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To: Grants Committee
National Council of Churches: Burned Churches Fund

Fr: Technical Task Force
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Re: Site Visits (July 17-20, 1996)

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The six-membered Technical Task Force from the National Council of Churches (NCC) was asked to visit three sites in order to assess where the local congregations were in the process of rebuilding and of healing, to see if it was possible to develop ties with local businesses and material suppliers who could be part of the rebuilding of the churches, and to locate what local building professionals (architects, engineers, lawyers, contractors and local inspectors) could be part of the effort. Before starting out, the members of the task force had decided that one of the most important aspects of the mission was to tie the rebuilding effort economically to the congregation's community, wherever possible.

As the Task Force met with individual pastors and congregations, several issues were repeated from site to site. They were:

- a) Proof of insurance would be needed for both the building process (Builder's Risk) and afterwards (General Liability). If insurance was unobtainable, the NCC will organize an effort to find it.
- b) All local, state and federal building code requirements would need to be adhered to, if applicable. Licensed professionals were to be used in the installation of all utilities (water, electric, sanitation, etc.)
- c) Each project and congregation would need to segregate building funds in a separate building account requiring three (or two out of three) signatures. Payment should be made from invoices wherever possible as the NCC would be looking for a final accounting of the project at some point.
- d) Congregations were urged to shift their plans from "what they could afford" to "what they needed". This was an attempt to get them to question what their programs were and how they would like to see them grow..
- e) It was stressed that the intent of the NCC was to help them get a building they could afford to maintain and to leave them without a debt obligation, if possible.
- f) Where possible, all parking lots were to be paved, have proper drainage, and to have water and light available. Plans for basketball hoops and swing sets were also

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* Idea: Churches involved in arson training on state

* Compile education info on racial reconciliation

Free site surveys (not to evaluate)

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Training Programs (314) 621-1966

encouraged in an effort to have the church think about the lots as extra “outdoor rooms” for them to program for their younger members.

g) All rebuilt churches must have security systems that tie into local emergency services agencies.

h) Finish landscaping plans are to be thought about and to be included in all plans.

i) Interior finish plans were encouraged as part of the process.

All of the above were focused on to help give the congregations a foundation of realistic ideas about their new buildings and to prod them to think about their future growth and programmatic hopes.

Site Assessments:

St. Paul's Primitive Baptist, MS
Butler Chapel AME, SC
Gay's Hill Baptist, GA

Included for each:

Project Summary:

Site Visit

Project Description and summary of

Table A:

Next Steps in Construction Process

Table B:

Short Term Funding Needs

Table C:

Current Estimates of Project Costs

**Butler Chapel AME
Orangeburg, SC
125 Members
Rev. Patrick Mellerson, Pastor**

**Date of Visit: 7/18/96
Proposed Bdg: 5-6,000 SF
Prelim. Estimate: @ \$65 SF
\$ 390,000**

Summary:

This congregation has already studied its needs and taken a vote on a general program and plan layout. They have had sketches drawn up based on what they know they can afford or can borrow. There are many members of the congregation who are in the building trades and many of the them have offered to perform their work free or at cost. The municipal regulations for this site are well known. The county tightly regulates zoning uses, building codes, fire safety, sanitation and cartage/ dumping. The congregation has already identified two local architects who may be able to help them and who will be interviewed next week. They have already identified their contractor. The NCC staff has a copy of the sketches that the members prepared for the selected architect.

The congregation has already settled with their insurance company and has used part of the insurance proceeds to purchase just under 7 acres located close to town and in a more visible location. They plan to keep the old site as it houses their cemetery. The congregation will demolish the burned structure, after the new facility is built and plans for the old site will be put together after the new structure is finished.

The immediate concerns of the congregation are to meet and select their architect, set up a separate account at their bank for construction funds, attempt to get General Liability Insurance (and to be sure the contractor carries Builder's Risk Insurance) and to have preliminary site tests performed (for water percolation and soil compaction). They will have to decide whether to hook up to the municipal water and sewage or to dig their own well and install a septic system. Those decisions will be decided by an analysis of future municipal fees and the initial capital outlay for the systems versus the cost of initial hook up.

