



The Pilgrim Fellowship of Illinois



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Mr. George M. Houser

Cleveland 4, Ohio

Dear Mr. Houser:

I'm sorry to be so slow in answering your letters. Our group has a lot to learn about "CORE" before we can become affiliated with your national committee. However, we hope to do that in the near future.

Our first project has to do with racial discrimination in the eating establishments here. We have visited several places and have been using direct action ^{one} of the largest cafeterias here. So far we haven't succeeded but we are arousing public opinion in our favor. We have had one sit down strike--similar to the one in Chicago, but the nite was bad and the manager didn't have to turn any customers away. Instead he just wouldn't serve the counter where we had taken our position. We are getting more members and more sympathizers and plan to go back again in a week or two.

Last Sun. we had a district meeting of inter-racial groups at Bloomington, Illinois. Champaign, Decatur, Bloomington, and Peoria sent delegations. There were about 75 there and we had an interesting program. (Perry Siate was also present.)

we set up a temporary state cabinet. We wish a state inter-racial group could be formed.

Dick Trotter