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Rev. Jesse D. Scott President Las Vegas, NAACP

-- The Nevada's Voter

meets inside of the Nucleus

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League--



30,000 unregistered Blacks in Clark County. A special invitation is extended to the Every Thursday, at 5:30 p.m. the Voter's League

churches, Federation of Choirs, pastors, ministers. evangelists. teachers. doctors, lawyers, business people, community people.

Jordan Club, fraternities, sororities. Masons. Elks. Eastern Stars, social clubs, Fordyce and Cosmetiques organizations.

## -- Pastors Involved In Voter's Registration--

The following pastors have agreed to select two or more deputy registrars from their churches to assist in Voter registration: L.T. Peterson-Calvary Baptist Church, S.S. Parks-Grace Immanuel Church. Baptist Johnson-Mt. Arrat Baptist Church, J.W. Kemp-Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, Willie

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## -- NAACP Needs Volunteers--

Zion Methodist Church

NAACP The volunteers to solicit and write NAACP memberships. There are more than 50,000 Blacks living in Clark County, most of whom do not have a membership in the NAACP. Your enemy and the enemy of the NAACP may be living in your house with you as your family member or going to church with you every Sunday. They are your enemies because there is power in their votes to help our fair share of employment. housing. education and contract set asides.

The following article on Racial Reconciliation was written by Coretta Scott King. It is well worth your reading.

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## Racial reconciliation in America

Recent incidents in places as diverse as Forsyth County, Ga., Howard Beach, The Citadel N.Y.. in S.C., Charleston. and Mass.. Amherst. have awakened new concern about a resurgence of racial conflict across the nation.

No one knows how many Americans have joined the hate groups that have been involved in these incidents. but the Atlanta based Center for Democratic Renewal estimates there are 15,000 to 20,000 members of the Ku

TEST YOURSELF

I am easily irritated when required to stand in lin

Most people would consider me unsophisticated

I dislike having to get dressed up to go out Early hotel check-out times are annoying

Moral values are lower now than ever before

Off-color language is embarrasing Perfection is often just an accident

Klux Klan and similar farright groups in the nation.

In mainstream America recent attitude and opinion surveys reveal that we have a long way to go to eliminate interracial distrust. example, a Newsday survey of residents of five New York City boroughs reported on Jan. 25 that 55 percent of the white respondents and 52 percent of the blacks agreed that, in general whites fear blacks.

None of this is to deny that there is more interracial friendship and cooperation than interracial violence to be found in the United States every day. But while civil rights legislation and affirmative action have been effective tools in challenging institutional racism eliminating America. prejudice has proved to be more difficult.

There is some truth to the cliche that personal morality can't be legislated. No law. no policy can open the human heart. Yet, we can do more to challenge racism in our homes and communities. our schools and places of business and worship. As Martin Luther King Jr. ...Racial said. understanding not something that we find, but something we must create

Children who have been taught prejudice and bigotry at home can be taught in about contributions of minorities to American society. They can learn about the values of compassion, tolerance and brotherhood, all of which are as important to personal development and maturity as the three R's.

This is being done in classes commemorating the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday and Black History Month (February), but on an annual, rather than an ongoing basis. There have been worthwhile experiments in race relations education. such as the "blue eye-brown eyed role-playing exercises predominantly white schools in which groups take be victims of discrimination. But these experiments are no substitute for integrated schools.

Peer-mediation groups that resolve racial conflicts have recently emerged in high schools, in New York and other cities. And on July 19-23 Atlanta's Martin Luther King. Jr. Center for Nonviolent Social Change will train teachers and community leaders in racerelations and conflictresolution skills at the 12th Annual Workshop Nonviolence.

Specially designed study guides, such as the National Education Association's 'Violence, the Ku Klux Klan and the Struggle for Racial Equality" and Christine King Farris' text for elementary and secondary schools. "Martin Luther King, Jr., His Life and Dream" (Ginn (Ginn and Company, 1986), are available to help educate young people about the need to challenge racism. The New York-based Council on Interracial Books for Children monitors prejudice and stereotypes in children's literature and identifies alternative material that enhances interracial understanding.

In view of America's rich multicultural heritage and the projected growth of minority populations, more needs to be done. One idea that has merit is to make completion of a course in race and ethnic relations, taught by specially trained teachers. requirement for high school graduation.

But the schools can't do it all Government. corporations. unions and religious institutions can help by creating programs that foster interracial cooperation. Scouts and other youth groups could provide merit awards to young people who complete race relations Performing workshops. artists and professional athletes should do more to emphasize tolerance and brotherhood.

There is no easy way to create a society free from racial hatred and hostility. But if it can be done, it will be achieved here in the world's most culturally diverse nation. For if we can learn to live together in brotherhood and harmony. ARK America's example provide hope for humanity.





