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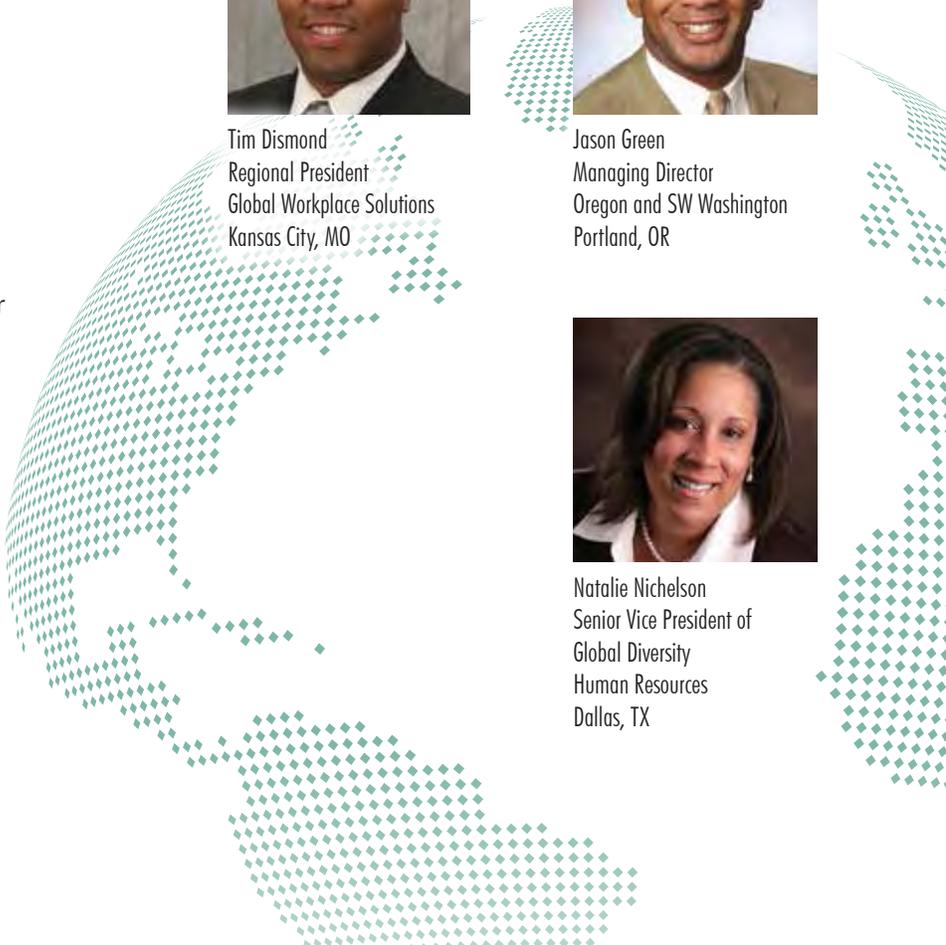
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“ Another year... & I Steele have a dream...”

BY CHARLES STEELE, JR., SCLC President and CEO

As we look back on 2015, we have faced many challenges that touch the core of the SCLC's very purpose for existence...the transformation of racism and economic injustice. Yes, transformation is the word I have chosen because many ills of society have now taken on a new form. By definition the word transformation means “a thorough or dramatic change in form or appearance”.

In this country, we can proudly say that we have witnessed a transformation of a Black man going from sitting on the back of the bus to riding in Air Force One, from the poor house to the White House and from walking in the back of the line, to being the leader of the “Free World”. Yes, this is an accomplishment that we as Americans should be proud of. Yet, do not be deceived by these accomplishments for most Blacks are still suffering with racism, economic injustice and educational injustice. Of course, we are allowed to sit at the front of the bus, but in many cases when we step off of the bus we are still at the back of the line, still in the poor house, still lacking equality in our schools. A transformation has taken place. When we are no longer being hung in trees, but Black young men and women are being shot down in the streets in the name of self-defense by a police officer (who is sworn to protect and serve).

Now, we have the legal right to read, but not enough funding in our schools to receive a quality education. A transformation has taken place. Racism is no longer the loud monster it was in the early 1900's, 40's, 50's and 60's. No, it has transformed itself into a silent monster. A monster that wants



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you to believe that everything is okay and everything has changed. However, slowly it is creeping around silently killing our young Black males, silently destroying quality education in the Black communities and silently wreaking havoc on the minds of the young Black males in prison with no real prison reform to look forward to when they get out. And let's not forget how our right to vote is also being slowly taken AWAY.

Not only is a transformation taking place in this country, but a transformation is taking place at SCLC. In 2016, we are transforming ourselves to new and innovative ideas. We training young people how to be leaders under the Kingian non-violent conflict resolution training. SCLC is reigniting the fire of Justice. We are lifting the torch high as we transform into an innovative organization ready and willing to take on that silent monster called racism. SCLC has transformed from a national organization to an international organization. Why? Because unfortunately,

racism has a passport. As racism transforms, so will the SCLC. We are ready to devise new strategies to deal with the ever camouflaged monster called racism. We are proud of our legacy and as we transform to deal with and ever changing world we remain rooted in the followings of our co-founders. In this new year that our Lord and Savior has allowed us to see, SCLC will continue to focus on domestic issues while embracing the international community simultaneously. What I have learned over the years is that there is no America without the world and there is no world without America. We have to care about the underserved across the globe as well.

Our co-founder, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. left a legacy that reaches international levels. His name is coveted in almost every country in the world. Dr. King is considered just as much a human rights leader internationally as he is a civil rights leader here in America. He is a leader whose efforts in civil rights expanded to human rights. Dr. King believed that civil rights and human rights went hand and hand. He lead and took part in some of the most powerful movements in the world. Dr. King became the face of a world-wide peace movement. Although many people view him as an American hero and leader, Dr. King's work and influence far exceeded the boundaries of the United States.

No matter where I go in the world, people love Dr. King and what he stood for. Why could people relate to a man so far away in another part of the world? Because people all over felt the impact of Dr. King's work. Dr. King stood for equality and justice for all people across the world. He truly believed in his words "injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere".

Who better than the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) co-founded by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. to continue his work abroad. As SCLC President and CEO I have a responsibility to continue to expand the work of Dr. King in civil and human rights nationally and internationally. Therefore, SCLC has worked extremely hard to develop chapters and affiliates in Bethlehem and Demona, Israel. SCLC also has established chapters in Berlin Germany. To fully expand the principles of the SCLC Non-violent Kingian Theory, SCLC teaches people all over the world on its principles. In addition, SCLC is re-establishing and transforming the Poor People's Campaign to meet the needs of the people where they are today.

