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COMMUNITY CIRCLE COLLABORATIVE

EVENT ALERT !!!

National Leadership Summit "Race Relations and America's Schools" A National and Twin Cities Event Not to be Missed !!!

Where: Richard R. Green Central Park Middle School
3416 - 4th Avenue South
Minneapolis
(Please enter from parking lot at 3rd Avenue and 35th Street)

Central High School
275 North Lexington Parkway
St. Paul

When: Saturday, September 27, 1997

9:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

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(facilitated discussions in cooperation with the Community Circle Collaborative)

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4:30 p.m. Closing remarks and reflections—John Hope Franklin/ Sanford Cloud Jr.
(Please see enclosed brochure for further details)

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The first year of this effort begins with a summit and town meeting to explore *Race Relations and America's Public Education System*. This summit is taking place as part of the 40th anniversary commemoration of the desegregation of Little Rock's Central High School. This anniversary will serve as a point of departure for national and local conversations about the historic and future role of public education in moving America's young people to effective participation in a multicultural nation.

Partners and participants in the Twin Cities' Community Circles which have addressed the challenges of schools, housing and segregation are strongly encouraged to attend and participate in this event.

(For further information contact Dick Little or Jim McDonough, or one of the other local co-sponsors)

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National Urban League

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Minnesota/Dakotas Region

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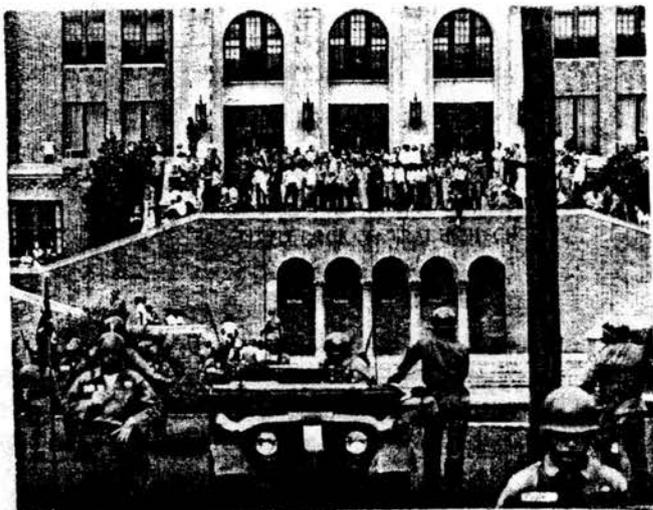
RACE RELATIONS AND AMERICA'S PUBLIC EDUCATION SYSTEM



The Little Rock Nine
September 1957

A Commemoration of the 40th
Anniversary of the Desegregation of
Central High School in Little Rock
&
A Community Discussion of Public
Education in the Minneapolis and St. Paul
Metropolitan Area.

THE DAYS THAT CHANGED LITTLE ROCK AND AMERICA



As we commemorate the 40th anniversary of the desegregation experience of Central High School in Little Rock, Arkansas, join us in a national conversation about the historic and future role of public education in the eradication of racism in America.

On Saturday, September 27, 1997, The National Conference of Christians and Jews, in cooperation with the President's Initiative on Race and The National Voices for an Inclusive 21st Century will convene a national dialogue at Little Rock's Central High School Auditorium on the importance of this historic event and explore the success and failure of desegregation strategies in improving racial equality and race relations in America.

The national summit is funded by a grant from the W.K. Kellogg Foundation.

LIVE SATELLITE BROADCAST

Experience this gathering at Central High School via live satellite broadcast. In 30 cities across the nation, The National Conference has arranged for this opportunity to look back on these historical events through reflections by those who lived the experience and to hear national leaders on public education in a multi-racial, multi-cultural society.

Be a part of this historical national conversation and participate in local conversations about public education in Minnesota. Join us at one of two locations:

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and

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We apologize for the short notice. Because the national funding was only recently received to make this possible, lead time for arranging this complex event was short. We didn't want to miss this opportunity and hope you will join us.

THE DESEGREGATION OF AMERICA'S SCHOOLS: A DREAM UNREALIZED

Schedule of Events

Please feel free to come to all or part of the events. We will have light refreshments throughout the day.

9:30 a.m. The Days that Changed Little Rock and America: Little Rock in September, 1957 Discussions and videos with participants from the 22 days when troops protected African American children who were attending Central High Schools for the first time.

10:30 a.m. Downlink of a Roundtable Discussion with national education experts on the mission and responsibility of public education in a multicultural nation.

12:00 noon Bringing the historical perspective home: The success and failure of efforts to improve racial equality in the schools in Minnesota

Facilitated discussions (in cooperation with the Community Circle Collaborative) regarding issues and strategies in public education in Metropolitan St. Paul and Minneapolis.