**Gay's Hill Baptist
Millen, Georgia
50 Members
Rev. Harry Baldwin, Pastor**

**Date of Visit: 7/19/96
Square Footage: 3660 SF
Prelim. Estimate: \$60 SF
\$ 220,000**

Summary:

The congregation seriously thought about relocating closer to town and trying to build day care and community facilities. However, after much debate, they have decided to rebuild on their current property which is about a 20 minute drive outside of Millen, Georgia. One of their members was able to borrow equipment to clear the site for them after the fire. The national NCC staff has already arranged for a mobile unit (pod) to be delivered so that Services can be held during the rebuilding process. It should be in place and operable by end of week, 7/27/96. The treasurer of the church has already established separate accounts for the building fund and they have deposited insurance proceeds and all donations to date in it.

The church is located in a municipality that has some building regulations, but they do not appear to be too complicated or too restrictive. They think that a local contractor can sign for building permits, but this will be confirmed for them by the NCC Task Force. The site already has water (a well) and a septic system. Tests are needed to insure quality and to verify capacities that will accommodate the new facilities. The congregation was quite articulate about their programmatic needs (e.g. they would like a Baptismal font and an Apple computer for their office and to track their finances). Since their previous building had been vandalized repeatedly in the past, they are quite aware about their need for a security system and for a tie-in to the local sheriff's office. They also acknowledged that their congregation included 18 children and were excited by the idea of exploring with a site planner the uses they could make of their parking lot and side yards.

The congregation has identified a local contractor to work with, one who will allow the members of the congregation who have trade licenses to work with him at no cost. They asked that the NCC Task Force locate for them, if possible, a local architect who could help represent their interests and concerns throughout the building process to the contractor. Insurance also remains a question, for both the contractor and the congregation.

St. Paul's Primitive Baptist
Lauderdale, Mississippi
54 Members
Rev. Johnny MacDonald, Pastor

Date of Visit: 7/17/96
Proposed Building: 2800 SF
Prelim. Estimate: @ \$60 SF
\$168,000

Summary:

This congregation has been taken in hand by the local representative of the NAACP, Obie Clark, who has also volunteered to serve as a local general contractor. He will coordinate the purchase of supplies from local businesses, where feasible. The church's lot in Lauderdale, MS is outside of any municipal building regulations; however, the task force stressed the need to insist on the use of licensed tradespeople. The Task Force had a conversation with the congregation's insurance agent that focused on the type of building materials that would be needed in order for the congregation to qualify for general liability insurance. The agent appeared willing and eager to help. However, the next day, it was learned that no carrier was willing to write a policy for this congregation. Rev. MacDonald had already been in touch with a local architect, who had produced a schematic set of plans, complete with preliminary specifications. Cost estimates can easily be gotten from the plans as they are. Mr. Clark and the NCC staff will work together to locate and price out what can be gotten through donations. The volunteer labor has been located (Montgomery County, Md. has expressed interest in "adopting" this particular congregation).

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Fresh
tomatoes in
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season.



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State lakes

Commission to
decide on lake
recreation.

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Real People: People make life enjoyable

Working with people is what makes the Rev. Johnny McDonald's life more enjoyable.

McDonald, who grew up in the Tomola Community in Lauderdale County near the Kemper County line, is a graduate of East Kemper High School in Scooba and East Mississippi Community College in Scooba.

Following school, the Lauderdale County native said he began doing different odds and ends until four years ago, when he took on a job at Smith Bakery.

McDonald, who began preaching about two years ago, now pastors St. Paul Primitive Baptist Church in Lauderdale.

The minister said it's his involvement with people that he enjoys the most.

"Most of all, I enjoy working with people," he said. "I like get-



McDonald

I come in contact with," he said. "I love working with the senior citizens because I'm now able to sit down and gain things from them.

"I love visiting the elderly people and being able to minister to them because they give me spiritual strength as well," McDonald added.

"With the young people, I try to

ting to know people and being able to help people."

McDonald said he enjoys working with all age groups.

"The spirit of God motivates me and I'm able to learn from some and teach others who

be a light for them. What they are going through, I've already been there and I'm able to help them through whatever they are going through."

