

## How to Organize a Local Committee of Conscience

### 1. What is a Committee of Conscience?

- a. The purpose of this committee is to assemble as much of the local human and material resources as possible to carry out the aims of the program described in "They Are Our Brothers", the bringing of humanitarian relief to the innocent victims of the Vietnam War.
- b. The scope of this committee is ad-hoc as it calls concerned humans together only for this project.
- c. The duration of the commitment of those involved will be until the project reaches a human conclusion, i.e. the ending of innocents being molested by the war and governmental resources taking over the task we are starting, or until we are totally blocked in our efforts to achieve these ends.
- d. No ideological oaths or pledges are required. It is expected that those who wish to work on this project will reaffirm their religious beliefs that we as brothers are required to identify and assist those who suffer in this war through no fault of their own. We are obligated to feed those who hunger and give medical relief to those who suffer.

### 2. Organize a local Committee of Conscience

- a. Gather together as much of the religious community (Jewish, Catholic, Protestant, Humanist, etc.) as possible who will support the religious effort of aiding the innocent victims of this war.
  1. After getting the support of at least one of the leaders of each faith, call a meeting at one of the houses of worship, inviting other religious leaders and men of concern to the meeting.
  2. Make sure that all religious communities as well as the academic, the social welfare, and community organizations are notified of the meeting.
  3. Make follow-up telephone calls reminding all of the nature of the meeting, the time and place, and urging their attendance.

b. The meeting itself:

A full description of the program (as outlined in "They Are Our Brothers") should be articulated.

Then, outline the need to form a Committee of Conscience for the purpose of carrying out this program on the local level.

Duties

Solicit sponsors for the local committee as well as others that would be willing to:

1. Help raise money on the campus.
2. " " " from the religious communities.
3. " " " from the community as a whole.
4. Work on meals of reconciliation (details of which are listed).

\*A person or a small sub-group should take on the responsibility of coordinating all the work to make sure that timing is right and that things are kept going, as well as to keep in touch with this office.

\*Thus, we need the name and address of one contact person who will serve as the communicational liaison person.

\*We will need to know the name and address of the person responsible for the collection and holding of funds to be turned over to the FOR for the purchase of goods required to carry out this project.

FURTHER SUGGESTIONS

1. Those people involved in coordinating might meet either every week or every other week to make sure things keep moving and to gather together the funds raised from the different sub-groups (campus, religious, academic, community, etc.)
2. The whole committee might meet once a month, at a different location, keeping the meeting well advertised. Progress reports might be mentioned and the evening might be concluded with a meal of reconciliation.
3. Reports on activities, publicity received, and monies raised, ought to be sent to this office at least on a monthly basis.
4. We will send reports to your group at least on a monthly basis informing you as to the strength of this movement, the amount raised, the disposition of funds, speakers available, new developments, and materials, etc.