

WHAT IS NCSC?

INTRODUCTION

MAKING PROGRESSIVE SOCIAL CHANGE IS POSSIBLE. NO ONE SAID IT WAS EASY, HOWEVER.

GOALS

1. *to analyze (and obtain a clearer view of) root causes of social and political problems.*
2. *through sharing of experiences and ideas, skills and hopes, to encourage confidence in ability to wage social change through collective efforts.*
3. *to obtain skills at working in cooperative groups to accomplish change.*
4. *to perceive this as a worthwhile, fulfilling, and often exciting commitment.*
5. *to discover what issues are in greatest need of our support, and to devise strategies to do so.*

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The National Coalition for Social Change is an organization working through public interest groups and local organizing efforts to stimulate critical analysis of how the global society works.

Focusing on such examples as colonialism in Puerto Rico and economic domination of Latin America, the roots of the world hunger crisis, racism in the U.S. and apartheid in South Africa, and the abuse of U.S. farmworkers, NCSC works to bring people previously unaware of their involvement in oppressive systems to a position of commitment to changing those systems.

NCSC also works to develop the racial, class, and global consciousness of people already committed to change, in order to increase their effectiveness in supporting or engaging in liberation efforts.

These objectives are met by organizing seminars and conferences, speaking at schools, fundraising, preparing and sharing resources, and aiding local communities in identifying problems and strategies for organizing.

Through NCSC, a network of like-minded people and groups becomes a small, hopeful model of the new society it seeks to help emerge on a larger scale.

NCSC operates out of Philadelphia, and many of its activities have centered on the East Coast. This conference is part of its effort to broaden that base, and to exchange resources and insights with involved people and organizations throughout the country.

GENERAL INFORMATION

PLACE: The Conference will be held in LaGrange, Illinois (near Chicago) at the Christian Life Center.

FACILITIES: Participants will be housed in comfortable dormitories. Linens and bedding will be provided. Meals will be prepared by Center staff.

COST: A fee of \$20.00 will cover cost of room and board. Planning costs, materials and staff expenses will be met by NCSC. Some scholarship may be possible; contact NCSC if you are unable to pay the total fee. A registration fee of \$5.00 is required with your application, and will be credited toward the total fee.

TRAVEL: Participants are asked to work out their own transportation, although NCSC can help in setting up carpools, arranging to meet you, providing travel information, etc.

SCHEDULE: The first workshop will begin at 7:00pm Friday, May 16th. The Conference will end 4:00pm Sunday, May 18th. Please arrive early enough to register before 7:00pm, if possible.

Please tell us, briefly, something about yourself (write on a separate piece of paper); for example:

1. *After reading this brochure, what are some specific things you hope to gain from this workshop? How do you plan to use these after the workshop?*
2. *What kind of experience/insight do you hope to share with other people at the workshop?*
3. *Have you had some experience in social action or political groups?*
4. *Do you believe that social change can be fun? Why or why not?*

We expect this weekend workshop will do more than merely inform people about political issues and movements. We also hope to catalyze change actions--to encourage other people's efforts for social change and to activate people who wish to involve themselves more deeply. Thus, we ask that those who attend this workshop be active in, or intend to commit themselves to, some social change activity.

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How do we open peoples' eyes to the drastic imbalance of power and wealth, and the enslavement and de-humanization that this imbalance perpetuates?

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La Grange, Illinois

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