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From: Erskine Bowles

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

June 15, 1995

MEMORANDUM TO: ERSKINE BOWLES
FROM: STEVE SILVERMAN
RE: COMMON GROUND CONFERENCE MATERIALS

As we discussed, I have enclosed for the President's review a copy of the proposed invitation letter and the Invitation List.

Please have the President

1. Review the invitation letter which lays out the purpose of the conference,
2. Review and annotate the invitation list.

Please let me know if he has any comments on the letter or any additions or subtractions to the invitation list, so that we can mail out the first round of invitations tomorrow morning (Friday, June 16).

Thanks.

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Dear _____:

I would like you to join Vice President Gore and me in a conference entitled, "Common Ground: A Call to Responsibility," to be held at the White House on July 6, 1995.

Perhaps the defining characteristic of our nation has been the unique ability of Americans from diverse backgrounds and with different views to work together for the common good of our communities, our country, and our future. In recent years, however, our spirit of community and shared enterprise has often deteriorated in the face of difficult challenges that confront us. Too often, political and social discourse — even conversations among neighbors — have been infected by misunderstanding, intolerance or rancor. Our communities have at times been torn apart by the very issues that should draw us together.

Many Americans today are finding solutions to difficult problems in their communities because they have been able to establish common ground that is a basis for people working together. Americans need to listen to each other, even when we disagree, and take responsibility for addressing our common problems. The aftermath of the recent Oklahoma City tragedy powerfully demonstrated the strength, resolve and hope that arise when we work together to help each other.

I am convening the July 6 conference to discuss how we can reinvigorate our spirit of community and together pursue a prosperous future through civil discourse and citizen responsibility. Americans of diverse political perspectives and from various sectors of influence — community groups, religion, education, business, non-profit organizations, the media, entertainment and sports — are being invited to join the Vice President and me in this day-long forum.

I look forward to meeting with you on July 6.

Sincerely,

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MEMORANDUM FOR CONFERENCE PARTICIPANTS

FROM: ALEXIS M. HERMAN
ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT AND
DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC LIAISON

SUBJECT: "Common Ground: A Call to Responsibility"
The White House, July 6, 1995

President Clinton observed in his State of the Union Address:

If you go back to the beginning of this country, the great strength of America, as de Toqueville pointed out when he came here a long time ago, has always been our ability to associate with people who were different from ourselves and to work together to find common ground. And in this day, everybody has a responsibility to do more of that. We simply cannot wait for a tornado, a fire, or a flood to behave like Americans ought to behave in dealing with one another.

At the conference on July 6, the President will issue a challenge to the people of this country, and to the leaders of its sectors of influence, to renew their commitment to the responsibilities of citizenship and take meaningful steps to work together for the common good. This conference will not be an end in itself, but part of an ongoing effort to ensure that the President's call to action is fulfilled.

You have been selected to participate based on your experience in bringing people of diverse views together to find common ground, and our confidence that you will be playing a leadership role as we work together to encourage responsible citizenship and national harmony. We are inviting people who, at the local level, are putting these principles into practice and leaders who can help translate these models into opportunities for national action.

To maximize the benefits of the conference, and to provide an opportunity for participants' views to be considered in advance, we request that all participants submit to the White House, two statements: the first, addressing what it is that binds Americans together in communities and as a nation; and the second, addressing what the participant, or his or her community, has done to address a common problem and how this experience can provide guidance for other communities. We request that each statement be limited to one page in length. These statements will be provided to the President and all participants.

Please complete and return the enclosed response form, along with a personal biography and your two written statements, by Friday, June 23. These materials should be delivered to Flo McAfee, Associate Director of Public Liaison, The White House, Washington, D.C. 20500. Any questions may be directed to Ms. McAfee at 202-456-2930.

July 6 Common Grounds: A Call for Responsibility

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	STATE	SECTOR	MEMBERSHIP	BIOGRAPHICAL	CATEGORY
Aaron	Henry	GA	Sports	P.Leder	Atlanta Braves Coach; all-time home run leader	Invite
Abrams	Staci	MS	Community Activist	Veronica Blaylock	Recent Spelman Graduate; dedication to youth issues across the country	Alternate
Aibright	Tammy	MA	Sports	P.Leder	Var. Olympic Women's figure-skating champ./Physician/Var. UN fellow	Alternate
Aida	Alan	NY	Entertainment	FLader	Actor	Alternate
Allen	Robert	NY	Business	DOE	CEO of AT&T	Alternate
Allen	Jim	NY	Business	L.Leder	Head of Real Estate/Asset Management of Morgan Stanley; Vice-Chairman of Citic in Schools, Inc. - nation's largest non-profit drop-out prevention program.	Invite
Alter	Jonathan	NY	Media	L. Leder/Doe	Weekend Rev. Ed.; author'd May 29 special on "What Works" - grass-roots solutions	
Amos	Kurt	SC	Community Activist	DOE	Al. for Parent, adopted over 75 kids; participated in W's family conference last year.	Alternate
Angione	Maya	NC	Education	OP/PLDUS	Professor, poet, read at inauguration.	Alternate
Apple	Suzanne	CA	Business	Americorpe	Director of Corporate Affairs of Home Depot; can discuss that co's great progress which won the 1995 Presidential Service Award	Alternate
Argenta	John	MM	Education	FLader	Pres., St. John's College-Santa Fe; Harvard's Deputy at MIT	Alternate
Argue	Don	IL	Religion	OP/A. Leder	President of National Assoc. of Evangelicals	Invite
Ayers	E. Brandt	AL	Media	P.Leder	Publisher, Anniston, AL "Star"	
Batts	Dennis	VA	Business	FLader	CEO, AES Corp.; Soc. philanthropist; poet., Director fact., non-profit org.	Alternate
Batte	Ray	IL	Religion	L. Leder	International Urban Associates, expert on Urban Churches, brother of Dennis Batts	Alternate

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July 6 Comm Group: A Call For Responsibility

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	STATE	SECTOR	REFERENCE	BACKGROUND	CATEGORY
Baker	Paul	CA	Education	DOE	Fac. History Teacher of the Year, disabled conservative Christian who supports Clinton education goals	Alternate
Barnes	Frank	CT	Non-Profit/Foundation	OPL	Founder and President of Ford and Lisa, organization that works with sexually abused kids	Alternate
Barnes	Fred		Media	PLader	Nat Republic; Conservative Columnist	
Bass	Jack	ME	Education	William Winter	Author/Pref/Southern Scholar at U Rice - esp. by far. Wm. Winter bc. of Conservatism they have had with Pres. on this Subject	Alternate
Bautista	David	CA	Education	OPL	Professor/Director, to CH-IA	Alternate
Beckman	David	ND	Non-Profit	OPL	President of Board for the World	Alternate
Belatti	Frank	GA	Business	Willard Fuller	Pres. America's Favorite Chicken (Popeye's, Church's) Co. Building 200 Exhibit for Humanity House	Alternate
✓ Bellah	Robert	CA	Education	DOE/Melcham	Prof. of Soc. at U. Cal., Author of Habits of the Heart, "top sociologist in America"	Alternate
✓ Bennett	William	NC	Education	DOE	For. Educ. Sec.; Author, Book of Virtues	Invite
Berger	Peter	MA	Education	PLader	Dir., Inst. for Study of Econ. Culture, Boston U., Scholar	Invite
Bergholz	David		Non-Profit	OPL	The Ford Foundation	Alternate
Bernardin	Joseph	IL	Religion	OPL/FLUTUS/DOE*	Bishop of Chicago; one of the best thinkers on topic; signed Cry for Renewal statement	Invite
Beresford	Susan	NY	Non-Profit/Foundation	Altshman/L. Lader/AmeriCorps	Incoming president of Ford Foundation	Invite
Berrett	Stanna		Education	Os Services	Association for Supervision of Curriculum Development; Jewish	Alternate
Black	Cathy	VA	Media	Eusan News	Head of Newspaper Assoc. for. USA Today	
Blackwell	Angela	NY	Non-Profit	OPL		Alternate

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July 6 Canon Board: A Call For Responsibility

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	STATE	SECTION	REFERENCE	BACKGROUND	CATEGORY
Blanchard	Ken	CA	Business	Plader	Plant. consultant; author, The One Minute Manager & Everyone Can Be a Coach upon Sheds	Alternate
✓ Blumenthal	Sidney	DC		FLORUS	Has written on Cultural/Political Change	
Bellman	Mike	CA	Non-Profit/Foundation	Americorps	Program Officer in Irvine Foundation, creates forums for foundations to support intl service	Alternate
Bottoms	Robert	IN	Education	Plader	Pres., DePaul U; Scholar on ethics & civility	Alternate
Bourke	Dale	DC	Media/Religion	Bill Sybels	Religious News Service	
Branch	Taylor	IN	Education	Plader	Author; Historian	Alternate
Brack	Reg	NY	Business	OPL	CEO, Time Inc. Pres. Advertising Agency Council.	Invite
Brufman	Edgar	NY	Business			invite
Brown	Steven	MA	Business	DOE	CEO John Hancock Financial	Invite
Browning	Edward	NY	Religion	OPL/FLORUS	Presiding Bishop of Episcopal Church	Alternate
Burford	Bob	TX	Business	P.Lader/Bill Sybels		Alternate
Burnett	David	CA	Business	OPL	Computer Magazine Entrepreneur, started computer job-skills program for homeless, working class and disadvantaged in run-down neighborhood of SF with \$100,000 of own money; program called "Computers and You"	Invite
Burke	Jim		Business	OPL	Ch. Partnership for Drug-Free America; Ser. Ch. Johnson and Johnson	Alternate
Campbell	Joan	NY	Religion	OPL/DOE	General Secretary of National Council of Churches of Christ, strong supporter of the President, org. represents over 40 million members	Alternate
Compello	Anthony	PA	Religion	OPL/L. Lader	Evangelical, Association for the Promotion of Education; co-author of Cry for Renewal with Jim Wallis	Alternate
Copelan	Kate	CA	Entertainment	DOE	Children's Action Network	Invite

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LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	STATE	SECTION	REFERENCE	BACKGROUND	CATEGORY
Carlile	Brandon	CA	Community Activist	SPC	Student/participant in National resolving conflict program. Founder of young adolescent program. Speaker at Resolving Conflict Creatively National Meeting; 17 years old	Invite
Carpenter	Mary Chapin	HO	Entertainment	Plader	Popular vocalist/songwriter	Alternate
Carter	Judy Langford	IL	Non-Profit	VP	Family Resource Coalition	Alternate
Carter	Stephen	CT	Education	SPC/L. Leader	Professor at Yale Law, Author of Culture of Disbelief	Invite
Caso	Steve	WA	Business	L. Leader	Founder and President of America On-Line	Invite
Camper	Gerhard	CA	Education	Plader	Pres., Stanford U.	Alternate
Chambers	Ray	MI	Business	P. Leader/Hill Rybels	Co-founder of LEGALITY Inner-city philanthropist	Invite
Chang	Nedy	CA	Non-Profit/Foundation	SPC	Co-founder California Economic non-profit org. committed to making racial and ethnic diversity work in CA.	Invite
Chapman	Eric		Business	Americorps	CEO of Health Corp. still with City Year, Republicans can discuss public/private sector partnerships	Alternate
Chapman	Steven Curtis		Entertainment	Hill Rybels	Singer	Alternate
Chen	Wilson	CA	Media	VP	SF TV Reporter; Author of "Smart Parent's Guide to Kids' TV."	
Charalot	Kenneth	NY	Business	Plader	V. Chm, Andex Corp.	Alternate
Chen	Martha	CA	Community Activist	CPA	Asian Pacific American Dispute Resolution Center.	Alternate
Clendwin	John	MA	Business	DOE	CEO Bell South	Invite
Cole	Johnetta	CA	Education	CPA	President, Spelman College; attended economic conference	Alternate
Colson	Gregory	NY	Media	VP	Publisher of Reader's Digest	
Coleen	Robert	WA	Education	L. Leader/Hill Rybels/Jia Freedman/Americorps	Harvard Professor and Psychiatrist; Pulitzer Prize Winner for Six-Minute Series, "Children of Crisis" - leading writer/psychiatrist for children	Invite