The Poor People's Campaign was organized in 1968 by Dr. King and the SCLC. This campaign was organized as a civil and human rights agenda to ensure that poor people of all backgrounds would have a right to economic justice. Prior to 2018, the SCLC will be announcing the re-creation of the 3,000 person tent on the Washington Mall as a part of the 50th Anniversary of the SCLC Poor People's Campaign. I believe wholeheartedly in this campaign because there are so many people across the world suffering from poverty. We cannot continue to let the scales of economic injustice continue to go unbalanced. More importantly, unchecked. Let's check the scales of economic injustice, let's balance the scales with job creation, better educational opportunities, schools, and better pay for qualified and dedicated teachers.

Today, we serve notice that in 2016, SCLC is ready to march, to move and to be effective change in this country and around the world as we have for so many years. With so much violent instability around the globe, SCLC stands ready to train the masses on the ways of the Kingian non-violent philosophy. SCLC is excited about the Poor People's Campaign and it's re-enactment that SCLC will kick off in the coming months.

Please join me and be a part of this historical movement as we work to even the scales of economic injustice. Remember, mark your calendar for the SCLC re-enactment in 2018 and the 2016 SCLC annual convention. To learn more, please continue to check our website at www.nationalsclc.org. SCLC

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Realizing the Global Vision of Martin Luther King, Jr. in 2016

BY BERNARD LAFAYETTE, JR., SCLC Chairman

Martin Luther King, Jr. always saw The Movement as a global endeavor, because the beloved community was also a global community. Therefore, as we in the Southern Christian Leadership Conference continue to move to fulfill Martin L. King's dream it is appropriate that we passionately and positively embrace those in the global community.

That's why I am proud to announce that Richard Montañez has been named to the SCLC Board of Directors. He is our first ever Hispanic board member. Montañez leads Multicultural Sales & Community Promotions across PepsiCo's North American divisions

This is a significant and substantive event for our organization. It signals an exciting new era for us, as we intensify our impact and influence internationally. We are moving in the direction of embracing multi-ethnic and global leadership as we expand our resources to address the global crisis

"So getting an invitation to be part of the SCLC Board is so huge to me," Richard told our magazine editor and National Communications Director in this issue. "To me personally and to the legacy of my family, but also to the legacy of my culture to bring two [ethnic] groups together—no one has ever done that."

Yes, this SCLC board appointment is not only meaningful to Richard, but historic for SCLC, and the civil rights community. I am confident 2016 will prove to be a banner year of SCLC. It has already begun with a bang, you might say, that promises to enrich and enhance our iconic legacy.

That's because we have also partnered with former Nigeria President Dr. Goodluck Jonathan, an international statesman, who views SCLC as among the world's foremost humanitarian organizations. We recently honored my friend Dr. Jonathan at our national headquarters for his work now to promote peace and prosperity world-wide. He embodies the spirit of Dr. King and has promised to enthusiastically collaborate with our President Charles Steele on a range of projects. We are excited about the possibilities destined to occur with Goodluck on our SCLC team.

We are also effectively and strategically reaching out to youth in Nigeria, and here at home. As you will also learn in this issue the reigning Miss Nigeria Leesi spent a week with me recently studying and learning the principles and practical application of "Kingian Nonviolence". She will be an SCLC Ambassador of peace and nonviolence as she travels



Bernard LaFayette, Jr. (right) receives the Global Transformer Award from Edward L. Wheeler, President of the Interdenominational Theological Center in Atlanta.

the world articulating Dr King's philosophies, which I have been teaching and preaching around the world since 1968.

I am also on weekly conference calls listening to and responding to questions from leaders of the Black Lives Matter movement. They are a robust group of young activists who represent the future of the civil rights movement.

In a practical sense the problems affecting the people around the globe impact all of us. In the words of MLK "what affects one directly affects all of us indirectly".

When preparing for the Poor Peoples Campaign in 1968, I had a private session with Dr. King to discuss some details of the campaign. I had been appointed by Dr. King as the National Coordinator of the Poor Peoples Campaign and I wanted to be sure that we were inclusive when we said poor people. Dr. King assured me that he wanted to include Hispanics, Native Americans and White people in this campaign.

It was a great opportunity to reach out to the leaders of the Hispanic and Native American communities and Whites who were considered poor. Mrs. Coretta Scott King gave me her 19-year old white driver, Tom Houck, to assist with the Poor Peoples Campaign, so, I assigned him to make contact with the leaders of the different ethnic groups.

In every campaign, Dr. King brought together a coalition of leaders to represent the people affected by the problem he was addressing. For the Poor Peoples Campaign, he brought leaders together who were fighting for the rights of the poor. As the organization founded by Dr. King and others, that fight is on again. SCLC



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Pysche Lea's Heart

BY CATHELEAN C. STEELE, Director, SCLC "Justice for Girls"



The new year is always a time of reflection for me. As I begin to think about this column, my mind takes me back to a memory that I will always cherish. In the spirit of sharing the preciousness of life, I would like to share one of my fondest, most golden memories with you, as we begin 2016.

I am 16 years old, and I am walking home from school. Thinking about my homework—and my chores, I ready myself to meet my work head-on. Walking through the door of my family's house on our beautiful tree-lined street, I meet my father instead.

"Have a seat," he instructs me. "I would like to talk to you." To my surprise, my father tells me that he and my mother want me to name my new baby sister.

This beautiful little girl I would name Pysche Lea became my heart.

Pysche was born with multiple holes in her heart. She had to remain in the hospital for many weeks at the beginning of her life, so it was awhile before any of us children got to see her.

But I remember clearly the first time I saw Pysche Lea. I walked into her hospital room, put my hand into her incubator, and softly touched her. Then, looking at her tiny figure, I spoke with her.

"Hello," I whispered to her, hardly able to contain my excitement. "I am Annett, your oldest sister."



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Sometimes that defining moment with Pysche seems long ago. Other times, like today, it seems as if it happened yesterday. I can see vividly all of the many arrivals home she made. She would spend a week, sometimes a month—then return to the hospital for more treatments.

When Pysche was home, my brothers, sisters and I delighted in her laughter. She loved climbing into bed with me, and going to sleep. Since I named her, I almost felt like

she was my little girl. I doted on Pysche Lea. It was a joy for me to comb her hair, and to dress her.

I looked forward to the weekends when she was in the hospital. That's when I could spend as much time with her as I wanted. I would sit at Pysche's bedside, giving my parents a break.

Etched in my mind is Friday November 19, and Saturday November 20, 1971. My father came home on Friday with good news, Pysche Lea was coming home from the hospital for Thanksgiving! We were elated! Hurriedly, I gathered my purse and got in the car. I was ready to go!

In his own words: Richard Montañez ushers in a

New Era for SCLC

PepsiCo's Mexican multi-millionaire executive, Richard Montañez, is so prominent and so prestigious that he doesn't do media interviews. He is a humble and ego-less man who told this reporter until now he has respectfully and routinely declined interview requests from the likes of *60 Minutes*, *Good Morning America* and *NBC Nightly News*.