McDonald is married to Valerie and they have one two-year-old son, Johnny Rashad McDonald.

McDonald, who grew up at St. Paul, said he believes that God has put him in his ministry for a reason.

"I'm there for a reason and everything has gone fine there," he said. "We are making changes as I am working to bring the church on a more up-to-date method and bring them closer together."

"I, along with the Rev. Willie Burton, my assistant pastor, have been able to make some great achievements," McDonald added.

"God has enabled us to do a lot."

— By Eloria Newell James

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National Council of Churches: BURNED CHURCHES FUND
Preliminary Assessment Database

Info Date:

22 July 96

Church	Site	Number of Members	Estimated Replacement Cost	Insured Amount	Status of Claims	Interim Expenses	Capital Purchase to date	Donations to date	GROSS FUNDING GAP	Notes:
Gay's Hill Baptist	GA	50	142,000	28,000	paid	450	4,500	7,000	102,050	bought pews
St. Zion AME	SC	192	250,000	110,000	paid	2,500	90,000	30,000	17,500	pd off 90K mortgage
New Hope Baptist	WA	350	1,500,000	650,000	paid	70,000	0	147,000	633,000	
Mt. Zoar Baptist	AL	40	180,000	1,000	paid	0	0	40,000	139,000	
St. Paul's Prim. Bapt	MS	54	93,600	0	none	0	0	5,000	88,600	
Friendship Miss. Bapt	TN	250	400,000	20,000	paid	5,000	0	0	375,000	
Butler Chapel AME	SC	125	250,000	70,000	paid	600	18,000	5,000	156,400	bought land/relocate
Inner City Church	TN	400	1,400,000	533,000	paid	50,000	200,000	0	617,000	pd off 200K mortgage
Cumulative Total to date:									\$2,128,550	

**Center for Democratic Renewal, Black Church Questionnaire
Firebombed Burned, Vandalized**

Name of Church Hammond Grove Baptist Church No. Augusta, SC (Revised)

Pastors Name Rev. Bobby Hankerson P.O. Box 6745 N. Augusta, SC 29841

Church Officers? Dea. Dock Abraham Chair Dea. Bd.; Sis. Marilyn Abraham, Adm. Sec.

How old is the church? 126 Years old

Number of members? 325

Date and Time Burned / Vandalized? Vandalized, March 8&9, 1996. Morning hours

Was the church insured? Yes **By Whom?** Southern Mutual, Columbia

Extent of damage to the church? \$24,000

Materials / Explosives Used? Sprayed fire extinguisher chemical, poured liquid soap in computers and electronic equipment

Who did the investigation? Aiken County Sheriff's Department

Have you rebuilt? Yes **Status:** Complete

Does the church have a rebuilding fund? No

Name of contact person other than pastor? Mrs. Marilyn Abraham, church secretary 803 441-8209

Address for church fund? N/A

\$Total Damage Amount \$24,000

\$ Insurance \$23,500

\$ Gifts Received \$??.??

\$ Estimated Replacement Cost \$24,000

"BURNED CHURCHES"

FACT SHEET

For More Information: Betty Thompson, NCCC News Director 1-212-870-2048

SITUATION:

36 black churches have been burned in the last 18 months. Since 1990, over 82 church buildings, largely African-American have been severely desecrated as well as synagogues, mosques, and other places of worship. The surfacing of racism again in this cowardly epidemic reveals its ongoing virulence in our common life.

ACTIONS TO DATE:

For the past 8 months the NCCC has focused on the burned and desecrated African-American church buildings in the following ways:

1. STAFF: NCCC hired The Rev. Mac Charles Jones as Associate to the General Secretary to bring racial justice to the center of the NCCC agenda. In his initial work, Jones began conversations with Pastors of Burned Churches to determine the possible roles for the NCCC.
2. BOARD ACTION: The Executive Board of the NCCC declared the Church Burnings to be a "National Disaster" on May 21, 1996.
3. NCCC through Church World Service announced a \$1 million appeal initially and later revised it to \$2 million on May 22, 1996. With recurring burnings, the appeal was revised to \$4 million dollars on June 10, 1996.
4. President Clinton, after NCCC urging, directed all federal agencies to work together to apprehend the culprits of the Burned Churches and pledged federal support.
5. NCCC responds to Burned Churches crisis by pledging its resources and attention.
6. NCCC provided pastoral care and support for local communities and congregations.
7. NCCC conducted on-site visits of Burned Churches throughout the South and Southwestern United States.
8. NCCC deployed program staff, public relations counsel, and support staff.
9. NCCC developed the involvement of member communions through a program leadership committee.
10. NCCC effected collaborative research and legal investigation relationships with the Center for Democratic Renewal (CDR) and the Center for Constitutional Rights (CCR).
11. NCCC through the executive leadership of the General Secretary, the elected officers of the NCCC and the 33 heads of the member communions have been kept alert to activities and participated in policy guidance.
12. NCCC conducted a program of public interpretation, media contact and advocacy with the highest levels of government, placing the issue at the center of public interest and action.
13. NCCC arranged for 38 pastors of burned churches to meet in Washington, D.C. with President Bill Clinton.

14. President Clinton focused his June 8, 1996 Saturday AM Radio Broadcast on the burned churches and had two of the pastors to be present with him during the broadcast.
15. The NCCC and The White House worked together to plan the visit of President Clinton to the newly built Mt. Zion AME Church in Greeleyville, S.C.
16. The NCCC offered "A Service of Compassion and Consolation" at the Pleasant Lane Baptist Church in Washington, D.C. on Sunday, June 9th involving pastors of burned and other religious leaders including Dr. Henry Lyons, President of the National Baptist Convention USA.
17. The first gift of \$20,000 was presented by the National Council of Churches General Secretary, The Rev. Dr. Joan Brown Campbell to Bishop John Hurst Adams for the Mt. Zion AME Church in Greeleyville, South Carolina to assist with rebuilding costs.
18. NCCC has received \$1 million gift from the Andreas Foundation of the Archer Daniels Midland Company to assist the work of the NCCC in the re-building of Burned Churches.
19. The Ford Foundation initiated efforts with a coalition of foundations to bring an estimated \$1.7 million in financial support for the restoration of the Burned Churches and to assist the work of the NCCC to address the root causes of racism. The coalition of foundations includes The Pew Charitable Trusts, The Annenberg Foundation, The W.K. Kellogg Foundation, The Rockefeller Foundation, The John D. & Catherine T. McArthur Foundation, and The Charles Stewart Mott Foundation.
20. The NCCC created a video to relate the story of the burned churches which is available distribution (See Informational Resources Section)
21. The National Conference of Catholic Bishops and the American Jewish Committee have partnered together to solicit support from their memberships for the **NCCC Burned Churches Fund**

FUTURE ACTION PLANS:

1. NCCC will work with Habitat for Humanity to establish work teams to help rebuild the Burned Churches.
2. NCCC will work with United Way to urge local community involvement and financial support.
3. NCCC will develop Jewish and Roman Catholic collaboration in response to the Burned Churches.
4. NCCC Department of Communication is producing a brochure to summarize information and responses.
5. President Bill Clinton has called a Summit of Governors to strategize additional steps that can be taken on behalf of the Burned Churches and NCCC General Secretary Campbell will convene religious leaders in a summit conference to further the work of the NCCC and its cooperating partners
6. Time-Warner, Inc. through their Elektra Records division will sponsor a musical event to benefit the **NCCC Burned Churches Fund**.
7. **A major long-distance telephone supplier has interest in soliciting customers donations on behalf of the NCCC Burned Churches Fund.**

WAYS TO HELP:

1. **FINANCIAL SUPPORT:** (Make checks payable to National Council of Churches marked **Burned Churches Fund** and mail c/o National Council of Churches, 475 Riverside Drive, New York, NY 10115.
For credit card contributions call 1-800-762-0968.
2. **ADVOCACY:** Speak up and speak out for equality and justice for all people.
3. **EDUCATE:** Talk with your church members, friends and family utilizing resources of NCCC to help them become aware of this national tragedy.
4. **PRAY:** Direct your personal prayers on behalf of a more humane, just and compassionate society.
5. **SUNDAY WORSHIP:** Ask your Pastor to dedicate your local church Sunday worship to the problems of the Burned Churches include sermon, education hour and a special offering to be sent to the NCCC **Burned Churches Fund**

INFORMATIONAL RESOURCES:

General Inquiries/Information Requests:

Church World Service - 212-870-2257 or

Office of the General Secretary - 212-870-2141

Telephone Update: (Updated Daily) Call 1-800-456-1310 for daily reports.