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LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	STATE	SECTOR	REFERENCE	BACKGROUND	CATEGORY
Cotton	Charles	NC	Religion	POE/A. Linder	Member of Southern Africa for 20 years; work in Prison Ministries, widely respected in Nat. A.; author, columnist, commentator.	Invite- (NO)
Cooper	Marie	NY	Non-Profit	OPL	Chair of AINE Action Council	Alternate
Corbin	Ernie	TX	Community Activist	DOE	Hispanic American Organizer, Texas Industrial Areas Foundation.	Invite- <i>alternade</i>
Covey	Stephen	ST	Media	OPL	Author, 7 Books of Highly Effective People	Invite
Crowlitz	Walter	NY	Media	OPL	Author of CBS news for twenty years, was known when he retired as "the most trusted man in America."	
Cruz	Miriam	BE	Non-Profit	OPL	President of Equity Research	Alternate
Daniels, Sr.	Beryl	NC	Business	EBowles		
de LaCresta	Alfredo		Community Activist	Americorps	Americorps member who can discuss importance of diversity in national service corps	Alternate
Deen	Murrie	AL	Non-Profit	Stuffed	Executive Director of Southern Poverty Law Center	Alternate
Dennis	Jonathan	BE	Entertainment	OPL	Film Director, Philadelphia	Alternate
Derry	Reginald	CA	Community Activist	A. Linder	Truck driver injured in LA Riots, has appeared with Mother of his attacker on TV.	Alternate
DePree	Sam	PA	Business	Plucker	Chm., Herman Miller Co.; author, agmt. values books	Alternate
DeVos	Sick	PA	Business	Bill Bybels	Pres., Amway	Invite
Dianna	E.J.	DC	Media	Americorps/De Guinness	Washington Post, has written on civility/civil virtue	
DiPascia	Frank	CA	Community Activist	OPL	LAPD officer involved with community civility projects for young LA Gang members; Favorably profiled on 60 Minutes	Invite

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LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	STATE	SECTION	REFERENCE	BACKGROUND	CATEGORY
Donner	Joe	MI	Sports	OPL	Detroit Pistons, J. Walter Kennedy Award winner, for community service work and raises money for Second Harvest (which brings food to inner-city) and Joe Donner Celebrity Tennis Tournament which raises money for Detroit's children	Alternate
Burn	James	DC	Religion	OPL	Executive Director, Capital Joint Committee	Alternate
Bykstra	Joan	IL				
Eberly	Don	PA	Non-Profit	L. Lader/Oa Grinnon	Founder of National Fatherhood Initiative; Dir., Commonwealth Foundation; Author of Restoring the Good Society	Invite
Edelman	Marion	SC	Non-Profit	FLOTUS	Head of Children's Defense Fund	Invite
Ellerbe	Linda	NY	Media	WP	Television Producer	Invite
Etzioni	Avital	DC	Education	L. Lader/Fleishman	Communications Network at George Washington Univ.	Invite
Evans	Nancy	IA	Non-Profit/Foundation	WP	President of Junior League, which does extensive community-based programs	Invite
Evans-Williams	Nyline	MO	Non-Profit/Civic	FLOTUS	Chairwoman WACP	Invite
Fish	Larry	RI	Business	Americorps	CEO Citizens Bank, Chair of Rhode Island Commission on Nat'l Service. Advocates private sector influence on the running of programs	Alternate
Fleishman	Joel	NY	Non-Profit/Foundation	L. Lader	President, Atlantic Philanthropic, formerly Duke U. NY	Alternate
Fierco	Archbishop	TX	Religion	OPL	San Antonio Archbishop	Alternate
Flow	Don	NC	Business	Will Byale	Owner, Car Dealership	Alternate
Walter	Walter	NY	Academy/Religion	DOE		Alternate
Fegarty	Neggie		Community Activist	Americorps	Project Director, Catholic Network of Volunteer Services. Can discuss helping non-profits to improve service delivery.	Alternate

July 8 Comm. Agenda: A Call for Responsibility

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	STATE	SECTOR	REFERENCE	BACKGROUND	CATEGORY
Foreman	George	TX	Sports	P.Lader	Heavyweight Champion; Minister	Alternate
Foreman	Nicholas	NY	Business	Plader	Co-Inst., Karateana-Litig; philanthropist	Alternate
Fourier	Vernon	IN	Civic Leader	W	Educational and Hispanic Consultant	
Frank	Rich		Entertainment	Susan Mann	President of Academy of Television Arts and Sciences	Alternate
Fuller	Charles	VA	Religion	Sam Harris	Pastor	Alternate
Fuller	Willard	CA	Non-Profit	Plader	Inst., Habitat for Humanity	Invite
Gandner	John	CA	Non-Profit	OPL/Aleishman	Pres. of Carnegie Corp., Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching; aff'ial w/ National Civic League, still active- main concern is restoration of community	Invite
George	Robert	RI	Education	L. Lader	Princeton, Const. Law Prof. Author of "Making Men Moral: Civil Liberties and Public Morality"; Conservative Catholic	Alternate
Gilligan	Carol	MA	Education	DPC	Professor at Harvard Graduate School of Medicine-focus on moral development of women	Alternate
Goldmark	Peter	NY	Non-Profit/Foundation	Aleishman	President of Rockefeller Foundation	Alternate
Graham	Billy	NC	Religion	OPL	Head of world-wide ministries	Invite
Graham	Don	NC	Media	P.Lader	Publisher, Washington Post	
Graham	Franklin	NC	Religion	P.Lader	Billy Graham's son; Pres., Samaritan's Purse	Invite
Grove	Ray	TX	Entertainment	Bill Byrds	Christian Singer (Country Pop and Gospel)	Invite
Green	Ernest	DC	Business	DOE	Managing Director, Lehman Bros.	Alternate
Green	Marion	NY	Education	OPL	Professor Emeritus-Philosophy, education, and role of schools in dev. of young people	Alternate
Green	Michael	CA	Entertainment	DOE	President, Nat'l Acad. Regarding Arts/Sciences	Invite

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LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	STATE	SECTOR	REFERENCE	BACKGROUND	CATEGORY
Gregorian	O.	RI	Education	SOE	President of Brown U.	Alternate
Griffith	John	AK	Education	Box Home	President of Lyon College in Batesville	Alternate
✓ Gubinskas	Os	VA	Non-Profit	GPL/COE/L. Lader	Trinity Forum scholar	Invite
Hansen	Robert	FL	Smile	P.Lader	Pres. Poynter Inst. for Media Studies, St. Pete. FLA.; Pres. ex-ec. ed. St. Pete Times and Cargr. Court.	
Harris	Samuel	NC	Religion	L. Lader	Bishop, National Cathedral, known as reconciler	Alternate
Hathornian	David	NY	Education	Jin Freedom	Author, The Best Century, The Reckoning.	Alternate
Hambury	David	NY	Non-Profit/Foundation	FLORIS	Foundation has initiative on creating a civil society	Alternate
✓ Hunter	H.C.	CA	Entertainment	GPL	rapper, involved with Educat'l CO-OP; on President's Educational Advisory Board.	Invite
Harvard	Ray	MA	Religion	FLORIS/J. Wallis	Co-founder of Pan Folx Organization (PanFolx)	Alternate
Harris	Wahia	AL	Community Activist	J/freedom	Executive Dir. of focal Inc.; pioneered day care program across Alabama	Invite — alternate
Hursey	Bart	SD	Non-Profit/Foundation	GPL	Chairman and CEO- The Enterprise Foundation	Alternate
Hynes	Patricia	TX	Religion	Veronica Higgins	Catholic Nun, President of St. Edwards University in Austin, for Chair of Chair of Commerce, sponsored university reaching to the community and to children of migrant workers.	Invite
✓ Ivey	Charles	TX	Non-Profit	L.Lader/Os Guinness/J. Fieldman	freedom Forum, First Amendment Center; expert on resolving conflict between religions and schools; wrote letter to Pres. With Co Guinness	Invite
✓ Jerny	Jim	FL	Religion	SOE	President, Southern Baptist Convention	Alternate
✓ Hernandez	Wlma	NY	Community Activist	NYC	Participant and leader in South Bronx High School Outward Bound Program, age 17, described as articulate and has demonstrated leadership	Alternate

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July 6 Common Grounds & Call for Responsibility

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	STATE	SECTOR	REFERENCE	BACKGROUND	EXPERIENCE
Kervitz	Sol		Non-Profit	OPL	President of Committee for Economic Development	Alternate
Kestury		IN	Religion	OPL/Comm./FLORUS	Former President of Notre Dame	Invite
Kiggurtham, Jr	A.	NY	Community Activist	DOE	Works extensively with Conflict Resolution	Alternate
Hill	Calvin	DC	Sports	P.Leder	For. Football "Street"; Grand's Dad	Alternate
Hill	E.V.	CA	Religion	Billy Graham	At. As. Pastor, known for work with gangs and others in Black Community of LA, serves on Billy Graham Evang. Assoc. Board.	Alternate
Kirsch	David	NY	Religion	Shoffa	Founder and Director of National Center for Jewish Healing; 33 yrs. old, brother of Nancy Shoffa; working on program to train practitioners to provide solutions to community problems of lack of common ground	
Kidger	Clarence	MD	Religion	OPL	VP for U.S. 7th Day Adventist World Headquarters	Alternate
Kolman	Krilyn	NY	Education	DOE	Superintendent of school in union free school district in Long Island. Formerly with Supv. of Salisbury, MD; dealt with religion and school issues	Invite
Korn	Rex	AK	Religion	L. Leder	Pastor	Invite
Kortz	Deborah	CA	Community Activist	OPL	United Farm Workers	Alternate
Kurtz	Earl	NY	Education	DOE	Was state teacher of the year; conservative who serves as a bridgebuilder for people that are dealing with home schooling and militia groups; Sec. Riley knows him	
Kuster	Jim Davidson	VA	Education	L. Leder	Author, Culture Wars, Before the Shooting Begins	Invite
Kurtz	William	IL	Community Activist	VP	General Secretary Rotary International	Alternate
Kurtz	Bill	IL	Religion	OPL	Leading evangelical	Invite

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Jackson	Jesse	DC	Community Activist	OPL	Reverend, dir. Nat'l Rainbow Cal's, Most Hon'ble Bishop	
Jakes	John	SC	Entertainment	FLader	Author, North & South, etc.	Alternate
Jean	Carmelita	IN	Community Activist	OPL	Dir., American Washington County, builds pride and leadership in the community through hands-on leadership training and volunteer program.	Invite
Jennings	Peter	NY	Media	Bill Hyblis/P.Lader	ABC Newsmaker	Invite
Johnson	Raymon	NC	Media	OPL	PR Commentator; Author, "Divided We Fall" (94), "Disparities Through History"	
Johnson	Reggie	CA	Sports			Invite
Jones	Glen		Media	Summer News	Jones Inter-cable Network produces West Wind-extension University	Invite
Jordan	Barbara	TX	Education	FLader	U. of Texas Prof/Fac Cong.	Alternate
Joseph	Jim	VA	Non-Profit/Foundation	Americorps	Chair of the Board of Directors of Corporation for National Service, as well as Pres. of Council on Foundations, DC based center for 1,000 grant making organizations.	Invite
Josephson	Michael	CA	Non-Profit	OPL	Pres. & Found the Josephson Institute for Ethics develops education training programs for communities. Training focuses on character develop. and ethics. Recently trained 125 on ethics.	Invite
Joyner	Florence	CA	Sports	YP	Co-Chair, Pres. Excl. on Physical fitness	Alternate
Kesting	Kathy	OK	Community Activist	L. Lader	Wife of Governor Keating; provided "heart and spirit" of the Oklahoma Ballot effort and worked tirelessly with churches and volunteer groups	Invite
Kieker	Archbishop	MD	Religion	BOE	Archbishop of Baltimore	Invite
Keohane	Michael	ME	Education	FLader/Williamson	Pres., Duke U.	Alternate
Khouri	Alan	MA	Community Activist	Americorps	Started City Year in Boston	Invite