INTERVIEW BY MAYNARD EATON, Managing Editor

What you are about to read is a rare, if not, an exclusive *SCLC National Magazine* interview with SCLC's first Hispanic Executive Board Member. It is an extraordinary election that is singularly significant, substantive and special.

Montanez was a struggling janitor when he creatively added chili to Cheetos that resulted in a surprisingly successful and profitable consumer product called Flamin Hot Cheetos. Today, Montanez leads Multicultural Sales and Community Promotions across PepsiCo's North American divisions. He still can't believe the huge door he opened when he took up a challenge from the company president to think outside the box, as reported in a 2012 Fox News Latino story.

"Many times, greatness will come in ridiculous forms, a ridiculous idea might be a billion dollar idea," said Montañez, in that article and it certainly was.

Flamin Hot Cheetos influenced future ethnic products and the first Frito-Lay Hispanic marketing team. Montañez also helped influence Hispanic products and marketing promotions for KFC and Taco Bell.

Now, Montanez is about to set SCLC's future on fire. He is poised to bring a new spirit and multi-cultural passion to the Southern Christian Leadership Conference.

"America's landscape is changing daily. It is important that the landscape of our organization change with the face and future of our country," says SCLC President Dr. Charles Steele Jr. "SCLC has a responsibility to represent all people regardless of race. It is therefore, the desire of this organization to bring about inclusiveness on the Board of



Richard Montanez is SCLC's new executive board member. PHOTO: JOHN STEPHENS

Directors. I also agree with Mr. Montanez that history is being made. I also submit that this is a great turning point for our organization."

MAYNARD EATON: From migrant worker, to janitor, to creating a multi-million dollar product, and now a new board member at SCLC. What brings you here?

RICHARD MONTANEZ: I have been preparing my whole life for this moment. I just didn't know this was the moment. But I knew I was preparing for something big and historical, and I believe me being here with one of the



SCLC Chairman Dr. Bernard LaFayette; President Charles Steele; First Lady Cathleen Steele; and Atlanta business leaders meet with new SCLC board member Richard Montanez. PHOTO: JOHN STEPHENS

greatest organizations in the world is very historic.

This is what I want people to understand. I wasn't old enough to have an impact on The Movement, but I was old enough to have The Movement have an impact on me.

Growing up, I picked grapes, I worked at a car wash, I killed chickens for a living, and I was a gardener.

My culture we would always dream of the things that we would want to be, but we never really believed we would accomplish them. It was just a dream. But for me, my dream became a reality. I saw myself as an executive. I saw myself moving into the neighborhood of the elite. I saw myself owning a non-profit and we now feed 100 thousand people a year. I saw myself doing those things before I actually made it happen.

So getting an invitation to be part of the SCLC Board is so huge to me. To me personally and to the legacy of my family, but also to the legacy of my culture to bring two [ethnic] groups together—no one has ever done that.

ME: Dr, Martin Luther King and SCLC are still a viable brand, you suggest?

RM: I would say the greatest brand in this country and in the world. No one has been able to accomplish The Movement that he did. He and this organization probably don't get a lot of credit for what's opened up over the last 40 or 50 years.

ME: Even as a Latino it meant something to you?

RM: I didn't understand it, but I remember my Dad listening to [Dr. King's] speeches on TV. Remember now, we lived in a labor camp. We had a one room house. And, he would sit there with tears in his eyes. My Dad was a hard man, and I couldn't figure out why he was sitting there listening to this man with tears in his eyes. It wasn't until I got older until I realized what diversity

“We have a right to resurrect hope.”

— Richard Montañez

ME: This is new, is it not?

RM: These is very new, but also understand that to bring two vibrant and big cultures together it takes a big name. And, I don't think there is a bigger name than Dr. Martin Luther King. That's what has drawn me here; the opportunity to participate in his legacy and his vision. How can so many people be attracted to him that come from different cultures and different businesses? And even today the name still draws.

and inclusion was. Being a Mexican in my generation and being dark skinned I got leftovers; I was treated poorly. When I got older then it dawned on me that he gave my Dad hope.

ME: Is that hope still alive in this generation? You are a corporate executive now, is that hope still in the corporate boardroom? Is that hope still alive amongst your children and grandchildren?



Maynard Eaton interviews Richard Montanez about his future plans as an SCLC board member.
PHOTO: JOHN STEPHENS

RM: It's alive amongst my children and grandchildren. I believe that in some areas of corporate America it is alive, but there is still a lot of organizations out there that don't understand what diversity or civil rights are.

I also believe that hope in many of our urban cities or barrios or the hood or poverty communities that hope is dying. For me, being here, we are going to have the opportunity to resurrect that hope.

ME: You said earlier during your meeting with Dr. Steele and SCLC Board chairman Dr. Bernard LaFayette that to a degree the civil rights movement has lagged and become almost stagnant. What do you bring to the table if you see there is still a need for SCLC and the civil rights movement?

RM: Many individuals in this country don't understand the difference between civil rights and diversity. Civil rights is the ability to be equal, diversity is the ability to be different and sometimes people want to take diversity and put it above civil rights. It's easier that way.

I thought that we had killed it during the civil rights movement that Dr. King led but we may have become complacent and feel that we have arrived, so that old discrimination mindset is coming back. So, I think it is time for many of us to pick up our tools and get back at it.

ME: So what do you bring sir? Your culture, you corporate clout or all of the above?

RM: All of the above. It is in our interest to help our community as much as possible. If you are out of work it is less likely you are going to buy my product. So it is simple business sense to be involved in diversity and in civil rights.

I never met Dr. King but I wish I would have but I feel that I know him because I researched him. I read his speeches, I listened to him and it was a spiritual awakening. So, I believe we have an opportunity to bring two of the biggest groups in this country together – African Americans and Latinos – to work on issues that concern everyone.

“We need some people to right some checks.”

– Richard Montañez

ME: This could be a game changer you think?

RM: I am excited. This is history. It has never been done before. Corporate America is our friend and we haven't found a way to bridge the gap and bring everyone together. But I can tell you being a corporate executive, corporate America wants to help solve these issues. Their role could be to help fund it. So one of the things we are going to do is open the door, my role is to make this organization is to make this organization continue its attractiveness; people who see our mission. Frankly what we need are some people to write some checks. SCLC



THE WAY HE RESPONDED TO CHALLENGES LIFTED A NATION.

As we remember Martin Luther King's legacy, we are reminded anew that the challenge of building a better America is a shared responsibility.

Only by tapping the richness of ideas that come from a diversity of people and perspectives can we tackle the challenges that lie ahead.



SCLC Honors Former President of Nigeria, Goodluck Ebele Jonathan



BY MAYNARD EATON, Managing Editor

Dr. Goodluck Ebele Jonathan is an engaging and enigmatic African leader. In 2010 he became President of Nigeria, Africa's most populous and prosperous nation, without ever having been elected to a major political office previously.

