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ORGANIZATIONS SUPPORTING THE STUDENT PROTEST MOVEMENT

The first sit-in (February, 1960 at Greensboro, N. C.) touched off a South-wide movement by Negro college students. Many local and national organizations soon gave commendation. At least 25 national religious organizations, representing the large denominations, publicly indicated their approval of and agreement with the methods followed and the objectives sought by the students in their sit-ins, kneel-ins, read-ins, stand-ins, and wade-ins; they were joined by local church groups (13 of which are listed here), church-related organizations (12), and religious publications (8). National labor unions and local affiliates (16) issued supporting statements and/or donated funds to the students. Student and faculty groups (66, and probably more), colleges and universities endorsed the protests and the manner by which they were conducted. Students from many all-white or predominantly white student bodies participated in the protests. In some cases these students were joined by faculty members and administrators also. Other organizations listed here are drawn from professional, service, and human relations groups and represent support by public statement, fund contribution, or active participation.

This list does not purport to be complete but contains only the names that have come to our attention in news stories, organizational news letters and bulletins, and press releases.

The impact of the sit-ins upon the American conscience is measured to some extent by the stature, breadth, and scope of the organizations that supported the students through active participation, financial aid, public statements and published resolutions.

Religious Organizations

National.

American Baptist Convention
American Baptist Home Mission Societies
American Rabbis and Union of American Hebrew Congregations
Board of Christian Education and Publication, Evangelical and Reformed Church
Board of Christian Education, United Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
Board of Home Missions, Congregational Christian Churches, College of Bishops and General Board, Christian Methodist Episcopal Church
Commission on Ecumenical Mission and Relations, United Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

Council of Social Action, United Church of Christ
Division of Racial Minorities and Division of Christian Citizen-
ship, Protestant Episcopal Church
Executive Committee of National Newman Club Federation (Catholic)
Five Years Meeting of Friends
General Assembly of United Presbyterian Church
General Executive Board of the A.M.E. Church
General Board of the National Council of Churches
General Brotherhood Board, Church of the Brethren
Methodist Church Board of Social and Economic Relations
Methodist Church National Conference
Methodist Church National Youth Organization
National Association of College and University Chaplains
National Council of the Protestant Episcopal Church
North American Area Council of World Presbyterian Alliance
Roman Catholic Interracial Council
United Christian Missionary Society, Board of Trustees, Disciples
of Christ
Unitarian Fellowship
United Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

Local or Regional.

Baltimore Conference of the Methodist Church
Chapel Hill (N. C.) Ministers (Protestant, Jewish, Catholic)
Chicago Board of Rabbis
Church Federation of Greater Chicago
Community Church of New York (Unitarian)
Greensboro Ministers' Fellowship
North Carolina Council of Churches
Oklahoma Roman Catholic Women
Philadelphia Yearly Meeting of Friends
Portsmouth District Conference of the Virginia Annual Conference,
A. M. E. Churches
Presbytery of Southern Virginia of United Presbyterian Church
United Presbyterian Synod of New York
Westminister Fellowship Council of the Presbyterian (U.S.) Synod
of North Carolina

Church Related Human Relations Organizations.

American Jewish Congress
Canterbury Association Conference (Episcopal students from 11
Texas colleges and universities.
Catholic Interracial Council of Chicago
Episcopal Society for Cultural and Racial Unity
Jewish Community Relations Council of Minnesota
Interdenominational North Carolina Christian Student Council
Lutheran Human Relations Association, Board of Directors
National Catholic Conference for Interracial Justice
National Student Christian Federation
National Board of the YWCA
Unitarian Fellowship for Social Justice

United Christian Youth Movement

Religious Publications.

Campus Christian Life (staffworkers)
Christian Century
Christian Education News
Cumberland Presbyterian

Community
Concern
Presbyterian Outlook
The Catholic Worker

Labor

Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America
American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees
AFL-CIO
American Federation of Building Service Employees
AFL-CIO News
Chemical and Atomic Workers' Union
Department Store Employees, of the Retail, Wholesale, and
Department Store Union, AFL-CIO
Hotel and Restaurant Workers' Union
International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers
International Ladies Garment Workers Union
Jewish Labor Committee
Negro American Labor Council
New York City Central Labor Council
New York District 65 of the Retail, Wholesale, and Department
Store Union
North Carolina AFL-CIO
United Automobile Workers of America
United Packinghouse Workers of America

Campus Groups at these Educational Institutions

Antioch College
Bennington College
Bethel College
Boston University
Brandeis University
Brooklyn College
Brown University
Bryn Mawr College
Bucknell University
Catholic University of America
Central Missouri College
Chatham College
College of St. Elizabeth
Columbia University
Cornell University
Douglass College
Drexel Institute
Fairleigh Dickinson University

Ferris Institute
Flint College
Goddard College
Hamilton College
Hamline University
Harpur College
Harvard University
Howard University
Hunter College
Lafayette College
Lehigh University
Macalester College
Massachusetts Institute
of Technology
Marygrove College
Muhlenberg College
New York City College
New York State
University

Newark State College
Oberlin College
Princeton University
Queens College (N. Y.)
Reed College
Rutgers University
Saint Benedict's College
Saint Catherine College
Simmons College
Skidmore College
Smith College
Swarthmore College
Temple University
Trenton State College
University of California (Berkeley)
University of Chicago

University of Colorado
University of Connecticut
University of Michigan
University of Minnesota
University of New Mexico
University of Pennsylvania
University of Washington
University of Wisconsin
Vassar College
Washington State College
Wayne State University
Wesleyan University (Conn.)
Wheaton College
Xavier University
Yale University
Yale Divinity School

Other.

American Association of University Professors
American Civil Liberties Union
American Council on Human Rights
American Federation of Teachers
Atlanta Council on Human Relations
Jewish Community Relations Council of Minnesota
Nashville Community Relations Conference
National Association of Colored Girls
National Bar Association
National Federation of Catholic College Students
National Newspaper Publishers Association
National Scholarship and Service Fund for Negro Students
North Carolina Council on Human Relations
South Carolina Human Relations Council
Southern Conference Educational Fund
Tennessee Council on Human Relations
U. S. National Student Association
U. S. Young Adult Council
Virginia Council on Human Relations
Young Democrats of Houston, Texas