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July 5 Commemorate A Call For Responsibility

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	STATE	SECTOR	REFERENCE	BACKGROUND	CATEGORY
Kleinsch	Jim		Community Activist	Americorps	Executive Director, National Youth Leadership Council; discusses ways to the service as a teaching method to strengthen commitment	Alternate
King	Bernice	GA	Religion	BCE	Heads fast-growing church in Atlanta, daughter of M.L. King	Invite
Kinsley	Carol		Community Activist	Americorps	Exec. Director of Community Service Learning Center, can discuss ways to develop service links between schools and private sector and local gov.	Alternate
Kopod	Robert	WA	Business	PLAID	Pres., Charles Smith Real Estate; Chm. Ctr. for Study of Ethics	Alternate
Kramer	Janice	MO	Community Activist	BPC	President, Greater Kansas City Community Foundation; developed and implemented a school-linked/school based empowerment initiative.	Invite
Purell	Charles		Media	P.Lader	CBS commentator	
Lacayo	Carole	CA	Religion	QPL	President of Association National Pro-Power Reports	Alternate
Lentferl	Linda	NY		BPC	Resolving Conflicts Creatively National Center	Alternate
✓Lear	Bernice	CA	Entertainment	QPL/P. Lader	Sit-Com Producer	Alternate
✓Lee	Spive	NY	Entertainment	PLAID	Producer	Alternate
✓Lerner	Michael	NY	Media/Religion	FLORISS	Editor of Midway Magazine	Invite
Lertze	Jacques	NC	Education	PLAID/J. Feldman	Pres., UNC-Wilmington PBS Host	Alternate
Libana	Van	NY	Education	BCE	State Univ. of NY, "character education" leader	Alternate
Liton	Stan		Business	Americorps	IBM Corporate Support Service, IBM is developing link between schools and themselves to bring technology to the classroom.	Alternate
✓Lucade	Max	TX	Religion	Bill Hybels	Pastor, Oak Hills Church of Christ; author	Alternate
✓Lucas	George	CA	Entertainment	Susan Beas	Director of Star Wars, student of Joseph Campbell	Invite

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Lukas	Mark	IL	Community Activist	VP	Executive Administrator of Lions Club	Alternate
Lynch	Peter	MA	Business	Plader	Star Investment Manager; visionary for 21st century communications	Alternate
Lynn	Benny	FL	Religion	OPL/DOE	President of National Baptist Convention	Alternate
Mahoney	Roger	CA	Religion	DOE	Catholic Bishop of LA; opposed Prop. 37	Write
Malloy	Edward	IN	Education	DOE/PLADER	Pres. of Notre Dame U.	Write
McKiller	Wileen	OK	Community Activist	J/President	First female chief of Cherokee Nation, focuses on econ. development; creating jobs, improving health care for Native Americans	Write
Murphy	Winton	NY	Entertainment	OPL	Jazz Musician and Director of Lincoln Center's Jazz for Kids Program, young and very talented, he makes a point of visiting schools and offering a message of the value of perseverance and hard work in life and music	Write
Murphy	Carroll	NY	Community Activist	DPC	Dir., Co-founder- Rebels with a Cause, S. Bronx org. that focus on 9-11- helps provide guidance and mentoring to yrs. old; described as articulate and has demonstrated leadership	Write <i>alternate</i>
Murphy	Martin	IL	Academy/Religion	FLORIS		Alternate
Murphy	Bob	MA	Community Activist	OPL	HIV infected homophiliac; political activist who ran for Mass. lieutenant governor in '94, gained great accolades as an inspirational speaker who ran against voter cynicism and with a message of hope currently at Harvard Div. School	Write
McCarthy	Bill	CA	Religion	L. Leader	Founder of Promise Keepers, large national movement encouraging reconciliation and male responsibility among families and races. Retired football coach.	Write <i>Alternate or drop</i>

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July 6 Countdown Grounds: A Call for Responsibility

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	STATE	SECTOR	REFERENCE	BIOGRAPHICAL	CATEGORY
McCaw	Craig	WA	Business	Susan Nees	Just Told McCaw Communications	Invite
McCurleugh	David	MA	Education	Plader	Historical author of Trojan	Alternate
McDonald	Alonzo	RI	Business	CPI/Plader	Fraser, CEO Bendix & Managing Partner, McKinsey & Co.; Carter in Sup. Chief of Staff; Chm. Trinity Forum	Alternate
McDonald	Gordon	MA	Religion	CPI	Author and Pastor	Alternate
McFarland	Steve	WA	Religion	DOE	Dir. Center for Law & Religious Freedom Legal Society	Alternate
McMillen	Melinda	CA	Community Activist	CPI	President of "Food from the Ground" Training Project. Group is based in South Central LA. Local students have community garden and market the produce; money goes to scholarships and mentorship program. Subj. of Network Article	Invite
McPherson	Alan Jim	LA	Education	J.Freedman	Ad. Asst. Professor in Los Angeles City Writer's Workshop; Pulitzer-Prize and MacArthur award winner; known for discussing social conditions as they are.	Invite
Wenderson, Jr.	Marshall	MS	Religion	DOE*	Methodist Bishop of Mississippi	Invite
Meier	Deborah	NY	Education	DPC	Founder and Principal of Central East High School in Marion, Kentucky; Fellow, William Buckle and leader in education reform movement; speaks to the issue of schools and education in character development.	Invite
Meisod	Heckew	VA	Non-Profit/Foundation	Legislative Affairs	Exec. Director of Zero to Three; group which nationally espouses children's development in the first three years of life.	Invite
Melville	Stilly		Religion	DOE	Retired President of Nat'l Assoc. of Evangelicals	Alternate
Merritt	Devin "Guzz"	TX	Media	L. Lach/J.Freedman	Editor, Wichita Journal; pioneer in using newspaper in fostering community improvement; has finished up-coming book on the subject	

July 6 Common Grounds: A Call For Responsibility

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	STATE	SECTOR	REFERENCE	BACKGROUND	CATEGORY
Richardson	Wesley	NY	Religion	FLOTUS/A. Willis	General Secretary of Reformed Church in America	Alternate
Roan	Warren	TX	Sports	W	Football Player/Founder of Crescent Moon-provides scholarships for Mexican U.S. students	Invite
✓ Rhoades	Leslie	CA	Entertainment	L. Lader	Exec Pres. CBS Entertainment; various oriented person	Invite
✓ Rom	Richard	CA	Religion	L. Lader/B. Byrnie	President of Fuller Seminary; author of Mexican Secrecy: Christian Civility in an Unholy World	Alternate
✓ Rogers	Bill	NY	Media	FLOTUS	Moderator and commentator; wrote Inside World of the Mind and The Power of Myth. LBI Probe Secretary	Invite
Barry	Geoff	CA	Religion	DOE	First AME Church; one of the most respected and powerful ministers in LA	Invite
Reynolds	Andy	CA	Community Activist	Will Williams	Founded "Art Chill" after reading about the work of Rinky Rodriguez (also on list). Grew up and gang culture, almost died after being shot in a random robbery	Invite <i>alternate</i>
✓ Rimbom	Burt	NY	Education	DOE	Professor of Civil Liberties at NYU	Alternate
✓ Richey	Armand	MA	Education	Flader	Harvard Medical School Psychiatrist	Alternate
✓ Rivest	Michael	DC	Non-Profit	OPL	American Enterprise Institute	Invite
O'Connell	Brian		Non-Profit	OPL	Former Pres. of Independent Order	Alternate
✓ R'Connell	Ken	DC	Education	Flader	Pres., Georgetown U.	Alternate
✓ Rubin	Bella	NY	Religion	DOE	Church of Latter Day Saints, one of 12 Apostles	Invite
Ogilvie	Lloyd	DC	Religion	OPL	Senate Chaplain	Alternate
Ogilvie	Charles	MA	Education	DOE	Harvard Law Professor	Alternate
✓ Olmos	Edward	CA	Entertainment	OPL	Actor, Board member and Community Leader, Pres. of Olmos Productions	Alternate

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July 6 Common Grounds & Call For Repealability

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	STATE	EDUCATION	REFERENCES	BACKGROUND	CATEGORY
Ortiz	Joel		Non-Profit/Foundation	America/ps	Program Coordinator of Kellogg Foundation; can discuss role of philanthropy and volunteerism in society problem solving.	Alternate
Ortiz	Wim	IL	Education	BOE	Principal of elementary school that was able to close 3 drug houses located across the street; school is currently working on a program to have houses rebuilt.	Invite
Parr	John	CO	Non-Profit	CPL	President, Alliance for National Council - National Initiative Involving 625 national and local organizations working to address serious issues of revitalizing communities in America. Cap is an elected officer.	Invite
✓ Kach	Scott	CT	Religion	P. Leder	Author of The Soul Less Travelled	Alternate
Phillips	Jerome	CT	Education	FLORIS	Pres. American Academy of Arts and Sciences	Alternate
Pepper	John	DE	Business	CPL	Procter and Gamble CEO	Invite
Parkins	John	CA	Religion	L. Leder	Ad. Am. quarterly wrote book with first BOE member Tony Parkins on Black/White reconciliation	Alternate
Parkins	Spencer	MS	Religion	L. Leder	Co-author and co-publisher of interracial reconciliation ministry in Jackson, Miss. with Chris Rice (Alternate for John Parkins)	Alternate
Phillips	Kevin	MD	Media	P. Leder/CPL	Conservation Commentator and Author, Politics of Rich and Poor; Polling Polls and Arrogant Capital	Alternate
Planchette-Sherp by	Amie	NY	Books	CP	Editor of Parent Magazine	Alternate
Poland	June		Business	America/ps	CE Ford; can discuss corporate support for service programs in local areas	Alternate
Powell	Della	WA	Community Activities	BOE/William Winter	For. Bond Joint Childs of Staff	Invite

July 6 Comm. Outreach & Call for Responsibility

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	STATE	SECTION	REFERENCE	BACKGROUND	OUTREACH
Frager	Dennis	CA	Religion	De Quincey	Conservative Rabbi hosts TV show	Alternate
Presite	Nery	RI	Community activist	Leader	Editorial for "Americanization education program in the nation for juvenile corrections." Spent three years growing up in a Japanese concentration camp as a child. Author of <u>Angry Silence</u> .	Write <i>alternate</i>
Price	Rogh	NY	Non-Profit	BOE	President of National Urban League	Alternate
✓ Petrus	Robert	GA	Education	1. Lachry/Elie Wiesel film President	Harvard Prof. of Gov. and Politics; 2nd term of Kennedy School; author of "Dancing Alone" and cutting edge research on community.	Write
✓ Richter	Charles	CA	Education	Shoffet	Exec. Dir. of Center for Civic Education, was at Character Conference, Forum invited him to this.	Write
✓ Roberts	Terry	RI	Community Activist	Plaster	Prod., Citizens Against Violence in TV learned in Detroit Detroit	Write
Seidinger	David	NY	Religion	Amalcorps	Everard Dir. Urban Secretariat of National Council of Churches, can discuss contribution of Bell time Interfaith collaboration	Alternate
? Rodich	Marcus	NY	Education	White House Council	For: Dean of NYU Law; For: Co-Chair of Lachry's Center for Civil Rights Under Law, mem. board of Am. Jewish Cong.	Write
Lehm	Diane	DC	Media	Ten, Cynthia Schneider	NPS Radio Show	
✓ Reimann	Steven	TX	Quinn	Plaster	Pres. Price-Loy; active in religious circles	Alternate
✓ Risher	Bob	CA	Entertainment	Silverman	Hollywood Producer/ Director/Writer; speaking out against violence in movies	Alternate
Raynolds	Ann	NY	Education	Plaster	Pres., City S. of NY	Alternate
Richard	John	NO	Religion	Plaster	Lead up Cath. Bishop's Office on Social Development	Alternate