"There has not been any rise that's been so meteoric in Nigeria," analyst Charles Dokubo said in 2010.

Five years later Dr. Jonathan earned the unique distinction of being the first sitting president to be defeated in a Nigerian election which was due in part to his inability to curtail the Islamic insurgency of Boko Haram. The Boko Haram militant group has reportedly killed 20,000 people, forced some three million others from their homes and abducted 200 schoolgirls.

"No doubt former Nigeria President Dr. Jonathan was never a politician," opined Comrade Adesanya Adebayo Eniola, a Nigerian Rotarian and astute political observer in a recent email message. "He was a good leader with good intentions but he was too weak to co-ordinate large groups of people. He forgot that Nigeria is a multi-nation state filled with over twenty tribes with different cultures."

Never-the-less, he is hailed as a political game changer. Joseph Beasley, the Southeast Regional Director of Rainbow/PUSH and an expert on African affairs, praises Jonathan as "a global statesman" who set a political precedent for peaceful transitions among African leaders.

"Goodluck Jonathan is an extraordinary human being who comes from humble beginnings," Atlanta-based international activist Beasley told me. "Goodluck Jonathan could well become the President of a United States of Africa and a role model for the 250 million African's living in the Diaspora."

That fervent feeling about Dr. Jonathan, and his potential impact as a political force on the international stage, is what compelled Dr. Charles Steele, Jr., president of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference [SCLC] to

honor him last week. He was awarded with the Presidential Award in recognition of his leadership in advancing human rights, social justice and the fight for universal freedom.

The SCLC was co-founded by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. in 1957. His sister-in-law Dr. Naomi King was present to greet and salute Dr. Jonathan. The event was part of the activities leading up to the celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day on Monday, January 18th, 2016. Former President Jonathan is the first African leader to be so honored.

"While Dr. Jonathan has had his problems, as we all have, we believe his historic efforts to preserve peace and nonviolence during his nation's presidential transition of power is a notable first for Nigeria, and a significant step for the continent over which it holds increasing sway," said Steele. "His actions then to step aside and not fight his defeat, and what he is doing now to promote peace and prosperity around the world with his Goodluck Jonathan Foundation reflects the spirit of peace, love and justice championed by Martin Luther King Jr."

Jonathan responded that his vision is to help stabilize and promote democracy and peace in Africa. He went on to say that without peace you cannot have economic progress.

He revealed that this was the reason he pushed for Nigeria's intervention to ensure peace in various African nations such as Côte d'Ivoire while he was in office.

Dr. Goodluck Jonathan and President Steele then agreed to collaborate along the lines suggested by the former Nigerian President.

At the event, former President Jonathan expressed his gratitude to the SCLC for inviting him and declared that it was "virtually impossible to separate this worthy body from its founder, the late great Dr. Martin Luther King Jr, or from epoch making landmark events of the American Civil Rights movement".

He also said "My personal takeaway from Dr. Martin Luther King Jr is service to God and the brotherhood and

equality of all men before their Creator.

In keeping with that, I have learned not to look up to any man, except he is taller than I or to look down on a fellow mortal, except I am admiring his shoes”.

During his speech Dr. Jonathan added passionately, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. famously said: “Power at its best is love implementing the demands of justice. Justice at its best is love correcting everything that stands against love.

“Those words helped me deliver on my stated promise to deepen democracy in Nigeria and in the process demonstrate through action that nobody’s political ambition is worth the blood of any Nigerian.”

Adesanya Adebayo Eniola says Dr. Jonathan’s graceful exit from office may prove to be the tipping point for political change and the end of dictatorships throughout Africa.

“Dr Goodluck Ebele Jonathan is a good leader,” he said. “He will be respected all over the world for a long time to come, because of the singular sacrifices he made to unite Nigeria and Africa at large by laying a good example for accepting the results of the last general election. This has become a reference point when it comes to elections in Africa. Many believe that if Jonathan doesn’t accept the results of his election defeat, war might spring out in Nigeria.”

He adds. “Dr. Jonathan has taught many aspiring African leaders and future world leaders to accept election results so as to sustain democracy in the entire world.” SCLC

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Atlanta, SCLC National HQ: former Nigeria President Goodluck E. Jonathan accepting the Presidential Award from SCLC President Steele with Mrs. Steele in the background.
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A Young Apostle & Ambassador of "Kingian Nonviolence"

One-on-One with Miss Nigeria Pamela Peter-Vigboro Leesi

INTERVIEW BY MAYNARD EATON



PHOTO: JOHN STEPHENS

Just one month after winning her crown as Miss Nigeria, 22 year-old Pamela Peter-Vigboro Leesi – a computer science graduate of the University of Port Harcourt – was in Atlanta studying “Kingian Nonviolence”. She was a student of SCLC Chairman Dr. Bernard LaFayette who travels the world teaching and espousing Dr. Martin Luther King Jr’s tenets and philosophy of nonviolent direct action. Dr. LaFayette has devoted his life to institutionalizing and internationalizing “Kingian Nonviolence.”

Dr. LaFayette took those words he heard on April 3rd of 1968 in Memphis, TN from Dr. King to “institutionalize and internationalize nonviolence,” as Dr. King’s final marching orders. He was assassinated the next day.

“Kingian Nonviolence” is defined as a way of life and methodology that provides the knowledge, skills, and motivation necessary for people to pursue peaceful strategies for solving personal and community problems. This approach is a vital approach to eliminating the epidemic of violence.

Following a December 11, 2015 reception in her honor at SCLC’s National HQ in Atlanta we sat down to discuss her role and reign as an advocate for peace and conflict resolution.



Dr. Bernard LaFayette Jr. welcomes “Leesi” and her Nigerian entourage to SCLC’s National Headquarters.
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MAYNARD EATON: You have a short version of your name?

PAMELA PETER-VIGBORO LEESI: Yes, I am called Leesi. That is my native name. Some people call me Pamela but I usually prefer Leesi because it is a tribal name.

ME: Like Madonna or Beyonce?

LEESI: Exactly!

ME: You are beautiful and brilliant, but to be named Ms. Nigeria it had to be about more than your looks?

LEESI: It was actually. Everyone had to go through an audition, and after that they picked out 37 of the best of us; we were then taken to a boot camp for one week. It was intense training on catwalk and public speaking. We had business competitions and all that. We were judged on those performances and on the final day we had to wear our gowns and look pretty and answer some questions.

ME: As I understand it, one of the things you talked about during the ceremony was peace and nonviolence. Where did that come from?

LEESI: Growing up in Nigeria you find that every country has its own issues, and the common response to these issues is violence. Violence goes on in so many parts of the country so I felt like I would love to advocate for peace as my own contribution to African society.

ME: So this is your mission now, not just a speech on the night you won?

LEESI: Yes, this is what I’m really about.

ME: So what is about with “Kingian Nonviolence” that works for you as a young person?

