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# Southern Christian Leadership Conference

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Summer Schools of Religious Education  
c/o The Rev. Tullie L. Ganton  
815 Second Avenue  
New York 17, N. Y.

Dear Rev. Ganton:

This letter comes to express my deep appreciation to you and the members of Summer Schools of Religious Education for your generous contribution of \$240.00 to the Southern Christian Leadership Conference. Such moral and financial support are of incalculable value for the continuance of our humble efforts. Without your dollars for freedom, the Conference would be unable to work effectively toward its goal of the full integration of the Negro into all aspects of American life. Your contribution will help our work in Birmingham and all across the South. At present, SCLC has staff members in more than 20 communities seeking through nonviolent direct action and voter registration campaigns to break down the barriers of racial segregation and discrimination.

Without your moral support we would be caught in a dungeon of despair without knowing that many people all over the nation are supporting us in our struggle. By aiding us in this significant way, you are telling the world that the rights of Negroes cannot be trampled in any community without impairing the rights of every other American.

Thank you again for making our financial problems a little less burdensome. I am confident that if we continue to gain this type of support, this sweltering summer of discontent can be transformed into an invigorating autumn of justice and freedom for all people.

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We are enclosing an official receipt for your contribution.

Sincerely yours,



Martin Luther King, Jr.

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