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LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	STATE	RELIGION	REFERENCE	BACKGROUND	CATEGORY
Alon	Chris	MS	Religion	L. Lader	Co-Author and Co-Editor of Inter-racial reconciliation ministry in Jackson, Miss; with Spencer Perkins (editorial for V. Ferrante)	Alternate
Rebel	Roberto	PA	Non-Profit	Officially V. Linder	Pres Initiative for Social Change	Alternate
Rivers	Elaine	MA	Religion	L. Lader	Pastor, known for work with gangs, subject prof at Surv. Div. Prototype of Tony Campolo	Alternate
Sachs	Gerald	NY	Business	Plader	Managing Partner, Redfield & Korngold Const. Search	Alternate
Rodgers	Rob		Non-Profit/Foundation	Americorps	President Eastern Foundation; can discuss the role of business and philanthropy community-improvement	Alternate
Rodriguez	Audith	PA	Education	DOE/PA Education	President of W. Penn.	Alternate
Rodriguez	Blaise	CA	Community Activist	L. Lader	Exec. Dir. Cities in Schools; notable record working with gang members; especially those responsible for the murder of his son.	Invite
Rodriguez	Neil	MA	Education	Plader	Pres., Harvard U.	Alternate
Rosen	John	MA	Community Activist	Lader	Former Dir. of largest homeless shelter in L.A. Shelter in Boston is only one with Christian focus. Rec'd 1984 Boston "Exemplary" Award for homeless people's board	Alternate <i>activate</i>
Sant	Roger		Business	Plader	Charter-Pricer, ABC Corp.	Alternate
Suppachan	David	DE	Religion	OPL	Dir., Religious Action Committee	Invite
Terraviva	His	CA	Non-Profit/Foundation	W	Red Cross Director Oakland City	Invite
Wagner	Blaine	NY	Media	P. Lader	ABC when Time Live; for Rinne-Spencer (for	
Wyllie	John	WJ	Government	OPL	Independent Filmmaker; City of Bayside, Queens	Alternate
Wyllie	Joseph	NY	Non-Profit/Foundation	OPL	Director, Italian American Institute	Alternate
Zachary	Alexander	NY	Religion	DOE	American Hebrew Immigration (check on new person)	Invite

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LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	STATE	SECTION	REFERENCE	BACKGROUND	CATEGORY
Scholar	Arthur	NY	Religion	A. Mike	Orthodox Rabbi	Invite (check)
Scholar Shoroch	Arthur Shoroch	CA	Religion	A. Mike Shoroch	Talmudic Jewish Theological Seminary President of Nat'l Assoc. of Rabbinic Graduate Directors.	Alternate Invite
Shoroch	Tom	PA	Community Activist	Americana/VP		
Shoroch	Tom	CA	Entertainment	DOE	Actor, Republican, Character Education Award	Invite
Shoroch	Terry	CA	Entertainment	FLORIS	CO-Chief Service Bros.	Invite
Shoroch	John	TX	Non-Profit	VP	The Dallas Enterprise	Invite
Shoroch	A. B. Terry	DE	Community Activist	VP	International Secretary of Klan International	Alternate
Shoroch	Tom		Education	On Quince	Exec. Dir., Nat'l Assoc. of School Boards; internationally notoriously involved with civic violence	Alternate
Shoroch	Walt	NY	Education	DOE	Superintendent at school; initiated 90+ other groups of citizens during with religion in the school	Invite
Shoroch	Walt	SD	Religion	Franchise	Head of RTI Rescue Bureau, P.A. for Prime for Arab and Jag now writing a book on race in America	
Shoroch	Don	TX	Sports	L. Under	Coach, Miami Dolphins co-owner current book-seller, Everyone's A Coach with fan Standard	Invite
Shoroch	Ben	PA	Religion	FLORIS/A. Wallis	Emphatic for Social Action	Alternate
Shoroch	Jerry	CA	Education	Bill Byels	College Professor	Alternate
Shoroch	Edward	NY	Non-Profit/Foundation	DPC	Burke Foundation effective citizens program/advancement of democratic society	Invite
Shoroch	Charles	TX	Education	VP	Parenting, education and Curriculum	Invite <i>alternate</i>
Shoroch	John	CA	Community Activist	Bill Hill/Non-Profit Shoroch	Director, The Atlanta Project, city-wide community-based at U. of Kansas	Alternate
Shoroch	John	NE	Societies	Bill Byels	Pres., Prime Corp. - Auto Parts, Manufacturing	Alternate
Shoroch	Roger	TX	Sports	P. Under	Pres. Standard Co. Inc. Pro-Football & Back	Invite

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✓ Greer	Shelby	CA	Education	OPL	African Amer. conservative author of The Content of Our Character; Prof. at Calif. State U./San Jose	Invite
✓ Smith	Charles	MA	Religion	OPL	Founder of New Equality	Invite
✓ Stone	Forrest		Media	L. Lader/Son Beer	Managing Ed. Weekly Reader; which is launching a Citizenship Handbook - value based forum for encouraging development of citizenship	Invite
Stanceman	Bonethy		Community Activist	Americorps	Created Youthful(d) Program, received \$8 million dollar OCE Grant	Alternate
Stewart	Joe	IL	Religion	Bill Hybels	Pres., Moody Bible Institute	Alternate
Sullivan	Laura		Community Activist	Americorps	Ex-Americorps man., spoke at President's 98 Launch of Americorps, can discuss creating opportunities for women to learn about starting their own business	Alternate
Talbot	Marjorie		Non-Profit/Foundation	Staffet	Runs Spellberg's Foundation to educate young people about the Holocaust and tolerance.	
Tarrant	Tommy	MS	Religion	L.Lader	for. OCE member, has co-authored book with John Perkins on Reconciliation Between Blacks and Whites	Alternate
✓ Tolbert	Studs	IL	Education	OPL	author, written about working class Americans, esp. immigrant experience and pursuit of American Dream; most recent book on black/white relations	Alternate
Torr	Jim	MS	Media	FOCUS	Musician who wrote op-ed, "Take a Day Off from Finger Pointing"	
Thornton	Lynn	GA	Community Activist	Americorps	Exec. Dir. of Georgia Commission on Gov't Serv. can discuss ways in which Americorps forges partnerships with private sector and local gov.	Alternate
Villan	Bill	TX	Religion	Max Harris	Ethics Professor; Southeast Baptist Theological Seminary	Alternate

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LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	STATE	SECTION	REFERENCE	SPONSORING	CASEWORK
Thompson	Paul	DC	Religion	CPL	President, Assoc. of Jesuit Colleges and Universities	Alternate
✓ Martins	Gary	OK	Non-Profit/Foundations	WP	President Jay Cox	Invite
Vittorini	Carlo	NY	Media	WP	Publisher of Parade Magazine (might not be the right day-to-day person)	
Madhoo	Bertie	MI	Religion	CPL	Founder and Director of Madhu Middle Permanent Mission which has reached over 100 Roman Catholic parishes and touch over 300 people a month.	
Webster	Earl	MD	Community Activist	CPC	Founder and Director of the Bridge Caring Committee in St. Louis; well-known and respected community leader and activist	Write
Winkler	Paul	PA	Community Activist	CPL	Dir. of Conflict Resolution Center International	Alternate
✓ White	Jim	DC	Religion/Religion	FLORIS	Editor, Co-Author "Try for Change"	Write
White	Patrick	VA	Education	DOC	Teacher at S.H. Bell High School in Alexandria; writes eloquently in the past about his students	Alternate
Winton	Bob	AR	Business	FLORIS	CEO, Wal-Mart	Alternate
Wolfe	Michael	MI	Education		Princeton's Institute of Advanced Study; author, of what it means to be American, Pluralism: Justice and Equality	Alternate
Wong	Sam	HI	Community Activist	CPL	Director of The Pilihi Group; Minneapolis self-help group for inner-city (drug-addicted, homeless) creating social jobs for the community and re-introducing people into the mainstream - as profiled in New York Times, high marks for innovation and success by peers.	Write <i>ask me</i>
✓ Woodington	Charles	CA	Entertainment	CPL	Academy Award-winning actor, first spokesman for Boys and Girls Clubs of America	Alternate
✓ Wrentham	Bob		Media	P. Lister	Commentator; Author; Volume Matter Most; AGT	

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July 6 Dances Ground: A Call For Responsibility

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	STATE	SECTION	REFERENCE	BACKGROUND	CAPACITY
Valerie	Bob	NY	Business	Person News	Sr. VP Prester and Gumble, resp. for TV Advertising	Alternate
Varied	Ell	NY	Religion	BOE	Author of Night, Holocaust Survivor, Peace Prize Winner	Alternate
✓ West	Corrie	PA	Education	OPL	Prof. at Princeton, writes on race relations and religion. Recently co-authored book with Richard Turner on Black-Jewish relations	Invite
✓ White	Reggie	CA	Sports	Dariusz White	Three-day Packers football player, ordained minister, community activist	Alternate
✓ Whiteland	Barbara			FL/US		Alternate
✓ Whitfield	Catherine		Community Activist/Education	BOE/VP	President National PTA	Alternate
Williams	Reggie	NY	Sports	Jim Freeman	For. Cincinnati Bengals pro-football player	Alternate
William	Babie	CA	Entertainment	OPL	Quadrant, working on social projects for children	Alternate
Willis	Bary	IL	Radio	OO	Pulitzer Prize Winning Historian at Lincoln at Gettysburg, Prof. at Northwestern	Alternate
Wilson	William Julian	IL	Education	OPL	U. Chicago Sociologist; Author profile in N. Am. J. World of Mass	-Invite <i>attend</i>
Witcomb	Bishop		Religion	America	Congress of National Black Church, America's church, country getting groups, conflict resolution, creation of safe haven	Alternate
Wolfe	George	NY	Entertainment	OPL	Dir., The Public Theater, Tony Awarding Director for Artists in America; Playwright focusing on social issues	Alternate
✓ Roe	Philip	FL	Community Activist	America	<i>National Service</i>	Invite
✓ Rodenrich	Carol	NY	Non-Profit	BOE/Fla. House	Public Agency Foundation, Director, Author of "The Rules" about how society is changing	Alternate
Roder	Ed	VA	Radio	P. Leder	Syndicated Columnist	
Young	Andrew	CA	Community Activist	OPL/BOE	For. Ambassador	Invite

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July 6 Commemorate A Call For Responsibility

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	STATE	SECTION	REFERENCE	DESCRIPTION	CATEGORY
Youngblood	Johnny Ray	NY	Religion	DPC	Founder and Pastor of St. Paul's Episcopal Church. Gave "Open Arms Back" Focus Community Revitalization through singing.	Alternate
Zetterstein	Bob	TX	Media	Bill Hybels	Heads Multi-Media for Thomas Nelson for Focus on the Family (Jesus Outward Staff).	
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Renew Amer Dream &
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For Immediate Release

July 6, 1995

**PRESIDENT NOMINATES RICHARD HENRY JONES AS
AMBASSADOR TO THE REPUBLIC OF LEBANON**

The President today announced his nomination of Richard Henry Jones of Nebraska, a career member of the Senior Foreign Service, as Ambassador to the Republic of Lebanon.

Mr. Jones has served in Washington, Paris, Tunis and Riyadh, while concentrating on economic and Middle East issues. Aside from serving in Washington as Director of the State Department's Office of Egyptian Affairs since June 1993, Mr. Jones has served in Embassy Riyadh as Counselor for Political Affairs from 1989 to 1992 and Petroleum Attache from 1984 to 1986 and in the Department as Director of Developed Country Trade in the Bureau of Economic and Business Affairs from 1987 to 1989. He has received several U.S. government awards, including awards for performance during the Gulf War and for commercial and trade negotiations.

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Ms. Melanne Verveer
Deputy Assistant to the President
The White House

Dear Ms. Verveer:

This is just a short note to follow up on our brief conversation of last week after the President's speech at Georgetown University.

