



INNER CITY ORGANIZATION

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P R E A M B L E

to the

CONSTITUTION OF THE INNER CITY ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

We, the people of the Inner City, likening our condition to the dispossessed of the earth and believing that our destiny is dependant upon our determination and our ability to organize first ourselves and then the population of the Inner City, do hereby pledge ourselves to the building of a disciplined organization whose responsibility shall be to promote the welfare, organize the power and expand the rights of the people of the Inner City and thereby safeguard the future of ourselves and our children.

We believe that the right and responsibility of the people of the Inner City to organize for their power, protection and benefit have never been more urgent than at this stage in history when the vast majority of the population in this advanced country have become urban residents and when all the problems that face mankind in the Twentieth Century are concentrated in the Inner City.

We ask not of others what they can do but begin with ourselves. This we owe to society.

AFFILIATED ORGANIZATIONS

INNER CITY
PARENTS COUNCIL

AFRO-AMERICANS
AGAINST RACIST
WARS

AIMS AND PROGRAMS

TO SECURE QUALITY EDUCATION FOR BLACK CHILDREN IN INNER CITY SCHOOLS

***Quality Education - Not Integration.

***Black Principals and Administrators in all Inner City Schools.

***Community Control of Hiring and Firing, of Curriculum Development, Textbooks, Evaluations.

***Minimum Achievement Standards and Tests for All Grade Levels.

***Immediate Accountability by Administrators for School Failures.

***Independent Organization of Black Teachers.

Read Report to Detroit Board of Education, June 13, 1967, 50¢ each.

TO EDUCATE THE BLACK COMMUNITY IN THE RACIST NATURE OF AMERICA'S WARS.

TO PROVIDE LEGAL COUNSEL AND BROAD COMMUNITY SUPPORT FOR BLACK CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTORS.

***Petition Campaign demanding that no more black youth be drafted as long as black percentage in U.S. Armed services is over 10% and as long as local draft boards in black communities are not manned by our peers.

AFFILIATED ORGANIZATIONS

AIMS AND PROGRAMS

- NEGRO RETAIL STORE EMPLOYERS ASSN.** **SELECTIVE PATRONAGE CAMPAIGNS TO WIN EMPLOYMENT IN THE BLACK COMMUNITY IN ACCORDANCE WITH OUR CONSUMER POWER.**
 ***Nation-wide campaign against Sears, Roebuck.
 "Best Black Jobs or No Black Dollars!"
- INNER CITY HOUSING CONFERENCE** **TO SECURE RESIDENT CONTROL OF URBAN RENEWAL AND MODEL CITY PLANNING BY THE INNER CITY POPULATION.**
 ***Petition Campaign.
 ***"Stop Negro Removal" bumper stickers.
- INNER CITY STUDENT ORGANIZATION (Ages 14-21)** **TO TRAIN BLACK YOUNG PEOPLE FOR LEADERSHIP IN THE STRUGGLE FOR AND FUTURE ADMINISTRATION OF BLACK POWER.**
- FREEDOM ORGANIZERS** **INTER-CITY CARAVANS TO NEIGHBORING CITIES TO PROVIDE SUPPORT FOR LOCAL ORGANIZING EFFORTS.**
 ***e.g. One busload to Kalamazoo, Mich. in March 1967 for a Unity Conference; two busloads to Cincinnati, Ohio, in May 1967 for a Malcolm Memorial.
- INNER CITY ORGANIZATION** **A GENERAL MEMBERSHIP ORGANIZATION TO PROVIDE SUPPORT FOR THE PROGRAM AND ACTIVITIES OF THE INNER CITY ORGANIZING COMMITTEE.**
 ***Your general membership at \$2.00 a year will help support the above programs and at the same time keep you informed of our continuing activities.

The headquarters of the Inner City Organizing Committee and its affiliated organizations is the Central United Church of Christ, 7625 Linwood, Detroit, Mich. Central Church not only provides these organizations with a stable physical base in the heart of the black community. Equally important, the weekly services and sermons by Rev. Albert B. Cleage Jr. are a source of continuing inspiration and education in a philosophy of history and religion to strengthen the black nationalist in his struggle to develop and propagate new social values of unity, discipline and dedication and to put behind him the individualism and other corrupt values of white America. (See brochures on "The Black Madonna" and "Call to a Black Christian Nationalist Movement." Also read sermons on "The Inequality of Powerlessness" and "The Black Cultural Revolution.")

For information and help in applying these programs to your area, contact Rev. Albert B. Cleage Jr., pastor of Central United Church of Christ and Chairman of the Inner City Organizing Committee, 7625 Linwood, Detroit, Mich. 48205.