

2016

Our Case for Support



THE NEW
SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN
LEADERSHIP
CONFERENCE (SCLC-SC)
OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

*“Every man must decide whether he
will walk in the light of creative
altruism, or in the darkness of
destructive selfishness.” –
Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.*



SCLC BEGINNINGS...

With the desegregation of the Montgomery bus system on December 20, 1956, the boycott was carried out by the newly established Montgomery Improvement Association (MIA). Martin Luther King, Jr. served as President and Ralph David Abernathy served as Program Director. It was one of history's most dramatic and massive nonviolent protests, stunning the nation and the world. The boycott was also a signal to Black America to begin a new phase of the long struggle, a phase that came to be known as the modern civil rights movement.

As bus boycotts spread across the South, leaders of the MIA and other protest groups met in Atlanta on January 10 – 11, 1957, to form a regional organization and coordinate protest activities across the South. Ralph David Abernathy – during the Atlanta meeting, along with 60 persons from 10 states – assembled announcing the founding of the Southern Leadership Conference on Transportation and Nonviolent Integration. They issued a document declaring that civil rights are **Essential** to democracy, that segregation must end and that all Black people should reject segregation absolutely and nonviolently.

IN LOS ANGELES...

In 1964 The Southern Christian Leadership Conference West got its beginnings in Los Angeles, California. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr, Dr Thomas Kilgore, Jr. and Douglas Dollarhide, the first Black Mayor of Compton, opened the Los Angeles office, and the Southern Christian Leadership Conference of Los Angeles was formed.

VISION OF SCLC OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

SCLC-SC of Southern California is a community resource, which works to improve the condition of the impoverished. Through wealth development, community and employment empowerment, technology literacy and access, as well as youth educational advocacy, we seek to close the economic gap between minorities and mainstream majority. Through the implementation of Christian ethics, we strive to end hunger and tackle its origin, resulting from economic disenfranchisement. We employ our skills sets to meet the fundamental needs of the under-served populations in Southern California.

We at SCLC-SC challenge all people of good will, of every persuasion, who believe in the principles espoused by Martin Luther King, Jr. to join us in our mission.

MISSION OF SCLC OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

- To promote spiritual principles within our membership and local communities.
- To educate youth and adults in the area of personal responsibility, leadership potential and community service.
- To ensure economic justice and civil rights in the areas of discrimination and affirmative action.
- To ensure access technology literacy and access to the underserved.
- To eradicate environmental classism and racism wherever it exists.
- To focus predominately on South LA to train youth ages 8 to 12 in the traditionally underrepresented communities of today in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (S.T.E.M.) so they will be prepared for the jobs of tomorrow.





THE NEW SCLC OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA OUR CASE FOR SUPPORT

The Southern Christian Leadership Conference of Southern California (SCLC-SC) is committed to revitalizing the dream of Martin Luther King Jr. in the Greater Los Angeles region. Recent studies have shown a serious disparity in the median wealth of African American families. African Americans family wealth is 20 times less than that of white Households. The average median wealth for white families is \$113,149.00, while for African American families it is \$5,677.00.

We feel the issue of economic Disparity is an issue that Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. would be fighting against today, as he did with the creation of Operation Breadbasket and other similar programs. The SCLC of Southern California will continue in the tradition of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., by developing and partnering with programs that will close the economic gap, enhance the education of our youth, address the technology divide, employment & stimulate economic development within the African American community.

SCLC-SC will continue to fight for the civil rights of all citizens and make sure that no one is disenfranchised and that they will continue to have the power to vote. We will conduct voter registrations to help communities build their power at the ballot box.

The SCLC-SC is dedicated to creating a community that respects and values people from diverse backgrounds and enables all members to do their best. We recognize and affirm the unique and essential worth of each individual. We are all inclusive, highlighting the unique combination of talents, experiences and perspectives of each member, making our organization's success possible.

We strive for excellence and work together to assure the success of our community and its members. We work hard to enhance the reputation of our community through establishing accessibility, professionalism, performance and the depth and quality of long-term relationships between the SCLC-SC and our constituents of the Greater Southern California Community.

Above all else, we are committed to the care and improvement of life the undeserved. We focus on connecting communities, bringing them full circle within the scope of global alliance, with the benefits of quality life assistance. We are committed to closing the economic gap between the wealthy and the impoverished and the technology divide and access.

SCLC-SC PROGRAMS OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Initiatives:

Initiative for Investing in Job creation, Financial Literacy and Wealth creation

Initiative for Voter Education & Registration

Initiative to promote Education and opportunities for learning

Initiative for Technology Literacy & Access in Partnership with Foundation for Successful Solutions (FSS) fsstech.org

Initiative to train youth underserved 8 to 12 in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (S.T.E.M.)

Initiative to Train Fathers to Support the Educational Endeavors of their Children

Initiative to train the Next Generation of Leadership through the Emerging Leaders Committee





SIGNATURE PROGRAMS & EVENTS

Fathers in Support of their Children's Education Program
Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Legacy Week Festival

- Annual Essay, Oratory and Art Contest
- SCLC-SC –City Hall King Week Proclamation & Celebration
- Annual SCLC-SC InterFaith Prayer Breakfast
- Martin: Duty Calls Theatrical Play
- Annual MLK Inner City Youth Orchestra LA Concert
- Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Legacy Awards and Benefit Gala

On-going throughout the year 2016
Monday, Jan. 11th to Monday, Jan. 19th, 2016

Voting Registration and Access Program 2016
Emerging Leaders Dream Hands Youth S.T.E.M. program
Jobs and economic justice advocacy and negotiations
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Sacrifice Labor Luncheon
Summer Youth Academy
Financial Literacy Workshops
Digital Literacy Classes
MLK: A Tribute in Song Music and multi-media performance

Monday, August 1, 2015 thru November 2016
On-going throughout the year
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April 2016
Summer 2016
Monthly starting April 2016
Monthly starting April 2016
Available for booking April thru October 2016

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