The Caucus for Producers, Writers & Directors is an organization whose membership is responsible for approximately 60 to 65% of television's prime time programming. Among those presently in our membership are Aaron Spelling, Norman Lear, Steven Bochco, Harry Thomason and Linda Bloodworth-Thomason, David Wolper, Gary Goldberg and Dean Hargrove.

We have recently embarked upon a program which contains a number of elements which were mirrored in the President's "Common Ground" speech at Georgetown. Under separate cover I will be sending a number of press clippings which relate to a Symposium the Caucus sponsored in conjunction with Eastman Kodak. The topic of the symposium was "Television: Its Impact On Society". The purpose of the Symposium was simple; we sought to increase the quality of the debate presently taking place. It's a puzzling truism that the louder our voices get, the less we seem able to hear.

Television's creative community is a hydra headed creature, containing many different points of view. The common thread which binds us together is a belief that we need to foster reasoned communication with each other, with government, with the audience at large.

It was with this in mind that I noted to the President that the Caucus might serve as an effective conduit should he seek an opportunity to address the creative community here in Los Angeles. We feel our lack of political agenda would frame the event in a most effective manner.

Ms. Melanne Verveer
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Obviously, the President's schedule is the determining factor in regard to any timing considerations. I have listed below my home phone and fax number, as well as that of the offices of the Caucus. We will be happy to answer any questions that need to be dealt with.

Many thanks for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,



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EVANGELICALS, OTHER RELIGIOUS LEADERS ANNOUNCE ALTERNATIVE TO RELIGIOUS RIGHT

Leaders to Meet with Gingrich, Gephardt and Clinton Network Calls for New Moral Vision to Heal Nation in Crisis

More than 100 national religious leaders -- led by many Evangelicals -- have united to announce an alternative to the Religious Right, saying that the Religious Right does not speak for all the faithful in United States. The group laid out a new vision for religion in politics, using community-based approaches that transcend "Left" and "Right" to help solve the nation's seemingly intractable problems.

Members of the group will also meet with President Bill Clinton, House Speaker Newt Gingrich and Minority Leader Richard Gephardt to ask politicians to begin listening to other Christian voices. In addition to Evangelicals, Black church leaders, and prominent Catholics, the heads of the Episcopal, Quaker, Methodist, AME and Reformed Churches are all represented. (A complete list is attached.)

The religious leaders released a statement titled "The Cry for Renewal" which challenges the Christian Right's partisan politics, saying that the current religious voice in the political process often has further polarized a system that is already too divided to solve the tough issues facing our country.

"The Cry for Renewal" points out that political cheerleading on both sides has made the current system unworkable -- liberal religious leaders have also been too closely aligned with partisan politics and have aggravated, rather than healed, political divisions. The group proposed a new perspective, using the basic tenets of Christian faith and love, to counter the extremes offered on both sides.

Quest for Power v. Spiritual Vision

"The Cry for Renewal" statement particularly criticized the alliance between religion and Republican Party politics. The religious leaders were concerned that the **moral authority necessary to mitigate the excesses of power had been replaced by a thirst for political influence** -- thus replacing true religious values with "ideological" religion. "The almost total identification of the Religious Right with the new Republican majority in Washington is a dangerous liaison of religion with political power. With the ascendancy and influence of the Christian Right in party circles, the religious critique of power has been replaced with the religious competition for power," said the statement.

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Rather than protecting the vulnerable and helping make the political arena more civil, honest, moral, and spiritually sensitive, religious voices have too often contributed to an antagonistic political atmosphere. "We are dismayed by those who would undermine the integrity of religious conviction which does not conform to a narrow ideological agenda. And we are deeply concerned about the subversion of prophetic religion **when wealth and power are extolled rather than held accountable, and when the gospel message is turned upside down to bring more comfort to those on top of society than to those on bottom.**"

The religious leaders were particularly concerned that Christian values were being undermined when politicians turned their backs on the poor and the powerless. "It is indeed time to re-examine old solutions that control the poor instead of empowering them. . . . But those Jesus told us to especially remember as "the least of these" must be neither forgotten or scapegoated. **To abandon or blame the poor for their oppression and affirm the affluent in their complacency would be a moral and religious failure, and is no alternative to social policies that have not succeeded.**"

A New Approach: Solutions That Transcend Left and Right

While the group opposed the use of religion as a tool in partisan politics, it maintained that people of faith are essential to healing the political process. In particular, religious communities should move us beyond partisan politics toward true solutions to the nation's seemingly intractable problems. "We call ourselves and our churches back to a political focus that transcends the left and the right. We call on the Christian community to carefully consider each social and political issue, diligently apply the rules of faith, and be willing to break out of traditional political categories. By seeking biblical virtues **of justice and righteousness, the Christian community could help a cynical public find new political ground.**"

The group gave three examples of the kind of response needed to address the nation's crises. The first was a commitment to use the church as a base to create new partnerships in combating inner-city problems such as homelessness, poverty and violence. Success stories in Boston, Kansas City, Washington, D.C. and Philadelphia were cited. Second, the group announced an effort to expand religious youth volunteer corps to deal with pressing problems. Third, spoke of an emerging "progressive Evangelical caucus" to express evangelical social and spiritual concerns.

MEETINGS CLOSED TO PRESS -- PARTICIPANTS WILL COMMENT AFTER

12:15 -- Gephardt H204 -- Minority Leader's Suite

1:30 -- Gingrich and GOP leadership H230

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THE CRY FOR RENEWAL

Biblical faith and spiritual politics.

Recently, the increased influence of religion in politics has too often made our political debate even more divisive, more polarized, and less sensitive to the poor and dispossessed. If religious faith and values are to make a contribution to our nation's public life, as we believe they should, they ought to make our political discourse more honest, moral, civil, and spiritually sensitive, especially to those without the voice and power to be fairly represented.

True biblical faith focuses on the moral values that must be recovered to heal the torn political fabric; ideological faith would rend the fabric further in the pursuit of power. Biblical faith

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holds up the virtues of compassion and community; ideological faith appeals to personal and group self-interest. Biblical faith understands our identity as the children of God as a call to humility and reconcilia-

tion rather than the basis for attacking those who are less righteous.

We challenge any political litmus test that distorts the independent moral conscience that faith can bring to politics. The issues of political morality we now confront are too important to be left to only one voice. We testify that there are other visions of faith and politics in the land. New voices are critically needed. We especially appeal to the media to let new voices now be heard. We appeal to the politicians to listen to the voices of people of faith rather than seeking to manipulate them.

Our commitment is to diligently apply spiritual values to the vexing questions of our public life and, where necessary, to offer a Christian alternative to ideological religion. Let a new dialogue begin at national, regional, and local levels around the country. Let politicized religion be replaced with prophetic faith to forge new coalitions of Christian conscience across the land. (See next page for complete text of "The Cry for Renewal.")

wing religious lobbying will serve us at this critical historical juncture. Such faith is often more ideological than truly evangelical.

Today, the body politic is buffeted by polarized extremes. Instead of helping a politically war weary public find common concerns and values, the religious community, on both sides, has often given sanction to the perpetuation of tragic divisions.

We refuse the false choices between personal responsibility or social justice, between good values or good jobs, between strong families or strong neighborhoods, between sexual morality or civil rights for homosexuals, between the sacredness of life or the rights of women, between fighting cultural corrosion or battling racism. We call ourselves and our churches back to a biblical focus that transcends the Left and the Right. We call the Christian community to carefully consider each social and political issue, diligently apply the values of faith, and be willing to break out of traditional political categories. By seeking the biblical virtues of justice *and* righteousness, the Christian community could help a cynical public find new political ground.

We believe the American people are disgusted with politics as usual and hungry for political vision with spiritual values that transcends the old and failed categories that still imprison public discourse and stifle our creativity. The religious community should help lead that discussion and action toward new political and economic alternatives. We commit ourselves to that task and to dialogue with all sectors of the religious community toward that end.

"The Least Of These"

We are especially concerned with the harsh rhetoric toward the powerless coming from the nation's capitol. It is indeed time to re-examine old solutions that control the poor instead of empowering them. We will join with anyone in the search for new solutions rooted in local communities, moral values, and social responsibility. Many of our congregations and communities are already taking a leadership role in that task. But those Jesus told us to especially remember as "the least of these" must be neither forgotten or scapegoated. To abandon or blame the poor for their oppression and affirm the affluent in their complacency would be a moral and religious failure, and is no alternative to social policies which have not succeeded.

Spiritual Politics

We would speak another word and offer clear criteria by which to morally judge our nation's political policies.

We serve a God who upholds the dignity and hope of the poor and a Savior who loved the little children. We must save all of our children and not punish those who are disadvantaged.

We follow the One who called us to be peacemakers and gave his life to reconcile a broken humanity. We must stop the violence that has overtaken the nation, and address its root causes in the distorted spiritual values and unjust social structures in which we are all complicit.

We have a faith that invites us to conversion. We must revive the lapsed virtues of personal responsibility and character, and repent for our social sins of racism, sexism, and poverty.

We love a Creator who calls for justice and stewardship. We must begin to judge our economic and environmental habits and policies by their impact on the next generation, rather than just our own.

We are compelled to a lifestyle of service and compassion. We must seek healing from the materialism which has made us less caring and more selfish creatures, isolated us from one another, enshrined the power of money over our political processes, wounded our natural world, and poisoned the hearts of our children—rich and poor alike.

We are led by our faith into community. We must rejuvenate the moral values and political will to rebuild our disintegrating family systems, our shattered neighborhoods, and our divided nation.

Spiritual Renewal

Politics cannot solve all our problems. Spiritual renewal will be required—of our personal values and communal virtues, of our religious congregations and neighborhood organizations, of our educational institutions and economic enterprises. But genuine spiritual renewal must not be self-righteous or mean-spirited. And spiritual sensitivity must replace ideological predictability as the touchstone of religion in politics.

Our definitions of politics must be widened to include new solutions and leadership. In particular, new community-based and value-centered solutions must be found to our seemingly intractable problems. The wall between "public" and "private" solutions must come down in favor of new partnerships and configurations that involve everyone. And our religious communities must become meeting places and experimentation grounds where those new solutions are shaped and carried out in partnership with other cultural, economic, and political institutions.

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Alternative is offered to religious right plan

By Laurie Goodstein
WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON — A group of more than 80 Christian leaders issued a challenge to the religious right yesterday, and offered an alternative to those they accused of using the church to pursue a narrow agenda and abandoning Jesus' call to serve the poor.

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Christian Leaders Challenge the Right

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By Laurie Goodstein
Washington Post Staff Writer

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The signers also include moderate and conservative evangelicals such as J.I. Packer, a renowned theologian and senior editor at the magazine Christianity Today; Stephen Hayner, president of Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship, which claims student activists on 800 campuses, and Myron Augsburger, president emeritus of the Christian College Coalition.

Mike Russell, spokesman for the Christian Coalition, said, "We are the first ones to admit that we don't speak for all people of faith. There are people who share our faith who don't share our politics, and there are people who share our politics who don't share our faith."

Russell said it was "unfair" to characterize the Christian Coalition as partisan because "we have a very up front track record of trying to work with both parties."

Among the signers of "The Cry for Renewal" are several prominent African American and Hispanic clergymen, including Bishop John Hurst Adams, senior bishop for the African Methodist Episcopal Church, and the Rev. James Forbes Jr., senior minister of the River-side Church in Manhattan.

Leaders of the religious right, said Forbes, "preach concern for family values but do not respect families which have not been blessed with the benefits they have amassed for themselves. They gloat over a few dollars of tax relief when this in itself may result in the shutting down of social services which have sustained lives of brothers and sisters."

Campolo said his group would form a "progressive evangelical caucus" to represent an alternative at traditionally conservative evangelical events, encourage Christian students to organize through churches instead of campuses, and convene town meetings to address community problems like teenage pregnancy and "gay bashing."

The group shares some common ground with the religious right. "We agree that ... most of the social and political issues we are facing have a moral core," Wallis said.

