

Church



Church News

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Church Reporter

A Men's Retreat will be held March 23-25 in Prescott Arizona. It's time again to come together and learn how to be real men, men that are sensitive, humble, compassionate, loving and kind. Don't be taken in by the ruff of the world telling you that you don't fit in, so you have to act like you've got it all together and don't need anybody else. Ask any of the men who have been to a men's retreat with the Hallelujah Christian Fellowship and they will speak of what God does, can do and has done. Wives...encourage your husbands to attend and you too will be blessed not by their absence, but by their return. If you haven't been to a get together with the men, it's time to broaden your horizons and step out in faith and believe God. The cost is \$47.00 per person and you

must sign up at the Ministry Information Center and pay the full amount no later than March 21st. If you would like to go, but need financial assistance, or if you would like to financially support someone else who can't afford it, call the church office. Maps will be available at the Ministry Information Center and car pooling can be arranged through the Home Fellowships.

For parents, churches, community leaders who are interested in starting a Boy Scout Troop in your church or area, the Boulder Dam Area Council will hold a forum on Boy Scouting on Wednesday, March 21 at 7:00 p.m. promptly at the Greater New Jerusalem Baptist Church. Training materials, scouting materials will be available, and questions pertaining to

THE NAACP AND YOU!



Rev. Jesse D. Scott
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NAACP COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE

GOALS:

The Community Relations Committee is created to promote the highest level of cooperation, understanding and communication between the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department and the community.

The Community Relations Committee will seek the support and confidence of Las Vegas' citizens through a policy of openness in all aspects of the police operation. The group will facilitate accessibility to police services and provide a mechanism whereby certain decision making can be based on neighborhood input.

GROUP COMPOSITION:

The Community Relations Committee is a volunteer organization composed of representatives of local community organizations. Meetings are to be held at mutually agreed upon intervals.

The group members and the Sheriff will mutually agree upon others who may from time to time be invited to participate in group meetings such as a member of the Sheriff's staff and other resource persons.

FUNCTIONS:

- Utilize joint discussion and clarification of issues to better understand each other and foster better relations between the community.
- Establish channels of communications through which citizens can make known their concerns and receive feedback.
- Provide suggestions that enable the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department to be more responsive and in better harmony with community needs.
- Keep citizens informed of police matters and help develop a keen understanding of police problems.
- Encourage the dissemination of information in order to strengthen community trust of police personnel and the operating philosophy of the police department.

Scouting will be answered. For further information call Robert Patterson at 399-4404 or 648-8438.

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from throughout the county, with all selections finalized by the NAACP. However, the real work will rest in the hands of committee members who will have to be hard-nosed and committed to dissecting the policy of Metro and working for the best interests of the people. Future steps toward equality and justice for citizens will depend on how creative, committed and dedicated the committee members will be.

Finally, this group will be able to review and bring to the table all aspects of police policy, including the Internal Affairs Division, use of force, training and all other matters. Before this step there was nothing. With this step there must be more. Again, only through unity can more progress be made. Not only is the Community Relations Committee the first move, it's a good move.

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This news article covers an agreement negotiated by and between the NAACP and Metro Police Department. It covers the beginning steps of the formulation of a community relations committee of representatives of ten community organizations representing a cross section

of Clark County. Any organization seeking to be included should make that request known to the NAACP in writing.

PLEASE NOTE: The deadline for "Community Relations Committee" candidates will be April 2, 1990.

- Make known to the Sheriff and his staff, points of view and community concerns of which they might not be aware.
- Provide input and make suggestions to improve delivery and distribution of police services and improve the quality of life for those who live and work in the City of Las Vegas and Clark County.
- Review existing current police policies and procedures, propose comments and recommendations for revisions.
- Through open communication of ideas, assist the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department in its primary goal of reducing and preventing crime.

PROCEDURES AND GUIDELINES:

- Each member of the Community Relations Committee shall participate with a serious commitment and good faith effort to listen to each other and resolve differences.
- Due to the sensitive nature of the information exchanged, committee members may not send substitutes if the committee member is unable to attend.
- Open-minded exchange of views should be emphasized. Majority views should not be imposed on individual members.
- Members will refrain from making statements on behalf of the Community Relations Committee unless members have previously reached a consensus on that issue.
- Discussions are not to serve as a format for adjudicating citizens complaints against individual police officers or making decisions about the guilt or innocence of police officers or citizens.
- The agenda for each meeting will be developed after consultation with each member.
- Meetings will be held monthly at a mutually agreed upon date and time. Should the need arise, a meeting may be scheduled to discuss urgent matters, provided a 48 hours notice be given all parties.
- The Sheriff will encourage inquiries concerning any and all aspects of the police department organization, administration and operations.
- A feedback procedure shall be established in which the status of recommendations and requests made will be reported back to the group.
- Members should network with the community regarding issues to be discussed at meetings.
- Nothing in this policy shall be construed as obligating the Sheriff or his staff to discuss an issue if such discussions could:

- Jeopardize any ongoing criminal investigation.
- Violate any federal, state or local laws.
- Violate any Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department Policy.
- Jeopardize the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department's position in any existing or anticipated lawsuit or other legal proceeding.
- Violate the legal rights of any individual police officer or citizen.
- Each member should be prepared thoroughly for these sessions by developing their positions for resolutions of issues and problems, and planning for effective presentation of their concerns to other members of the committee. The objective throughout this effort is to enhance the possibility that each will come to understand better each other's situation and to come to mutually acceptable conclusions.
- The selection of members will be conducted by the NAACP leadership and shall be limited to ten (10) or less citizens.

years ago on March 15th, the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church was founded. 159 years ago on March 16th, Nat Turner's first slave revolt took place in North Carolina.

POINT OF VIEW: "We will never have peace in the world until men everywhere recognize that ends are not cut off from means, because the ends represent the ideal in making, and the end in progress. Ultimately you can't reach good ends

through evil means, because the means represent the seed and end represents the tree."

Dr. Martin Luther King

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