

Flying Geese

NAACP

Formed in 1909 by a multiracial group of progressive thinkers, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) is a non-profit organization established with the objective of insuring the political, educational, social and economic equality of minority groups. The NAACP has as its mission the goal of eliminating race prejudice and removing all barriers of racial discrimination through democratic processes.

As the nation's oldest and largest civil rights organization, the NAACP has worked successfully with allies of all races who believe in and stand for the principles on which the organization was founded. Throughout its history, some of America's greatest minds have worked to effect change.

From corporate partnerships to tireless volunteer labor, the NAACP has evolved to meet the challenges of the day, while remaining true to its original mission. With renewed commitment, the new NAACP is poised to meet the challenges of the 21st century.

<http://www.naacp.org>

Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC)

The SCLC can be traced back to the 1955 Montgomery Bus Boycott, carried out by the Montgomery Improvement Association in which Martin Luther King, Jr. served as President and Ralph David Abernathy served as Program Director. The boycott was a signal to Black America to begin a new phase of the long struggle that came to be known as the modern civil rights movement. As bus boycotts spread across the South, leaders of the MIA and other protest groups met in 1957 to form a regional organization and coordinate protest activities across the South. It became the Southern Christian Leadership Conference. They declared that civil rights are essential to democracy, that segregation must end, and that all Black people should reject segregation absolutely and nonviolently.

The Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) is a movement of people and for the people, growing out of the deep tradition and long history of struggle for basic human rights. This movement is grounded in the philosophy of *nonviolent resistance* based on the lives and teachings of leaders such as Jesus Christ and Mohandas Gandhi. It is a movement that also has roots in the larger history of liberation struggles by Black people and all oppressed peoples the world over.

<http://sclcnational.org/content/sclc/splash.htm>