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Another Christian Voice Sounds on Politics

By ROBERT SHOGAN

TIMES POLITICAL WRITER

WASHINGTON—Calling for an "ideological cease-fire" in the partisan warfare over religious principles, a group of Christian clerics and lay leaders Tuesday offered what they described as a broader-based alternative to the controversial tactics and doctrines of the Christian right.

More than 100 religious leaders, including not only liberal Protestants and socially active Catholics but also more than a score of traditionally more conservative evangelicals endorsed the founding statement of the group, titled "The Cry for Renewal: Biblical Faith and Spiritual Politics." After issuing the statement, representatives of the group met on Capitol Hill with leaders of both parties to discuss the objectives spelled out in the statement.

"The religious right has one perspective and deserves to be heard," said Jim Wallis, editor of *Sojourners* magazine and one of the principal authors of the statement. But other voices should also get a hearing in the political arena, Wallis contended. The new group, still unnamed, is seeking "an honest dialogue" with the leaders of both political parties and intends to hold politicians accountable on moral grounds, he added.

Although the new group included representatives from a broad range of Christian denominations, it did not include any non-Christians. Jim Rice, one of the organizers, said that the group's leaders felt Christians had a "special responsibility" to respond to the Christian right because its adherents had put themselves forward as representing the Christian point of view in politics.

Rather than competing directly in politics by conducting massive voter education programs—the path followed by the Christian Coalition, the largest of the politically active conservative religious organizations—the "Cry for Renewal" group will try an indirect approach, working with other institutions and organizations.

Examples cited by the group's leaders included creating public-private partnerships to combat urban problems, such as homelessness, poverty and violence, and expanding the role of religious youth volunteer corps.

"We believe that our impoverished political process needs the moral direction and energy that spiritual and religious values can contribute to the public debate," the statement says. "Recently, the increased influence of religion in politics has too often made our political debate even more divisive, polarized and less sensitive to the poor and dispossessed."

The statement criticizes both ends of the religious-political spectrum.

"The almost total identification of the religious right with the new Republican majority in Washington is a dangerous liaison of religion with political power," it says. On the other hand, "the continuing close identification of religious liberalism with political liberals and the Democratic Party has demonstrated a public witness often lacking in moral imagination or prophetic integrity."

A spokesman for the Christian Coalition denied that his group is partisan. "We are committed to making a general effort in a bipartisan way to implementing our

contract because we think it's not a Democratic agenda or a Republican agenda—it's a pro-family agenda," said Mike Russell. "We agree that no movement, either faith-based or secular, should be a wholly owned subsidiary of any political party."

The Christian Coalition, which was founded by television evangelist Pat Robertson, last week unveiled a 10-point legislative program, the "contract with the American family," calling for restrictions on late-term abortions, more religious expression in schools and the demise of the Department of Education.

Besides Wallis, main speakers at the press conference were Anthony Campolo, president of the Evangelical Assn. for the Promotion of Education; Dr. James Forbes Jr., senior minister of New York's Riverside Church; and Roberta Hestenes, president of Eastern College in St. Davids, Pa.

After separate meetings later in the day with House Speaker Newt Gingrich (R-Ga.) and House Minority Leader Richard A. Gephardt (D-Mo.), Wallis said that both men told him "it was good to have a new voice in the mix."

The new group is not the first religious coalition seeking to counter the influence of the Christian Coalition. Last year, a group of Christian and Jewish leaders announced the founding of Interfaith Alliance. That group, however, received \$25,000 in start-up funds from the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee and has been accused of being too closely linked to the Democratic Party.

Times staff writer Larry Stammer in Los Angeles contributed to this story.

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By Tim Dillon, USA TODAY

AFTER MEETING GINGRICH: Eugene Rivers, left, Ron Sider, Wes Granberg-Michaelson and Ray Hammond meet the press.

Christian group racist, black clergymen say

By Richard Benedetto
USA TODAY

Eugene Rivers, a black evangelical minister, accused the Christian Coalition Tuesday of being a "racist organization" because of its nearly all-white membership and what he called its "failure" to reach out to black churches.

The accusation came as a group of 11 white and black evangelical leaders held a news conference to offer an alternative voice to the increasingly vocal religious right, which they say "does not speak for all the faithful."

"It certainly doesn't speak for 23 million black Christians, nor does it speak for all white Christians. It only speaks for itself," said Jim Wallis, pastor of Sojourners Community Church in Washington, D.C.

Rivers, pastor of Azusa Christian Community in Boston, said the Christian Coalition "has its roots in the same (white) political forces that opposed Martin Luther King."

"It seeks to appeal to a Southern white male base that over the last 30 years has been hostile to the advances of blacks," Rivers said.

The charge was immediately denied as "untrue" by coalition spokesman Mike Russell, who said his group is continuously reaching out to black Christians, and has two black regional coordinators on its staff. He could not offer an esti-

mate of black membership other than to say it is "small."

"We're a predominantly white group, that's obvious, but we're committed to making inroads into the black community. It's a huge area for growth potential for us," Russell said.

"This particularly egregious attempt to play the race card is inappropriate and inaccurate."

Founded in 1990 by religious broadcaster Pat Robertson, the Christian Coalition has grown to 1.6 million members, a \$25 million budget and a muscular presence on Capitol Hill.

Last week, it unveiled its "Contract With the American Family," a 10-point legislative package that would allow prayer and religious displays in public places, curb pornography, restrict abortion and promote school choice.

The evangelical leaders said they want to take the partisanship out of Christian political activity.

"The alternative to the religious right is not the religious left," said Wallis. "We need a politics whose values are more spiritual than ideological — a politics rooted in civility, compassion and community."

Wallis said the leaders' views were "welcomed" in meetings later with House Speaker Newt Gingrich, R-Ga., and House Minority Leader Richard Gephardt, D-Mo. Gingrich agreed to meet again with the group next month.

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Rival to Christian Coalition is born

Religious leaders herald Progressive Evangelical Network

By Larry Witham
THE WASHINGTON TIMES

Evangelicals who want the country to know they have a different brand of politics than the media-savvy Christian Coalition yesterday announced the formation of an alternative Christian organization.

With a statement signed by 100 religious leaders and visits to House Speaker Newt Gingrich and House Minority Leader Richard A. Gephardt, the Progressive Evangelical Network launched itself yesterday.

"We challenge any political litmus test that distorts the independent moral conscience that faith can bring to politics," said the group's founding statement, "The Cry for Renewal," released at a news conference.

Though signed by some mainline Protestant and Catholic leaders, the manifesto was drafted and backed mostly by evangelicals to clarify that the Christian Coalition does not speak for them.

"The religious right has been such a strong, singular media voice on matters of politics and morality that even the word 'Christian' has become associated with a particular brand of conservative Republican politics," said Jim Wallis, editor of *Sojourners* magazine.

Such Christians actually make up only a third of the nation's 60

million evangelicals, said Tony Campolo, a seminary professor at Eastern College in St. Davids, Pa., and an evangelist who runs an inner-city project near Philadelphia.

The Christian Coalition "is not morally authorized to speak for 23 million doctrinally conservative black Christians," said the Rev. Eugene Rivers, leader of the Azusa Christian Community in Dorchester, Mass.

The new group said it is not the "religious left," but the middle ground, which is "concerned about the subversion of prophetic religion when wealth and power are extolled rather than held accountable."

The group's first step in a three-part strategy is to gain a voice in evangelical forums, such as the National Association of Evangelicals and National Religious Broadcasters.

In addition, it will initiate a student movement, working with the InterVarsity Christian Fellowship, and encourage churches to become centers of "community politics."

At the news conference, a panel of more than a dozen endorsers attributed the success of the "religious right" to its radio and TV ministries, local organizing, money and simplifying of political

issues. Others said the right caters to racism, middle-class selfishness and Republicans.

"Their characterization of us is skewed from the outset," said Christian Coalition spokesman Mike Russell, noting that his group works with pro-family and pro-life Democrats.

"All of us are animated by our faith," Mr. Russell said. "We want to see the elected officials of our day address the decay of our society. The only way to do that is form a grass-roots movement that will make a difference at the polls on Election Day."

Mr. Campolo, a friend of President Clinton's, said that in the past decade, "we've been so busy doing community work, we have had no time or money to do media work."

Yet he thanked religious conservatives for "making Americans aware that politics is a religious matter."

Roberta Hestenes, president of Eastern College, said religious conservatives succumbed to the "seduction of power" and polarized politics. "As an evangelical Christian, I don't think salvation is by politics," she said.

Mr. Wallis likened the new group's approach to the civil-rights movement, whose nonviolent protests, community organizing and media exposure changed national politics.

Activist says: Not all religious on the right

By Bob von Sternberg
Staff Writer

The Christian Coalition had its turn last week, laying a 10-point conservative wish list at the feet of Congress.

This week, a very different Christian coalition is headed for Capitol Hill, in an attempt to show that morally grounded policies and biblically based politics aren't the exclusive domain of the right.

"We can't simply leave all discussion of moral values to the right," said Jim Wallis, a lay minister and community activist. "And it's not enough for the left to talk just about justice — they ignore values and virtues at their own peril. Politics has to be grounded in spiritual values."

Wallis, who was in Minneapolis last week, is a leader of an interfaith group of religious leaders that is staging what it calls "Cry for Renewal" before congressional leaders. Seventy-five nationally prominent leaders from evangelical, Catholic and mainline Protestant denominations are backing the effort and plan to meet Tuesday with House Speaker Newt Gingrich of Georgia and other Republicans.

This is how Wallis described the message they'll deliver: "If you're serious about new approaches, where the religious community can join with business, government, neighborhood activists, we'll be with you, like Nehemiah, rebuilding the walls of Jerusalem."

"But if you're just going to pass everything off on the religious community, it will crush us. We're already doing all we can with the resources we have. If you take away all of the resources and siphon the money away to tax breaks for the wealthy, we'll be more like Amos: In your face, constantly."

The religious leaders also want to overturn the notion that the Christian Coalition and other religious conservatives speak for all Christians. "They're making outrageous claims," Wallis said. "We need to make it clear that [Christian Coalition executive director] Ralph Reed doesn't speak for me."

As the political ascendance of the religious right has tracked alongside Republican successes, a growing

Wallis book promotes politics rooted in morality

Excerpts from "The Soul of Politics" by Jim Wallis (The New Press, 1994):

Conservatives have tended to dwell on only some aspects of our social crisis, while liberals continually focus on the other dimensions. Neither side is fully candid in its diagnosis, and both sides have vested interests in which solutions are chosen. Conservatives talk endlessly about personal morality and responsibility (remember the Moral Majority), while liberals seem only to know the language of human rights and social compassion (witness the ACLU).

A prophetic politics rooted in moral principles could again spark people's imagination and involvement. We need a personal ethic of moral responsibility, a social vision based on bringing people together, a commitment to justice with the capacity also for reconciliation, an economic approach governed by the ethics of community and sustainability, a restored sense of our

covenant with the abandoned poor and the damaged earth, a reminder of shared values that calls forth the very best in us, and a renewal of citizen politics to fashion a new political future.

The two dominant forms of religion in our time have failed to provide the spiritual guidance that might inform a politics of moral conscience. Both conservative and liberal religion have become culturally captive forces that merely cheer on the ideological camps with which each has identified. And religion as a political cheerleader is invariably false religion.

When politics loses its vision, religion loses its faith, and culture loses its soul; life becomes confused, cheap and endangered. Nothing less than a restoration of the shattered covenant will save us. That will require a fundamental transformation of our ways of thinking, feeling and acting. At the core of prophetic religion is transformation — a change of heart, a revolution of

the spirit, a conversion of the soul that issues forth in new personal and social behavior.

Citizenship itself has been replaced by consumption. Shopping has become our great collective activity, and consumerism has invaded and even usurped our civic life. People feel they no longer have the power to change their communities or their nation, only to make choices among products. Political participation has waned dramatically, just as the rituals of consumption have come to dominate more and more of our social life. Politics has become a spectator sport, as sports has become totally subjected to the power of money and advertising.