LEESI: What really resonated with me is the fact that nonviolence is permanent. It is an effective solution. When you use violence to fight a problem you only end up creating more violence. You cannot end it. Nonviolence is a more effective strategy to address conflict.

ME: Does it work, will it work or is it just a nice philosophy that sounds good?

LEESI: It not only sounds good it will definitely work because it has been tried and proven. In Nigeria we had issues with militants agitating, and then the Amnesty Group came in and did a program. At the time I didn’t know they were being trained by Dr. LaFayette. I just realized that all the unrest in the community just went down at that point. That was like a miracle. So it is a testimony and evidence that [nonviolence] will work because it was tried on the militants and they dropped their arms and opted for peace.

ME: What has it been like being here in Atlanta getting this training? You are Miss Nigeria now. You have traveled your country and soon the world, but you are here the SCLC national office. What does this say to you and about you?

LEESI: It is really an amazing experience. I am very honored to be here. It is a different thing to read about the civil rights movement, and it is another experience to actually be here to see all this and see how far it has gone. For me this is a sign from the universe that I am on the right path. It is definitely not a coincidence; it is evidence that I am walking the right path.

ME: Will young people in Nigeria and around the world follow you. Will selling the principles of nonviolence to Millennials and the Hip Hop generation be difficult to do?

LEESI: I am a young person as well so that should give me an edge for them to listen to me because I am there with them and I live the Nigerian youth experience. As young people we are actually looking for a solution.

ME: So, Dr. King still matters?

LEESI: Of course he does because this strategy is a really powerful tool. I think it is a solution to most of the world’s problems. SCLC

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Stephon Ferguson: Mimicking MLK “is my calling”

BY MAYNARD EATON, Managing Editor

During this 33rd annual celebration of the Martin Luther King Jr. National Holiday Observance and February’s Black History Month, one of the nation’s most sought after speakers is Stephon Ferguson, whose compelling and captivating impersonation of MLK is said to be one of the best ever heard or performed. He nails Dr. King’s tone of voice, cadence, charisma and character.

Stephon Ferguson is widely viewed as one of the best impersonators of the Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. “I try to memorize Dr. King’s speeches just like he said it; the articulation, the voice,” Ferguson says during a recent interview in my SCLC office. “Yes, I act Dr. King, yes I become Dr. King.”

And, in an instant he does just that right before my eyes.

“Well, I guess you could say I transform into Dr. King. And, then I begin to delve deeply into the philosophy of Martin Luther King Jr. and be able to reinvigorate the ‘Dream’ for people,” he says distinctly and dramatically in King’s voice.

You can snap right into that MLK persona, it seems almost automatic for you, I ask with a stunned smile. “Well, it is very automatic,” Ferguson continues in his MLK character voice. “It’s something I’ve been doing for many years, and I know it is a gift from God. I just want to be able to take that gift and serve it to the world.”

He later explains that, “when I get into the spirit of Dr. King, it’s as if – and this may sound kind of strange – Dr. King taps me on the shoulder and says, ‘I got it. All you need to do is open your mouth and I’ve got it from there.’ So I know it is my calling. It’s not something I sought out; it kind of sought me out.”

Stephon Ferguson portrays the Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. preaching from a pulpit. Photo: by Ben Rollins

Ferguson first discovered his unique talent 15 years ago while working as a disc jockey and religious comedian at a Fayetteville, N.C. radio station. A friend heard him imitate Dr. King during a broadcast one day and told him: “Man you sound just like him. You should really consider at least

memorizing the I Have a Dream speech. Just imagine how many people’s lives you could bless sounding like him today.”

“I took that comment he said and I started learning,” Ferguson recalls. “As I began to memorize King’s speeches, I realized that God had called me to help reinvigorate the words of Dr. King.”

Four years ago, Ferguson says, comedian/activist Dick Gregory told him, “You come at a good time because 50 percent of the people in America were not even born when Dr. King delivered that speech, so when they hear you it is like they are hearing Martin Luther King Jr. for the first time, and that’s really important.”

The Rev. Dr. William E. Flippin has seen Stephon Ferguson perform and says he is, “a bit frightening and also electrifying.”

The Rev. Dr. William Flippin, pastor of Atlanta’s Greater Piney Grove Church, where Ferguson also serves as Associate



Stephon Ferguson at the front doors of the historic Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta.



Stephon Ferguson (back, center) marching at Selma along side U.S Rep. John Lewis (GA-D) and U.S. Sen. Harry Reid (NV-D).

Minister, met this prime-time Martin Luther King Jr. mimic in Chicago during the conventions of The Rainbow Push and Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity several years ago. He was awestruck by the uncanny replication of King's words and persona, and what it could portend for future generations.

"His recitation of Dr Martin Luther King, Jr. was a bit frightening and also electrifying," he recalls. "Dr King has been dead for over four decades. Nowhere else had I heard not only the words of Dr King but also felt the spirit and anointing of this prophet of justice and equality. Immediately, we connected and he later became a member of our church (after I told him he needed a church home). This generation of our young seem so lost and misguided and I rejoiced that Rev. Ferguson was sent just as Dr. King was, to stir up their souls and our memories that a beloved community can still be realized."

Dr. C.T. Vivian, the renowned civil rights activist and Presidential Medal of Freedom recipient who worked side by side with Dr. King at SCLC, is not easily impressed by those who choose to copy or capitalize on his friend's reverent words and work. Ferguson, he admits, is "very good at it."

"Of the many people I have heard who attempt to imitate or impersonate Martin King, [Ferguson] is a true professional," Vivian says. "He is the best I have ever heard. Word for word, he captures the essence of Dr. King. And, if you were not looking at him you really would think he was Martin."

Ferguson, the son of a preacher, is bent on using his unique talents and gift to help keep King's legacy alive for the next generation. That's why he strategically, and successfully, secured a license and permission from the King Estate – which was no easy feat – whereby he pledges to sustain the integrity and image of the famed civil rights leader during his plethora of performances around the world, and to share a percentage of his fee. That is also why he also regularly works for the National Park Service conducting tours at the original Ebenezer Baptist Church.

"He is linguistically gifted to embody the spirit and substance of Dr. King," opines his manager and producer Hilda Willis. "Stephon has been ordained to keep Martin Luther King Jr's work and words alive." Thank God. **SCLC**

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President Lyndon B. Johnson and Martin Luther King, Jr. at the signing of the Voting Rights Act on August 6, 1965.

African-American Voting Rights Protection Under Siege

BY RANDALL L. GAINES

LA State Representative & SCLC Vice Chairman

In the *Shelby County v. Holder*, ruling on June 25, 2013, the conservative majority of the United States Supreme Court made a supreme error by striking down Section 4 of the 1965 Voting Rights Act (VRA). President Barack Obama said in a statement that he was “deeply Disappointed by the court’s decision. Civil rights activists called the decision devastating. In the dissenting opinion written by Justice Ruth Ginsburg, Justice Ginsburg criticized the conservative judge’s ruling and wrote that their actions basically resulted in the demolition of the Voting Rights Act, the most important piece of civil rights legislation in American History.

