciples of Christ) Iowa Society of Christian Churches
4. Address: 1150 25th Street, Des Moines, Iowa 50311
5. What area canvassed: Palmer Crossing
6. Number of people visited: Probably 20 to 30
7. General Response: In general, a very warm & cordial reception. The COFO workers are obviously popular & because we are associated with them we are warmly received by most. Two or 3 exceptions where Negroes were either afraid, indifferent, or satisfied with Status Quo.
8. Did you have any contact with white community? Explain. Yes -  
Mildred calls with 2 other ministers at Wm. Carey College; Attended  
discussion meeting Sunday pm (July 20); <sup>other</sup> calls: W.C. Windham, pastor, 38th Ave Boyd St  
Mr. & Mrs. E.H. Downey, 809 Myrtle, of Central Christian
9. Did you have any contact with police? Explain. No.

10. Give your impressions of community, evaluation of your work, what you think can be done.

Negro community seems alert to present situation and eager to move. White community on the whole determined to hang on to things as they are. A few hopeful signs, but only a few. Many whites they surely do resent the presence of the "outside agitators"!!

What can be done? More of what is being done! Perhaps best hope for future lies with patient, persistent penetration of white community by ministers who can give a good impression and are willing to listen. Also, continued help in form of education and encouragement to Negro people.