2:30 p.m. A national town meeting: In Search of America's Promise

National Leaders and scholars will offer their expertise in a town meeting setting. We will discuss what strategies have been successful and what new ideas and approaches are merging as public education has attempted to fulfill its mission of preparing young people and communities for participation in a multi-racial, multi-cultural society.

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RACE RELATIONS AND PUBLIC EDUCATION

SPONSORING ORGANIZATIONS

The National Conference
100 North 6th Street
Suite 531-B
Minneapolis, MN 55403
333-5365

Contact: Marcy Shapiro

The National Conference (founded as the National Conference of Christians and Jews) is a human relations organization dedicated to fighting bias, bigotry and racism. The National Conference promoted understanding and respect among all races, religions and cultures through advocacy, conflict resolution and education.

MetroTown
100 North 6th Street
Suite 531-B
Minneapolis, MN 55403
642-3150

Contact: Linda Fancher

MetroTown is a middle and high school program to help students confront today's tough social issues (including bias, bigotry and racism). This is done through classroom learning, workshops, service learning projects and other hands-on experience. It is a cooperative project of The National Conference and Minneapolis Public Schools and includes students from the Twin Cities, the suburbs, and Greater Minnesota.

Communities of Color Institute
1313 SE 5th Street
Suite 227
Minneapolis, MN 55414
379-3576

Contact: Sharon Tolbert Glover

The Communities of Color Institute is an organization that works with organizations of color in education, technical assistance, management and fundraising.

Education and Housing Equity Project
122 West Franklin Ave., #320
Minneapolis, MN 55404
871-8980

Contact: Dick Little

The purpose of the Education and Housing Equity Project is to act as a catalyst to build broad-based coalitions and engage the community in public discussions and advocacy for the purpose of promoting racially and economically inclusive communities that give families of all incomes, races, and ethnicities access to schools and housing throughout the metropolitan area.

Community Circle Collaborative
122 West Franklin Ave., #320
Minneapolis, MN 55404
871-8980

Contact: Dick Little

The Community Circle Collaborative is a partnership of about 20 organizations that provides organizing, resources and facilitator training for Community Circle groups that have begun a conversation about race and class in America including how segregation affects educational achievement.

Minnesota Churches Anti-Racism Initiative of the Greater Minneapolis, Minnesota, and St. Paul Area Council of Churches
122 West Franklin Ave., #100
Minneapolis, MN 55404
Contact: James and Nadine Addington
M.C.A.R.I. unites the religious community in common resolve to struggle against racism and build multicultural diversity. It is an ecumenical network of individuals and congregations.

Minnesota Minority Education Partnership
2211 Riverside Ave. So.
Minneapolis, MN 55455
330-1645

Contact: Carlos Mariani-Rosa

M.M.E.P. works to increase the success of students of color in Minnesota schools, colleges and universities by developing collaborative partnerships with K-12 education, Higher Education, parents, community members, and other community organizations.

Urban Coalition
2610 University Ave. Suite 201
St. Paul, MN 55114
348-8550

Contact: Nancy Smith

The Urban Coalition works with low income communities and communities of color. It is a research-based public policy and advocacy organization. Education is one of its issue areas.

OTHER ORGANIZATIONS CONCERNED ABOUT PUBLIC EDUCATION AND RACE RELATIONS

St. Paul Education Summit
C/O Senator Sandy Pappas (296-1802)
& Senator Randy Kelly (296-5285)
State Capitol
St. Paul, MN 55155

St. Paul Urban League
401 Selby Avenue
St. Paul, MN 55102
224-5771
Contact: Willie Mae Wilson

Minneapolis Urban League
2000 Plymouth Avenue
Minneapolis, MN 55411
521-1099
Contact: LaRue Fields

Minneapolis NAACP
310 E. 38th Street, Room 136
Minneapolis, MN 55409
822-8205
Contact: Leola Seals

St. Paul NAACP
1060 W. Central Ave.
St. Paul, MN 55104
690-0520
Contact: Nathaniel Khaliq

Summit University Education Consortium
586 W. Central Ave.
St. Paul, MN 55103
227-5199
Contact: Victoria Davis

Metropolitan Interfaith Council on
Affordable Housing (MICAHA)
122 W. Franklin Ave, #310
Minneapolis, MN 55404
871-8980
Contact: Joyce Sorensen Navarre

St. Paul Ecumenical Alliance of
Congregations (SPEAC)
451 Central Ave. W.
St. Paul, MN 55103
290-9192
Contact: Pamela Twiss

Interfaith Action Organization
3225 East Minnehaha Parkway
Minneapolis, MN 55417
729-3220
Contact: Jay Schmidt

Summit Academy OIC
935 Olson Memorial Highway
Minneapolis, MN 55411
377-0150
Contact: Louis King