The VRA is a landmark piece of federal legislation that was signed into law by

President Lyndon B. Johnson during the height of the Civil Rights Movement on August 6, 1965. It was designed to prohibit racial discrimination in voting by enforcing the voting rights guaranteed by the 14th and 15th Amendments to the United States Constitution.

Section 5 of the Act invokes a preclearance requirement that prohibits certain jurisdictions from implementing any changes affecting voting without obtaining preclearance from the United States Justice Department. Section 4(b) of

the Act includes the formula that determines what jurisdictions shall be covered by the preclearance requirement. Section 4 and 5 worked together, and applied to states that had a documented history of voter discrimination. By striking down section 4, the Court completely neutralized section 5.

The original preclearance requirement applied to 9 states (Arizona, Alabama, Alaska, Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Georgia, South Carolina, and Virginia). As a result of the Court’s ruling, no states are currently being required to seek Justice Department preclearance for their voting law changes, regardless of the discriminatory intent or impact.

Chief Justice John Roberts issued the ruling dismantling the key provision of the VRA stating that the coverage formula was outdated, and citing black political gains and improvements in black voter turnout. The Court has obviously confused the evidence of racial progress with the achievement of racial equality. Over the past 50 years, African American political enfranchisement has been achieved exclusively as a result of the protective voter laws invoked and enforced by the VRA.

Prior to the passing of the 1965 VRA, only 10% of eligible black voters in the south were registered to vote. Out of 435 members of congress, only five were black and none



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from the south. Less than five blacks were serving in state legislatures in the southern states at the time of the passage of the 1965 VRA. By mid-20th Century, voting rolls in the majority black City of Selma were 99% white and only 1% black, prompting SCLC, under the leadership of Dr. Martin Luther King and SNCC to initiate the Selma Movement to eradicate massive hostile racial discrimination in the voting process in Dallas County. The national televised hostilities inflicted upon the courageous protesters on March 7, 1965, “Bloody Sunday,” elevated voting rights to the top of the national agenda and prompted President Johnson to sign the pending Voting Rights Act into law the following August.

The VRA, known as the crown jewel of the Civil Rights Movement had the immediate impact of eliminating egregious voting discrimination, enfranchising African American voters, and changing the political landscape of America. By the end of 1965, 450,000 new southern blacks successfully registered to vote. The number of blacks serving in southern state legislatures increased from less than 5 to 190 by 1990, and to 313 by 2010. 42 blacks are currently serving in Congress and 75 major U.S. cities currently have black mayors.

I would like to point out a relevant historical fact. The Supreme Court’s ruling in *Shelby v. Holder* is not the first

attempt at the regression of acquired African American voting rights. Shortly after the passage of the 15th Amendment in 1870 giving African Americans the right to vote, Congress passed the 1870 and 1871 Voter Enforcement Acts. Similar in purpose to the VRA, the Acts were to work in conjunction with Reconstruction, and served to provide federal enforcement of African American’s newly acquired voting rights. During time the Voter Enforcement Acts were in effect, blacks were able to successfully register to vote throughout the South and many blacks were elected to major state and federal offices.

The U.S. Supreme Court unfortunately struck down parts of the Voter Enforcement Acts as unconstitutional in 1875, and conceding to pressure from southern whites, Congress repealed most of the enforcement aspects of voter protection provisions of the Acts in 1894. By 1900 practically all of the black elected officials who were elected to state and federal offices by virtue of the enforcement of the 1870 and 1871 Voter Enforcement Acts had been removed from office.

This historical analogy certainly correlates two distinguishable time periods in our nation’s history; however, the apparent manifested intent to curtail minority voting strength is strikingly similar. Given the majority status of



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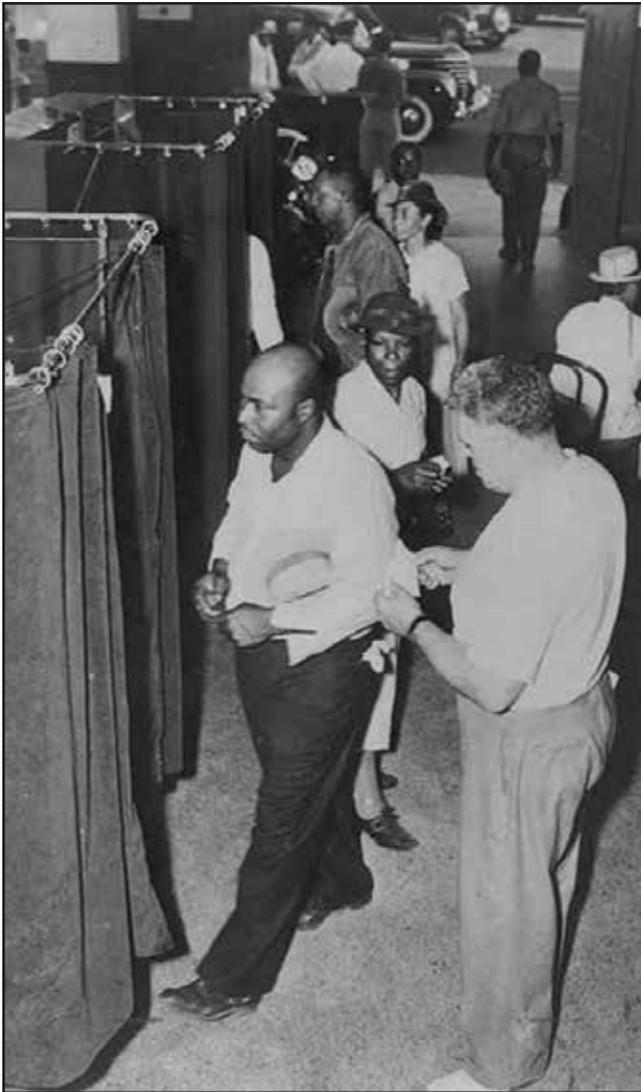
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The most immediate and effective solution to this new civil rights challenge is a political solution, not a legal one. Congress has been given the charge of updating and re-drafting the formula to determined what jurisdictions will be required to submit to the preclearance requirements. The only legislation currently pending before Congress is HR 3899 by Congressman Jim Sensenbrenner (R-WI). The fact that it only requires Georgia, Louisiana, Texas, and Mississippi to “pre-clear” has subjected the pending legislation to criticism from voter rights advocates. Voter rights activist have advocated , and I certainly agree, that North Carolina, Alabama, South Carolina, Virginia, and Florida should also be included in the coverage formula.

