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“The Fight is Not Over”

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Dear Friends,

A little over fifty years ago, blacks in the South were denied their right to vote. In 1965 a march was planned from Selma to Montgomery, led by Hosea Williams of SCLC and John Lewis of SNCC, to bring attention to this issue. But the marchers were stopped at the Edmund Pettus Bridge in Selma, and we witnessed on the news what happened that day. The violence and blood shed on Bloody Sunday shocked the nation. Martin Luther King, Jr. put out a call for people of good will to come South and help people register to vote. Hundreds of us answered that call. This SCLC project was called SCOPE (Summer Community Organization for Political Education). Those of us who volunteered put everything on hold the summer of 1965 to help brothers and sisters gain their dignity and their rights. It was a time when the Ku Klux Klan roamed the highways in communities across the South, and many volunteers gave their lives that year for the right to vote: Viola Liuzzo, Jonathan Daniels, Jim Reeb – to name just a few.

In October 2015, the SCOPE volunteers came together once again to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the SCOPE project. As we met over the four-day SCOPE reunion in Atlanta, there was unanimous feeling that there is still much to do. The Voting Rights Act of 1965 is under attack. Violence has increased across the country. Poverty today is perhaps even worse than it was in 1968 when Dr. King envisioned an effort to end poverty in this country with the Poor People’s Campaign. Those attending the SCOPE reunion decided to band together once again to work on these issues. SCOPE50 is our newly formed 501c3 non-profit organization.

Our first project during this election year will be to promote and encourage voter registration nationally, and to assist with “get out the vote” activities. SCOPE50 is a non-partisan organization and will not work for nor support any candidate or party. Our main purpose right now is voter registration and educating people on a grassroots level on the responsibility of citizenship. Future programs will include working with community organizations across the country to end childhood poverty, to improve literacy and basic educational skills, and to work with communities on issues important to them.



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I believe that SCOPE50 is an organization that can make a difference. Our members have the experience and the skills to work for change once again. But we need your support and help as we attempt to fulfill Dr. King's dream. In order to carry on this work, we need your financial support. We need your donations, your gifts, as we move forward. Your donations and your gifts are tax-deductible. Donations can be sent to SCOPE50, 773 Spinnaker Beachhouse, Seabrook Island, SC 29455. If you have any questions, e-mail me at JohnR99773@aol.com. Thank you for your gifts, your support, and your prayers. We are all called to stand in the gap and bear witness. Let us stand together. May God bless you.

Sincerely,

Rev. John Reynolds
President