Jim Wallis has a new message.

chorus from elsewhere on the political spectrum has complained that conservatives have unfairly hijacked all talk of morality and values. At the same time, politicians, pundits and the public have talked increasingly about the utter breakdown of community and the splintering of citizens along lines of race, class and the like.

Wallis' voice has been heard often in this discussion. For more than 20 years he has led the Sojourner's Community, a ministry and social

action movement based in what Wallis calls the war zone of the District of Columbia's Columbia Heights neighborhood.

Wallis, his work grounded in his belief that biblical faith requires him to work for change and justice, has increasingly stressed a need to break from the ideological strait-jackets that so often reduce politics to brain-dead sloganeering.

"The only way to find common ground is to move to higher ground," he said last week. "We've had enough of the politics of resentment — whether it's Marion Barry or Oliver North acting the beleaguered victim, trampled on by everyone else. What people are hungry for is political leaders who will really talk about a new vision of community."

He maintains that the "liberal-conservative impasse is really killing us" and is increasingly irrelevant to solving the nation's problems. "It's being transcended where people themselves become involved in transforming their own communities," he said.

And for all the purported cynicism of the nation's voters, content to throw the bums out, "under that cynicism there's a palpable hunger for something new," Wallis said.

think people believe they can find it. It's going to bubble up in neighborhoods and communities — not come out of Washington."

Wallis was in the Twin Cities to address a conference on race relations and racism, which he called "our clearest moral issue — America's original sin. It demands repentance; it's where the religious community has to play a role. I'm very concerned that the Christian Coalition's total lack of involvement on the issue will let some Republicans use it as a wedge issue."

"But if you don't make the eradication of racism a central issue, I don't think you can make 'Christian' part of your name."

Wallis maintains that what he sees as the nation's most critical issues — race, materialism, growing gulfs between the rich and the poor — are ultimately moral issues. "The solutions to these are value-centered and community-based," he said. "Prophetic biblical faith has a lot to offer here — it's my tradition, at least. I'm not saying everyone has to be religious, but we need to have a new democratic movement with spiritual values at its core."

Christian Leaders Searching For Political Middle Ground

By GUSTAV NIEBUHR

WASHINGTON May 22 — Saying that the United States is caught in a spiritual crisis worsened by overly politicized churches, members of a broadly ecumenical group of Christian leaders are releasing a statement calling for a verbal "cease-fire" and a search for common ground untainted by partisan ideology.

"Christian faith must not become another casualty of the culture wars," says the statement, which has been signed by more than 80 prominent mainline Protestant, evangelical, Orthodox and Roman Catholic leaders, including six Catholic bishops. "Inflamed rhetoric and name calling is no substitute for real and prayerful dialogue between different constituencies with legitimate concerns and a gospel of love, which can bring people together."

The statement, titled "The Cry for Renewal: Let Other Voices Be Heard," will be released here on

Directing pointed criticism at the religious right.

Tuesday, a week after the conservative religious organization, the Christian Coalition, unveiled its Contract With the American Family.

The statement, in the works for several months, does not respond to the coalition's 10-point document, which recommended that Congress restrict late-term abortions and pass a proposed Religious Equality Amendment that would permit some forms of school prayer, among other measures. But it contains pointed criticism aimed at religious conservatives.

"The almost total identification of the religious right with the new Republican majority in Washington is a dangerous liaison with political power," the statement says.

It also faults religious liberals for so closely identifying with the Democratic Party as to forsake their "moral imagination" and contribute to the nation's political polarization.

The statement's primary authors, the Rev. Jim Wallis, the editor of *Sojourners*, a bimonthly independent religious magazine, and Tony Cam-

polo, a sociology professor at Eastern College in St. David's, Pa., and founder of an educational organization for inner-city children, described themselves as "progressive evangelicals."

Mr. Wallis said the document's signers were "not looking for a confrontation" with the Christian Coalition.

"Civility has to be part of the approach, and compassion," Mr. Wallis added.

He said that some of the signers had arranged meetings Tuesday with President Clinton, Speaker Newt Gingrich, Republican of Georgia, and the House minority leader, Richard A. Gephardt, Democrat of Missouri. Mr. Wallis said the group had also asked to meet with the Christian Coalition's executive director, Ralph Reed.

Mr. Reed said he would be out of town on Tuesday and so unavailable for a meeting then. Saying he wanted to read the statement first, he added, "I don't rule out talking with them."

"We welcome a broader dialogue," Mr. Reed said. "We can disagree without being disagreeable." He also said, "I have never suggested that political involvement was the sine qua non of our faith or our witness."

Despite the statement's criticism of religious liberals, several leaders usually identified with liberal positions signed on, including the Rev. Paul Sherry, president of the United Church of Christ, and the Rev. Joan Brown Campbell, general secretary of the National Council of Churches.

The signatories included moderates and even a few theological conservatives whose names are not often seen on such documents. Among them were Steven Hayner, president of Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship, an evangelical youth organization; Millard Fuller, president of Habitat for Humanity, and J. I. Packer, a theology professor at Regent College in Vancouver, British Columbia, and a senior editor at the magazine *Christianity Today*.

Also among the signers were such prominent African-American clergy as Bishop John Hurst Adams, senior bishop of the African Methodist Episcopal Church; the Rev. Calvin O. Butts 3d, pastor of Abyssinian Baptist Church in New York, and the Rev. James H. Costen, president of Interdenominational Theological Seminary in Atlanta.

Sojourners

Press Conference Remarks

May 23, 1995

Good morning. My name is Jim Wallis. I am the editor of Sojourners magazine, a journal that focuses on the relationship between faith, politics, and culture.

We are here this morning to raise some alternative evangelical and other Christian voices in our public discourse. Why do we believe that is needed?

If you, as journalists, were to stand on most any street corner in America today and ask the first 10 people you met what they think of when they hear the words "evangelical Christian," chances are they would say things like "fundamentalist," "Right-wing," "Jerry Falwell," "Pat Robertson," and "Christian Coalition." The Religious Right has been such a strong and singular media voice on matters of politics and morality that even the word "Christian" has become associated with a particular brand of very conservative Republican politics. But the public perception of a Right-wing evangelical juggernaut is a false impression that we would like to correct.

But there are even more important reasons to be here today. We agree with the Religious Right that the crisis we face in this country is indeed a spiritual one. Most of the social and political issues we are facing have a moral core. Real social change will not take place without spiritual transformation as well. That is why the solutions of partisan and very ideological politics will simply not be enough. It may be that the Christian Coalition is not spiritual enough and has too much confidence in top-down political solutions.

But we are also saying that the alternative to the Religious Right is not the Religious Left. It's time to transcend the old ideological polarities that control our public life. We need something deeper. We need a new and different kind of politics -- a politics whose values are more spiritual than ideological. A politics rooted in civility, compassion, and community.

First, we are calling for a new politics of civility. The religious community must make our political debate more honest, respectful, moral, and sensitive, especially to those on the bottom of our society or those who have been shut out. Regrettably, the religious contribution to the political debate has of late made it more divisive, polarized, and less sensitive to the voiceless.

Second, we are calling for a new politics of compassion, especially for those whom Jesus calls "the least of these." We are concerned about a selective morality that ignores the Bible's deep concerns about justice for the poor and racial reconciliation in a divided society. From the Religious Right, we don't hear that cry being raised with the power of Jesus or of Amos who calls us to "Let justice roll down like waters and righteousness like a flowing stream."

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Finally, we call for a new politics of community. While our political leaders engage in old and tired ideological debates, our children are dying in the streets. It's time to call an ideological cease-fire for the sake of our kids. We represent many Christians who are already engaged across the country in grassroots efforts that transcend the dysfunctional categories of liberal and conservative, Left and Right. Our approach is value-centered, community-based, and solution-oriented. The churches cannot be left to shoulder the whole burden for transforming poverty, but can take a leadership role in new public/private partnerships at the local level which involve neighborhood organizations, the business community, the schools, the criminal justice system, mayors, city councils, and government at all levels to find practical answers to our many problems.

Like the ancient prophet Nehemiah, we stand ready to help "rebuild the wall" that has crumbled in so many of our communities. But for that to work, the political will, moral resolve, and economic resources must all be there to do the job and no one must be allowed to opt out and leave it to others.

As our statement says, "We refuse the false choices between personal responsibility or social justice, between good values or good jobs, between strong families or strong neighborhoods, between sexual morality or civil rights for homosexuals, between the sacredness of human life or the rights of women, between fighting cultural corrosion or battling racism."

Today we meet with the media and the nation's political leadership. To the press we say that the issues of politics, morality, and religion are too important to be left to one voice. The Religious Right has one perspective and deserves to be heard. But there are other visions of faith and politics in the land. Let the other voices be heard. To our political leaders we will say that religious conviction must not be manipulated by partisan politics. Rather, we seek an honest dialogue with both political parties and will seek to hold all our political leaders accountable to moral values. Politicized religion is no substitute for prophetic faith.

We are evangelical, Catholic, Pentecostal, Black, and mainline Protestant leaders representing a broad and significant cross-section of American church leadership. Today, you will hear our visions of evangelical social concern, about a more civil political dialogue, about our desire to reach out to the Religious Right, about our hope for a new student movement, about a new progressive evangelical caucus in the churches, about grassroots strategies of social and spiritual reconstruction. In all of these efforts, we hope to break out of the divisive political rhetoric that now divides this country. We will reach new common ground only by seeking higher ground. Thank you.

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—A Commentary by Buryl Red

Few musicians are as well known in nearly every niche of the music industry as Buryl Red. He has an international reputation as a composer, arranger, conductor, and producer. Not surprisingly, he is also a staunch advocate of music education, serving most recently as Executive Producer of recordings for Silver Burdett Ginn's new music series, THE MUSIC CONNECTION. The following conversation with him contains his beliefs regarding the role and purpose of recordings in music education, both past and present.

Today's Children and the Contemporary Sound

Since first becoming aware of its power, people throughout the ages have listened to music through "mental earphones." These earphones have always delivered music to us with sound that originates from the technological, environmental, and social conditions of the era. Whether a log drum in the jungles of Africa or a harpsichord in an eighteenth-century French drawing room, the sound of an instrument is fashioned by the available material from which it was made, the shape to which that material was transformed, the way in which the performer plays, and the site of the performance. The social context in which the music takes place also influences our way of listening. In church, at a high tea, in a salon, at a sporting

event—each of these situations influences how we hear and respond to music.

Though we may not like to think of music as a product of technology, it nevertheless is colored by technology in critical and profound ways. The electronic organ, for example, has changed the sound of African American music so much that its special "electric" tone color has become a natural part of our perception of the gospel sound. In many ways this modern instrument lends itself to the gospel sound in a natural way, evoking the cries and "hollers" of African American music of the past.

Electronics has had a deep and lasting impact on the ways we listen to music. Whether we listen through sound speakers or a Walkman™ headset . . . in an arena or in a Broadway theater . . . music is often heard through electronic reproduction. Even symphony concerts and opera performances, once the haven for unamplified performances, are sometimes assisted through subtle electronic enhancement. This "electronicization" of contemporary music has produced a generation of children steeped in the electronically amplified sound. Such children have difficulty as they first encounter the traditional venues of the concert hall and opera house when amplification is not being employed. The sound, to these children, sounds somehow distant and without presence. The common complaint is, "It isn't

loud enough!" Some of these children grow up to become recording engineers who have never heard the sound of a real acoustic violin or flute or piano. Having never been to a concert, they are unacquainted with the pure sound of those instruments unembellished by electronic wizardry. Even some adult concertgoers are beginning to complain that the Mahler symphony they hear in the concert hall is not as compelling sonically as what they hear on their CD players at home.