Video: "Church Burnings" created by NCCC/CWS Staff
Contact Mel Lehman, CWS for a copy; 1-212-870-3004

Printed Materials: A collection of news items and related reports.
Contact Sandra Peters for a copy; 1-212-870-2298

Speakers:

The Rev. Dr. Joan Brown Campbell, NCCC General Secretary - 1-212-870-2281
The Rev. Mac Charles Jones, NCCC Associate to the General Secretary - 1-212-870-2360
The Rev. Dr. Robert Polk, NCCC Deputy General Secretary - 1-212-870-2491
The Rev. Dr. Rodney Page, NCCC Deputy General Secretary - 1-212-870-2426
The Rev. Dr. Albert Pennybacker, NCCC Director of Public Policy - 1-212-870-3260

Media Assistance:

-- NCCC Communications Staff - Betty Thompson - 1-212-870-2048
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WHO ARE THE NCC, CDR and CCR?

The **National Council of Churches (NCC)**, with headquarters in New York City, is the preeminent expression in the United States of the movement for Christian unity.

Comprised of 33 Protestant and Orthodox member denominations, including most of the nation's historic African American denominations, the NCC has a total constituency of 52 million. From its formation in 1950, the NCC has spoken and acted consistently and forcefully for racial justice and civil rights against racism. Other programs and projects of the Council include: international disaster relief, refugee assistance and development aid; educational and worship resources for congregations; Bible translation; and efforts that bring people of faith together to address poverty. Contact: 212-870-2252.

The **Center for Democratic Renewal (CDR)** is an Atlanta based national research and action center which organizes against hate groups and institutional racism.. Formerly the National Anti-Klan Network, the CDR is a leader in the monitoring of white supremacist activity on local, national and international levels and has chronicled and investigated the growth of the white supremacist movement and its new faces. CDR helps communities combat groups, movements and government practices that promote hatred and bigotry through briefings, reports and trainings. A multi-racial group founded in 1979, CDR advances a vision of a democratic, diverse and just society free of racism and bigotry and is committed to public policies based on equity and justice. Contact: 404-221-0025.

The **Center for Constitutional Rights (CCR)** is a public interest law group based in New York City. At the forefront of struggles for social justice and social change for nearly three decades, CCR has successfully brought civil suits against the Klan and is preparing to bring legal action against perpetrators of the church attacks. CCR has also won several important international human rights cases, including a suit against Haitian leader Prosper Averill for the torture of pro-democracy activists and a \$47.5 million suit against Hector Gramajo, defense minister of Guatemala, for human rights violations. CCR is involved in women's rights and environmental justice cases, as well. Known for its innovative and creative legal work, CCR also advises individuals and groups on constitutional issues. Contact: 212-614-6464.

THE BURNED CHURCHES FUND

Restoring the Churches and Challenging the Racism Behind These Acts of Violence

Goal: \$4,000,000

The Burned Churches Fund addresses the restoration of the burned churches, overwhelmingly African-American. It is being developed and administered through the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the USA (NCCC). The NCCC in this way is serving the concerns of the religious community, related partners and the public as a whole. Since 1990, over 80 church buildings, largely African-American have been severely desecrated as well as synagogues, mosques, and other places of worship. The surfacing of racism again in this cowardly epidemic reveals its ongoing virulence in our common life.