The urgent need for immediate comprehensive voting rights protection for minorities is clearly justified by relevant data from the U. S. Justice Department. Since the year 2000, there have been 143 recorded violations to the provisions of the VRA. Immediately after the Shelby decision was rendered by the Supreme Court, 8 states, including North Carolina and Texas, gave notice to the Justice Department of the intent to propose laws formally considered as voting rights violations. 30 States have attempted to pass restrictive voter ID laws, which typically have a negative impact on African American voter participation.

In order to preserve the voting rights protections gained through the courageous actions of SCLC’s leaders, members and supporters, as well as other committed civil rights organizations and leaders, it is imperative that we call upon Congress to reauthorize and restore all pertinent and essential aspects of the Voting Rights Act to the extent that it fully eliminates voter discrimination and guarantees and protects the voting rights of all Americans, regardless of race, creed, or color. sclc



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While serving as a captain with the 159th MASH, one of the first military units to enter into Iraq during Operation Desert Storm, Gaines coordinated the evacuation of over 300 wounded American soldiers from the combat zone. Lt. Col Gaines was also awarded the Louisiana Cross of Merit for leadership and bravery for his leadership role in the coordination of the rescue and evacuation effort of over 30,000 evacuees from the Louisiana Superdome during Hurricane

Katrina. In the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, Gaines served as Military Advisor and Medical Support Coordinator for Task Force Orleans.

Gaines also served on the Southern University Board of Supervisors, and he currently serves as Vice Chairman for Elected Officials for the Louisiana Democratic Party.

He recently served as a member of Bill Cosby’s Black Entrepreneurship Panel.

Gaines is currently serving as State Representative, State of Louisiana, District 57. In 2011, Gaines was elected with the highest winning percentage of all state representative and state senator candidates in Louisiana in the run-off election.

He was recently elected to the position of Vice Chairman of the National Board of SCLC. Former members of SCLC include Jesse Jackson, Ambassador Andrew Young, Ralph Abernathy and many other notable civil rights leaders. He is married to Dr. Camalyn Gaines and they have three children. sclc

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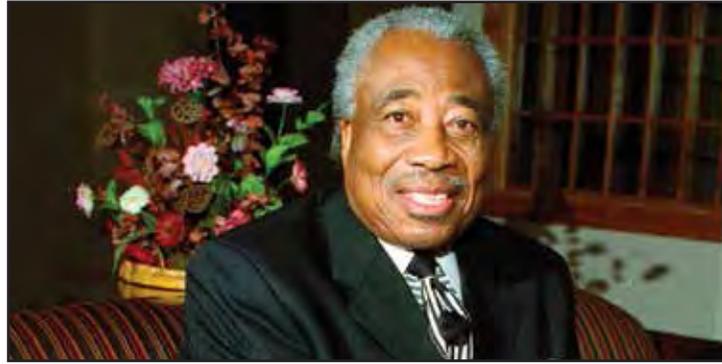
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OZELL SUTTON

“The Good Double Agent” Civil Rights Activist

BY MAYNARD EATON, Managing Editor

Ozell Sutton was a unique, unsung and largely unknown civil rights leader whose work in The Movement was mostly as an undercover operative. The 90-year old Little Rock, Arkansas native died recently following a rich and robust life of pioneering activism.

Sutton was one of the first African American Marines to fight in World War II, an organizer of the “Little Rock Nine” school integration struggle, a special assistant to Arkansas Governor Winthrop Rockefeller, co-founder of the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, President of the Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity, friend and cohort of Martin Luther King Jr. and for 30 years the U.S. Justice Department’s Community Relations Service director in the conflict-prone Southeast region.

“He was good; he was very good,” says Thomas Battles, a co-worker in the Community Relations Service. “In 1994 he received the Attorney General’s Award for Exceptional Service. Working with Ozell was like a ministry. He would say that once you enrolled in the struggle against racism you can never return. We stopped many riots in America because of Ozell Sutton.”

He was at the Edmund Pettis Bridge during the first Selma to Montgomery March where Congressman John Lewis, the late Rev. Hosea Williams and the late Amelia Boynton Robinson were savagely beaten by police in 1965. He marched with Dr. King in the March on Washington in 1963, and he was also with King at the Lorraine Motel when the Southern Christian Leadership Council [SCLC] President was assassinated in 1968.

“I heard the shot ring out that killed Dr. King,” Sutton is quoted recalling in his obituary. Sutton was in room 308 and King in 306. According to his obituary, he looked out of the window and saw King’s body on the shared balcony. “It was a moment that changed everything, and made his resolve for justice even more resolute.”

One current SCLC official likened Sutton’s role in the civil rights movement to that of a “good double agent” because he worked with civil rights activists and for the U.S. Justice Department at the same time.

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— Ozell Sutton

Ambassador Andrew Young, who eulogized Sutton before a crowd of several hundred mourners at Cascade United Methodist Church, says he was an uncommon and unheralded civil and human rights giant.

“He was totally behind the scenes, not wanting any credit but having contacts from the streets to the Rockefeller’s to the Johnson’s,” Young recalls. “He was always there. You never had to call him, you never had to ask him, he knew what he had to do. He was an extremely significant figure.



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We only know the tip of the iceberg about The Movement. The real Movement was underwater and behind the scenes. And, he was part of the real Movement. He was one of the people that never get any credit and don’t want any. They just want to do what the Lord told them to do.”

Dr. C.T. Vivian, Presidential Medal of Freedom honoree, says Sutton saved his life in St. Augustine with a covert warning that the home where he was sleeping was about to be firebombed.

“Sutton had a special place because of his work with some important politicians,” says Vivian. “He came through a different route. He had a whole bevy of guys across the country that he could plug into, and as a result he got things done that other people couldn’t do. He knew power and they knew they could trust him.”

In 2010 Philander Smith College established the Ozell Sutton Medal of Justice award at its Social Justice Institute, and in 2015 Alpha Phi Alpha established the Ozell Sutton Leadership and Service Scholarship endowment with a \$50,000 donation to Philander Smith in his honor.

“It’s a day of service and an endowed scholarship in his name,” explains Roderick Smothers, president of Philander Smith College. “Ozell Sutton personifies our mission statement which is to educate young folks and send them out into the world and make it better. His life was spent making the world better for other people, and he did it in so many places. He was our international ambassador.”

As a young Marine, Sutton trained at the segregated U.S. Marine Corps boot camp at Montford Point, North Carolina. Before an Atlanta audience in 2001, the baritone voiced Sutton spoke poignantly and passionately about fighting the Japanese and racism.

