THE INCLUSIVE COMMUNITY: CHALLENGE TO CHURCH AND SYNAGOGUE

An Interfaith Conference on Suburban Housing Patterns in Wilmette, Kenilworth, Winnetka, Glencoe, Highland Park, Northfield

Date: Sunday, October 15, 1972 3-9 PM

Place: North Shore Congregation Israel
840 Vernon Avenue, Glencoe, Illinois

PLANNING COMMITTEE

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Community Life Program, Archdiocese of Chicago
Chicago Conference on Religion and Race

I am writing to extend a cordial invitation to you to participate in an important and unprecedented ecumenical undertaking which will take place here on the North Shore next month. I am referring to the North Shore Interfaith Conference on Suburban Housing Patterns which shall be held on Sunday October 15th from 3 to 9 P.M. at North Shore Congregation Israel, 840 Vernon Avenue in Glencoe.

The theme of this conference is, "The Inclusive Community: Challenge to Church and Synagogue". Our purpose is to explore the responsibility and role of religious leaders and institutions with regard to the sensitive moral and social issues involved in suburban housing trends. The approach will be positive, factual and pragmatic. We are not interested in merely raising issues or in seeking someone to fault. We want to understand the problems and to discuss what effectively can be done. We have recruited some of the best minds in the metropolitan area to assist us.

Catholic, Protestant and Jewish congregations in Wilmette, Kenilworth, Winnetka, Glencoe, Highland Park, and Northfield are being invited to participate.
Each congregation is being asked to send a delegation of ten key persons including the Pastor or Rabbi. In addition, interested individuals and leaders like yourself are also being invited to participate.

The conference has been planned by the clergy committee listed on the letterhead. Technical assistance has been provided by three agencies also listed.

The details of the conference program are set forth in the enclosed fact sheet.

In order to organize the conference effectively we would appreciate your response on the enclosed Registration Form as soon as possible. The conference program and other materials will be sent to you prior to the meeting.

We are looking forward to the conference and to your participation.

Sincerely,

Rev. Paul S. Allen
Conference Chairman
Enc:

Registration Form
Fact Sheet
The Inclusive Community:

Challenge to Church and Synagogue

An Interfaith Conference on Suburban Housing Patterns on the North Shore

WILMETTE
KENILWORTH
WINNETKA
NORTHFIELD
GLENOCE
HIGHLAND PARK

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15, 1972
3 P.M. - 9 P.M.

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PARTICIPATION

Delegates from Catholic, Protestant and Jewish Congregations
in Wilmette, Kenilworth, Winnetka, Northfield, Glencoe,
Highland Park and other interested, individual residents.

REGISTRATION

$5.00 per person

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE

725 Pine Street
Winnetka, Illinois
446-4096
Program

3 P.M. REGISTRATION

3:45 P.M. INVOCATION
Rabbi Herbert Bronstein,
North Shore Congregation Israel

WELCOME:
Purpose of the Conference
Rev. Paul S. Allen,
Winnetka Congregational Church,
Conference Chairman

ADDRESS:
The Social Dynamics of Housing
Patterns in Suburban Communities
Anthony Downs,
Senior Vice President,
Real Estate Research Corporation, Chicago

QUESTIONS AND DISCUSSION

5:00 P.M. PANEL
The Challenge of Suburban Housing
Patterns to the Church and Synagogue
Rev. Paul V. Berggren
Wilmette Lutheran Church
• Very Rev. Msgr. Eugene Lyons,
  S.S. Faith, Hope and Charity, Winnetka
• Rabbi Allen Taksheh
  Temple Jeremiah, Winnetka

5:30 P.M. COFFEE BREAK
Delegates go to community workshops

5:45 P.M. SIX COMMUNITY WORKSHOPS—
COMMUNITY  CHAIRPERSON
Wilmette  Mrs. Bernice Bloom
Kenilworth  Charles Shaw
Winnetka  Mrs. Catherine Reichelderfer
Northfield  Frederick Nestrock
Glencoe  Leonard Nemirofski
Highland Park  Alvin Parsons

6:45 P.M. DINNER
7:30 P.M. PANEL
What Can Be Done?
• Legal Trends
  Alexander Polikoff, Attorney,
  American Civil Liberties Union;
  Businessmen for the Public Interest
• Citizen Action
  Phillip Chinn, President, HOPE Inc.
  (Homes of Private Enterprise) Du Page Co.
• Metropolitan Sharing of Low & Moderate
  Income Housing
  Kale Williams, Executive Director, Leadership
  Council for Metropolitan Open Communities

QUESTIONS AND DISCUSSION

8:30 P.M. FINAL SESSION
Rev. Paul S. Allen, Presiding
COMMUNITY WORKSHOP REPORTS
NEXT STEPS — Discussion

9:00 P.M. BENEDICTION
Rev. John Eichelman
Immaculate Conception Church
Highland Park
Dear Friend:

The decision has been made to form the North Shore Interfaith Housing Council as a follow-up to the Interfaith Housing Conference held on October 15.

This step was taken by a group of conference leaders who met on November 1 as directed by you at the close of the conference.

A letter is going to all churches and synagogues in the six communities of Wilmette, Kenilworth, Winnetka, Northfield, Glencoe, and Highland Park, inviting one clergyman and one lay representative from each congregation to a meeting on January 7 to organize the Council.

The Council can pick up and carry on the concerns raised at the conference. It can provide information and educational services to the churches and synagogues. It can be a vehicle for Catholics, Protestants and Jews to act together in specific ways on the housing problem.

You can help right now by telling your minister, priest or rabbi that you feel your congregation should be involved in the Council. You can help
later by contributing your ideas and your talents to the work of the Council.

If we all get behind the plan, the ecumenical spirit and humane concern expressed at the conference can grow and bear fruit in years to come through the Interfaith Housing Council.

Sincerely,

(Paul Allen)

PAUL S. ALLEN
Conference Chairman
PROPOSAL FOR A NORTH SHORE INTERFAITH HOUSING COUNCIL

THE PLAN

To organize a North Shore Interfaith Housing Council

--Composed of clergy and lay representatives of North Shore congregations of all three faiths

--Including individuals and/or representatives of other organizations as associate members

THE PURPOSE OF THE COUNCIL

To provide an on-going vehicle for

--Expression of the religious concern for more inclusive communities and the provision of housing for persons of moderate and low incomes

--Education of the religious community and the entire community on the housing problem and possible means for solving it

--Gathering data on the housing problem as it relates to the metropolitan area and the North Shore, including especially specific data about our communities and the need for low and moderate income housing

--Relating data about the housing problem to theological concerns and ethical values held in common by our religious communities

--Coordinating the housing efforts of various religious congregations and denominations on the North Shore

--Coordinating the efforts and concerns of the religious community with various secular organizations also concerned about the problem--The League of Women Voters, etc.

--Working specifically in cooperation with the Metropolitan Leadership Council as it seeks to implement the "fair share" plan in Chicago suburbs

--Preparing the way for and seeking to create a climate of acceptance for housing projects which might be privately developed or developed with public financing

--Undertaking specific projects--such as a leasing program for low and moderate income families--as this seems feasible and desirable.