The Burned Churches Fund provides a central, inclusive and collaborative vehicle, not only for restoring what has been destroyed but also for engaging root causes. The NCCC recently convened 38 black pastors in Washington, DC (June 9-10) to bring their stories to government officials. As a result the President of the U.S. has made this concern a priority for his administration. The Department of Justice, especially through the Civil Rights Division and the FBI, is now strongly committed to action. Also, the Department of Treasury through the ATF Agency is actively engaged in investigation and enforcement. The NCCC is the oldest and largest American ecumenical body representing 33 member communions (national denominations) whose combined membership totals 51 million gathered in 140,000 local congregations.

Present Activities:

For the past 8 months the NCCC has focused on the burned and desecrated African-American church buildings in the following ways:

- * provided pastoral care and support for local communities and congregations,
- * conducted on-site visits through the South and Southwest,
- * deployed program staff, public relations counsel, and support staff,
- * developed the involvement of member communions through a program leadership committee,
- * effective collaborative research and legal investigation relationships with the Center for Democratic Renewal (CDR) and the Center for Constitutional Rights (CCR),
- * through the executive leadership of the General Secretary, the elected officers of the NCCC and the 33 heads of the member communions have been kept alert to activities and participated in policy guidance,
- * conducted a program of public interpretation, media contact and advocacy with the highest levels of government, placing the issue at the center of public interest and action.

The Burned Churches Fund

Goal: \$4,000,000

Development of the Burned Churches Fund:

Based on information gathered at the sites of the burnings and an assessment of the needs of the victimized congregations, the NCCC's Executive Board authorized the establishment of the Burned Churches Fund on May 22, 1996. A "National Disaster" appeal was immediately sent to the member churches. Additional funds are being received day by day.

Uses of the Fund:

The primary purpose of the Burned Churches Fund is effectively to restore the burned and desecrated African-American Church buildings and other places of worship which have been victimized in the current wave of racism and bigotry. Many have no insurance coverage and many more are finding their coverage painfully inadequate.

Expense Budgets

Burned Churches Fund

A. Restoration \$3,725,000

Through the Grants Committee and the grant making process described below, the funds will support the reconstruction of the burned churches, overwhelmingly African-American.

B. Challenging Racist Violence \$ 275,000

Three activities focused on the underlying racism that drives the burnings will be supported:

Advocacy with governmental units to investigate and to prosecute the guilty and also to provide appropriate protection for those hurt or vulnerable.

Develop "crisis teams" for immediate deployment in any community where burnings or acts of desecration occur.

Sensitivity to and understanding of racism through public interpretation and educational activities both broadly through religious institutions and in public and secular settings.

Burned Churches Fund Total \$4,000,000

Governance:

1. NCCC Executive Board of 52 members representing the 33 member communions carries policy authority for the NCCC, including the Burned Churches Fund.
2. The Grants Committee of 12-15 members will be chaired by the NCCC General Secretary. Interfaith, business and national leaders being invited to serve include The Honorable Andrew Young, John Cardinal Keeler, Vernon Jordan, Dr. Dorothy Height, and Rabbi James Rudin. Six African-American pastors whose buildings have been burned or desecrated will be asked to serve, as well as Dr. Diane Porter, Senior Program Officer of The Episcopal Church. NCCC Staff participants will include Dr. Mac Charles Jones (Associate for Racial Justice), Dr. Robert Polk (Deputy General Secretary for National Ministries), and Dr. Rodney Page (Deputy General Secretary for Church World Service).
3. Other NCCC constituency and staff bodies will support the Burned Churches Fund, especially those directing the challenge to racism and leading the income development fund.

THE FORD FOUNDATION
320 EAST 43RD STREET
NEW YORK, NEW YORK 10017

**Press Statement for National Council of Churches of Christ
Press Conference 6/20/96, New York, NY**

New York, NY -- A group of seven foundation presidents today pledged support totaling \$1.7 million to a fund to assist primarily African American congregations rebuild churches destroyed in the recent series of firebombings. The presidents, who include the leaders of several of the country's largest private foundations, also called on communities to undertake efforts to combat racial, ethnic and religious hatred. More than 30 African American churches in 10 states have been severely damaged or destroyed by suspected arson attacks in the past eighteen months, the worst rash of such race related violence since the 1960's. Over 80 places of worship (including churches, mosques and synagogues) have been desecrated since 1990.