“You can’t believe what it is like to fight for your country and be humiliated by your country at the same time.” SCLC

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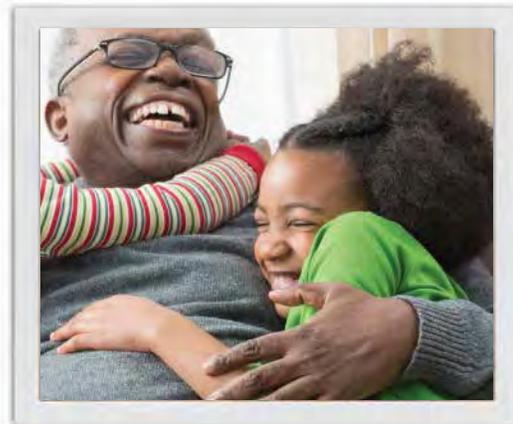
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A Quiet Tapestry Thread: Van & Martha Porter Hall

A couple's separate and joint service to the SCLC and their country.

BY CARRIE WILLIAMS, S.E. Region News

This article is Part I of a two-part series covering Van and Martha Porter Hall's unique story of service inside the SCLC from 1965-1966 (Van and Martha) and 1968-1969 (Martha). Their accounts during a recent exclusive interview reveal a quiet yet important thread in the tapestry of SCLC's history-making years. The pioneering couple also contributed their dual perspective on the status of civil rights in America now, 50 years later.

Working around the Southern Christian Leadership Conference's headquarters office between the years of 1965 to 1966 was to be working where history was being made. Daily. Sometimes hourly.

Working around Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., for that matter, during those years, meant becoming a part of U.S. history.

Both Van Hall and his wife Martha Porter Hall had the opportunity to witness, and be a part of that unique history – but it wasn't their intention. Their intention was to serve.

Both come from families that were, in their words, "white genteel Southern moderates."

Van describes his parents as "F.D.R. Democrats"; Martha says hers were not political.

Although Van's kin span seven generations in Georgia (Van's great grandfather, James Elihu Hall, was a Master Sergeant in the Civil War for the Confederate South), Van is far from being ensconced in his family's heritage. He took the route of marrying a liberal-minded woman, working on an English degree from Georgia State College (later University), and singing semi-professionally with his guitar to coffeehouse crowds during the 60's.



Martha (third from left) with Mrs. King's staff during a visit from Sidney Poitier in April 1969. PHOTO: H.C. DODSON



Van and two other SCLC staffers at a voter registration orientation for SCLC field staff in June of 1965.

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Martha grew up on a farm in the rural outskirts of Atlanta. Her mother grew up Birmingham and Montgomery; her father grew up on a working farm in south Alabama. To the best of Martha's memory, her family never mentioned race.

As Van shares in his personal memoirs of that time, it was January 1965 when his and Martha's lives would forever be changed by the SCLC: "One afternoon I was returning from my sales territory. I drove along the downtown expressway in Atlanta. News came on the radio of an escalation in the demonstrations and arrests of civil rights workers in Selma, Alabama. The Selma movement had been going on for a little over two years, spearheaded by the Student Non-

front door of the SCLC national office."

Upon entering the office, Van made his request to Randolph Blackwell, SCLC's Program Director, to volunteer. After a short interview, Blackwell immediately set the young man to sorting mail.

It would be only a few months later in July 1965, when Martha would join Van at the SCLC. Having just given birth to their second child in March, Martha went to Randolph Blackwell and asked what she could do to be of service. By that time, Van had gone to full-time employment, with a small salary; Martha wanted to supplement and serve also, if she could.

Out of her request, Martha Porter Hall became Coretta Scott King's first full-time secretary, working at the King's

"I helped Mrs. King to lighten her load"

— Martha Porter Hall

violent Coordinating Committee (SNCC). In the last few weeks Selma had exploded into national headlines. The local movement had invited Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and his SCLC staff to join in the increasingly larger demonstrations at the Dallas County courthouse. The city and county police had responded with increased arrests and violence.

"The radio announcer detailed another wave of demonstrations and arrests. I made a note to myself to send SCLC a donation. I then reminded myself that I had no money to donate. Just as this train of thought was playing out I passed the Edgewood Avenue exit off the expressway. On sheer impulse I pulled a hard right onto the exit ramp, drove one block over to Auburn Avenue, parked and walked in the

home. As it turned out, Martha discovered Mrs. King had been born in the same county in Alabama as Martha's grandmother.

"I helped Mrs. King to lighten her load," recalls Martha, downplaying the secretarial duties. Some of Martha's tasks included "making sure to pick up 4-5 black newspapers from the Yates and Milton Drug Store, along with Jet and Ebony magazines. And I would help her pack."

Both Van and Martha — in their first experience working alongside blacks — realized that the world they were entering into was one they had no previous knowledge of.

"At that time, in 1965," recalls Van, "we all thought the United Nations was great. All of our white friends were

talking about integration like it was going to be ‘kumbaya’. Essentially, it was ‘let’s all of us, black and white, live together’. For middle class whites, it was really a naive concept of ‘let blacks come in and be like us.’”

Martha explained it this way:

“I saw that black people knew our lives – but white people didn’t know black people’s lives.”

Both Van and Martha spoke about W.E.B. DuBois’ concept of “double consciousness” as a way to understand for themselves the world blacks lived in at that time – a world which included the white world, but which was separate and distinct from it as well.

Describing Blackwell as a leader before his time, and for whom he worked, Van remembered SCLC Program Director’s explanation about “the two worlds”:

“Blacks,” he [Blackwell] said, “occupy two worlds, their own world on the one hand and as part of the larger, white world on the other. Whites see themselves as occupying only one sphere, their own, with blacks only a part of it. Blacks wear two faces, he[Blackwell] said, one looking inward at their own world, and another looking outward, at the white world.”

Martha experienced a shift in that paradigm during her service of work for Mrs. King in the King home:

“We [whites] became part of the black community,” Martha affirmed. “We were the only whites, much of the time, yet we were not set apart.”

Martha went on to give examples of conversations that took place around Mrs. King at the King home, where others spoke freely about whites’ unconscionable actions of discrimination and hatred toward blacks, sometimes in moments of severe challenge.

In one such particularly expressive moment, Martha recalls another staff member saying to her, “Ooh, I’m sorry! I forgot that you were white!”

Both Van and Martha would leave the SCLC in 1966, Van out of exhaustion, and Martha out of a possibility of going to college. But Martha would be asked by Mrs. King to come back to work immediately following Dr. King’s assassination. From 1968 to 1969, Martha supported Mrs. King by being a correspondence assistant to the “First Lady of Civil Rights”.

“She [Mrs. King] wanted him [Dr. King] recognized not just for himself, but for what he stood for,” asserted Martha. “Dr. King wasn’t just for blacks; he was for whites as well. That meant everybody and everything had to change.”

In Part Two of this series by Carrie Williams, Van and Martha Porter Hall share more inside stories of their participation with the SCLC, and living in Atlanta during the 60’s and the 70’s. Both relay how their short time of service made a difference for SCLC and dramatically altered their life paths, professions, and perspectives. They speak about the “brick wall” of economic injustice SCLC Movement leaders encountered in 1966, and offer commentary on the “Black Lives Matter” movement impacting civil rights in America for the twenty-first century. SCLC

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