These, then, are our children—reared in a new tradition and accustomed to a sound that their elders did not experience as they grew up. So in presenting recordings to today's children, especially in a classroom series, it is of greatest importance that those recordings have the intensity and energy that young contemporary ears want to experience and have come to expect. In THE MUSIC CONNECTION, the full weight of modern recording technology has been brought to bear on the wonderful songs that are the backbone and strength of this program. Instrumental tracks have been created that favorably compare to the sound of recordings children hear at home and on the street.

Recording for Authenticity in All Cultures and Styles

In THE MUSIC CONNECTION, concern and sensitivity have gone into the recordings to ensure that

they provide authenticity in the program's multicultural songs and listening selections. Care has been taken to create recorded performances that reflect the style and conditions of each culture. Recording an ethnic selection involves making subtle choices. In recording a blues song, for example, I must ask myself a number of questions: Is the song a blues from the old folk tradition? Is it a modern blues composed for a Broadway show? Is it a hybrid of the two, or perhaps something in between? Once that has been decided, an arrangement must be written to create that exact sound and flavor, and the performance and recording must represent the subtleties of the particular tradition. The days are now past when that traditional blues song can be recorded with flute, harp, and vibraphone and sung by young children who do not represent and cannot produce the sound of the singers who would sing that blues song. We might record it, but our children wouldn't "buy" it.

I believe, too, that as we recognize and respect the styles of various non-Western cultures and ethnic groups, we must be equally zealous in maintaining the stylistic integrity of the varied musical expressions of Western cultures. Presenting a song from a Broadway musical would mean that we have recorded the tune as it sounds on Broadway rather than as it would sound were it recorded in some concocted manner that suits "children's music." We have made a very special effort to represent the traditions of all types of music in their proper context. In recording so-called classical music, we have taken care to represent the nuances of each piece according to its period and style, whether it be a Wagner chorus, a Carl Böhm art song, or a contemporary symphonic work.

The Myth of Children's Music

The recordings of contemporary popular music in THE MUSIC CONNECTION sound like contemporary popular music rather than watered-down imitations. In the not-so-distant past, such imitations served to make this style of music more suitable as "children's music" or, worse, "textbook music." We have too long subscribed to the idea that music for children must be "dumbed down" to ensure that they grasp it easily. That idea may be one of the most damaging of myths about children and their

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ability to hear and perceive music aesthetically. Children are eager to demonstrate that they can handle almost any music that excites them; textbook recordings have, in the past, often failed to do this.

I don't believe there is such a thing as "children's music." There is only music that reaches out and touches people, both young and old. A friend once pointed out to me that children's music is any music that children enjoy singing or hearing. Children need not be talked down to musically. They are capable of listening to and enjoying pieces that may strike adults as technically complex, because they listen with open ears and no preconceived notions. These pieces

need to be recorded for them with full attention to their expressive content, authenticity, and validity. Even if the purpose of the arrangement is to place emphasis on a particular musical concept, we do not want to say that the performance of the music itself doesn't really matter, or that it doesn't need to be artistically or emotionally convincing. Even with those pieces that have been composed with a pedagogical point in mind, we want to communicate to our young audience the emotional impact of the music. After all, isn't that what it's all about?

Most children already have some skill in perceiving stylistic differences in music by the time they arrive at school. They know the difference between a pop song and a rap, for example. It is equally important to present music that is not so familiar to them, such as concert (or "serious") music, folk music from diverse cultures, and music from distant historical periods. To do that properly, these styles must be presented with equal intensity, as well as emotional and artistic integrity. If this is not done, children will gain the impression that music recorded offhandedly or with obvious lack of care has no feeling and is not worthy of attention. That would do a great deal of harm. For this reason, all genres of music must be presented within their broadest definitions. For example, African American music is so rich in its varied styles that even a spiritual can be presented in many different ways, all of which are valid from historical viewpoints. That spiritual might have been performed as a church or field song, or an Underground Railroad song in the nineteenth century. Today it might be performed as a gospel song. Many

people have only heard “Wade in the Water” as Alvin Ailey used it in his ballet in the very effective Howard Roberts arrangement. The integrity of a song like “Wade in the Water” in its varied ways of presentation must be carried out in the performances.

Recording Performances

Recordings in *THE MUSIC CONNECTION* contain performances that capture this integrity and intensity. We asked our instrumentalists and singers to perform with the same attention to artistic detail that they would bring to any concert, recording date, or theatrical performance. This had never been done before in a textbook series. The music dominated and the musicians played more than dots on paper. They paid attention to the stylistic and dynamic nuances of any professional performance. There were rubatos and ritards, shades of loud and soft, and the artists lent their own deeply felt interpretations. In short, the performers came to the studio to make real music. Best of all, thanks to the superb quality of the arrangements and original compositions, we were freed from the “jingle” sound that has for too many years dominated the educational music recording field.

Communication is what good musical performance is, and we tried never to forget it. Often this effort to communicate the style and feeling of the music determined the choice of vocalists. In the majority of cases we featured children’s choruses on the song selections, but at times we realized that children’s voices could not always communicate the energy and the intensity of the music—in a gospel song, for instance. In such situations it was clear that adult voices could more adequately acquaint children with the goal we

were aiming for—to demonstrate what the music is really supposed to sound like. Appropriately, both children and adults have often been used together, a very felicitous combination.

In using adult voices, only the very best from their stylistic fields were chosen to perform for these recordings. A song from India called for singers who were associated with a Hindu temple, who knew the song from personal experience, and who knew how it was supposed to be sung. An African song brought in singers from the African continent—singers such as South African stars Thuli Dumakude and Blondie Chaplin, who brought true authenticity and feeling to the music. Folk songs from South America were beautifully recreated by the group Andes Mata, who arrived at the studio with panpipes and cherongas. When we wanted a more contemporary South American sound, we found the best in Gustavo Moretto, whose studies in this country have led to his recognition as a serious concert composer in the United States, but who is considered a pop and jazz performer in South America. For an African American gospel song, we chose performers who could represent that style impeccably—Carol Woods, for example, one of our finest African American singing stars of Broadway and film. Other world-class musicians whom we involved in these recordings were Yomo Toro, the great guitarist well-known in the Latino community; Joseph Joubert, who has been musical director for Judy Collins and accompanist for Wynton Marsalis, Kathleen Battle, and Ben Vereen; and Linda Twine, who has conducted such hit musicals as *Jelly’s Last Jam*, *Big River*, and *The Wiz*.

Notation—A Matter of Interpretation

In many ways we are just beginning to be comfortable with other ways of producing sound. This is an issue, especially in vocal music, for those of us who have been schooled in the purest Western choral tradition, which includes jazz and pop styles as well as the Western “classical” tradition. The multicultural movement has shown us that there are other equally valid ways of producing vocal sound, although some of these styles may make us uncomfortable because of our lack of experience with them. Our first impulse is to try to notate the songs and melodies of these non-Western cultures. Notation was conceived and developed specifically to record on paper the music of Western Europe. Unfortunately, most non-Western music cannot be contained, rhythmically or tonally, within the Western notational system.

It’s a dilemma. But I feel we have been too much a slave to notation in past music series. After all, even within the context of Western music of all eras and styles—especially in jazz and popular music—music is rarely performed exactly as it is printed on the page. Music is dependent on an interpretation by a performer, unless the composer has written for a computer and has been in control of every nuance. This is why we have chosen the very best performers to make these recordings. We know that their interpretations will be valid ones, even though there might be elements that another musician might have done a little differently. I think we have addressed very well that dilemma between notation and interpretation and provided an example for every student of the ways in which notation becomes a “blueprint”

for performance without being a dictator.

A better way of dealing with the voices-versus-instrumentalists question is provided by the stereo vocal and the stereo performance track. In the stereo vocal, the sound is recorded and mixed just as it is in commercial recordings, providing a rich, full stereo sound that has depth, balance, and clarity. The musical experience is infinitely greater than that from Pick-A-Track™ (which isn't stereo at all—just two different monophonic tracks heard from separate speakers). In many cases,

songs in THE MUSIC CONNECTION are recorded as full stereo vocals with techniques used in the best commercial recordings. Stereo vocal tracks are followed by a full stereo mix of the instrumental track only, allowing children to sing against a more satisfying stereo sound. We know we've got it right.

A Philosophy of Recording

We have approached the recording process of THE MUSIC CONNECTION with a definite philosophy in mind. To put it succinctly, that philosophy has been to create recordings that are

true to the music—recordings that will stimulate a child's interest and create an exciting response in a way that the old textbook recording philosophy, with its super-simple accompaniments, basic harmonic structure, unmusical interpretations, and babyish singers, did not. We know now that children deserve better than that; they need to be able to hear "classroom" music in the same aurally exciting way they hear their favorite recording artists on disks, radio, TV, or in the movies.

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CHINA: WALLS AND BRIDGES THEME (ABC TV Network), <i>National Orchestra</i> <i>of Traditional Instruments, Beijing, China)</i>	Conductor
THE WHO'S TOMMY Cast Recording	Associate Music Director
THE SECRET GARDEN Cast Recording	Associate Music Director

COMPOSING/ARRANGING

VIOLET (new original musical) Lincoln Center Theater	Composer
HOW TO SUCCEED IN BUSINESS (current Broadway revival)	Dance Arranger
THE SECRET GARDEN (original Broadway production)	Dance Arranger
GALILEO (original musical) Goodspeed Opera House Theatreworks, San Francisco Studio Arena, Buffalo	Composer
ORPHEUS DESCENDING Alley Theater, Houston	Composer of incidental music
WINDS OF FREEDOM (documentary) ABC TV Network	Composer
CHINA: WALLS AND BRIDGES (documentary) NBC TV Network (Emmy Award)	Composer
A DIFFERENT HEARTBEAT (documentary) ABC TV Network	Composer
SIMPLE GIFTS (SATB choral work) Print publication by Hinshaw Music, Inc.	Composer

EDUCATION/PROFESSIONAL STUDIES

BARNARD COLLEGE, COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY	B.A., <i>magna cum laude</i> , in Music, 1983
ASPEN MUSIC FESTIVAL	Composition
ROBERT SHAW INSTITUTE, EMORY UNIVERSITY	Conducting
THE CONDUCTING INSTITUTE, UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA	Conducting
BMI MUSICAL THEATER WORKSHOP	Composition
ASCAP MUSICAL THEATER WORKSHOP	Composition
JULLIARD EXTENSION DIVISION	Conducting

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MUSICAL DIRECTOR / CONDUCTOR / PIANIST

THEATER

- *Jelly's Last Jam*, Musical Director/Conductor Original Broadway Production, U.S. Tour
- *Big River*, Musical Director/Conductor/Pianist Original Broadway Production
- *Lena Horne: The Lady and Her Music*, Conductor Original Broadway Production
U.S., Canadian, & European Tours
- *Ain't Misbehavin'*, Conductor/Pianist Broadway, U. S. Tour
- *The Wiz*, Conductor Broadway
- *Body and Soul*, Conductor/Pianist Germany, Austria
- *Harlem Symphony*, Musical Director/Conductor Osaka, Japan
- *Come On and Hear!*, Conductor/Pianist McCarter Theater, Princeton, New Jersey

ORCHESTRAS

Brooklyn Philharmonic, Guest Conductor
Richmond Symphony, Guest Conductor
Harlem Festival Orchestra, Guest Conductor

SPECIAL EVENT CONCERTS

The Players Club 100th Anniversary Celebration Concert, Conductor/Pianist Schubert Theater, NYC
Partnership for the Homeless Benefit, Conductor City Center, NYC
Harlem Sings for the Healing of AIDS Benefit Concert, Conductor Mother A.M.E. Zion Church, NYC

CONCERT ARTISTS (Conductor/Pianist)

Sammy Davis
Linda Hopkins
Shirley Horn
Lena Horne
The Persuasions
Leslie Uggams
Barry White

VOCAL ARRANGER

Big River
Harlem Symphony
Body and Soul
The Music Connection (Vocal Producer and Arranger) - a collection of 86 Compact Discs
released by Silver Burdett Ginn, a division of Simon and Schuster.

EDUCATION

Manhattan School of Music - Master of Music
Oklahoma City University - Bachelor of Music