The contributing organizations include the Annenberg Foundation, The Ford Foundation, the W.K. Kellogg Foundation, The John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation, the Charles Stewart Mott Foundation, The Pew Charitable Trusts, and The Rockefeller Foundation. The funds will go to the National Council of Churches to build the Council's \$4 million Burned Churches Fund. The Reverend Dr. Joan Campbell, general secretary of the Council, said the funds for rebuilding local churches will be matched by contributions from member churches and other religious organizations, as well as private foundations and corporate donors.

The seven foundation presidents signed the following statement: "With these contributions to the Burned Churches Fund, we respond to the spirit and resolve of the pastors and their congregations to stand against racial and religious intolerance. The pastors and the communities will rebuild the churches with the support we and others can help generate. The greater challenge is to combat the hatred and bigotry that produce this kind of lawlessness. We must make clear that there is no place for this behavior in our democratic society. Along with the overwhelming majority of people in the United States, we hope that those responsible for such acts will be brought to justice. And we urge leaders of schools, government, civic and business organizations to recognize and address intolerance and bigotry."

Dr. Campbell said, "The funds will be used for the rebuilding program and related efforts to combat intolerance. They also send a powerful message that there is deep concern about these racially motivated acts of violence across the nation. Through the Fund, we will also continue to focus our efforts on activities to address the underlying causes of racism and religious prejudice."

Listing of all the foundations
with contacts:

National Council of Churches
Reverend Dr. Joan Brown Campbell
475 Riverside Drive, Rm 880
New York, NY 10015
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(212) 870-2048

The Annenberg Foundation
Ambassador Walter Annenberg
Contact: Gail Levin, Senior Program Officer
(610) 341-9066

The Ford Foundation
Susan V. Berresford, President
Contact: Robert Curvin, Vice President for Communications
(212) 573-4634

W.K. Kellogg Foundation
Dr. William C. Richardson, President and CEO
Contact: Karen Lake, Director of Communications
(616) 968-1611

The John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation
Adele Simmons, President
Contact: Ray Boyer, Director of Communications
(312) 726-8000

Charles Stewart Mott Foundation
William S. White, Chairman
Contact: Judy Samelson, Vice President, Communications
(313) 238-5651

The Pew Charitable Trusts
Rebecca Rimel, President and CEO
Contact: Keith McKeown
(215) 575-4810

The Rockefeller Foundation
Peter Goldmark, President
Contact: Denise Gray-Felder
(212) 852-8450

Statement to the Press
by The Rev. Dr. Joan Brown Campbell
on the State of the Burned Churches
Thursday, June 20, 1996
at the Interchurch Center
New York City

Good morning and welcome! We are a nation founded on the principle of religious liberty. This principle defines America and sets this nation apart. In a country that correctly takes pride in every citizen's right to worship when and where they please, free of fear of coercion the burning of churches and the desecration of places of worship is a violation of all that we as Americans hold dear.

When the churches burned are overwhelmingly African American churches then these tragic burnings sear our souls and stand as a stark reminder of the larger damage done to the African American community over the years.

Once again racism rears its ugly head. The evidence of hatred is left at the site of burned churches - racial epithets scorched in the ground - crosses desecrated - graves overturned. The reason for the burnings is clear to the pastors of these churches who must deal with frightening insulting phone calls and threats to family and congregation. As we approach the yearly celebration of Independence Day it is unthinkable that so many should live in fear.

The National Council of Churches of Christ in the USA has a long history of battling against racism and intolerance. Now almost two years ago we felt the rising tide of bigotry - listened with horror to hate radio - heard politicians propose to dismantle the safety net for the poor - and made a decision that racial justice had to be the Council's number one priority. The Rev. Mac Charles Jones - pastor of St. Steven's Baptist Church in Kansas City - was hired to become the General Secretary's Associate for Racial Justice and charged with the responsibility of challenging the member churches of the Council. Rev. Jones, working with the Center for Democratic Renewal (CDR) and the Center for Constitutional Rights, (both represented here today) began to delve into the growth of white supremacy groups and the burning of Black churches. The CDR report that you have in your press packets documents the progression of these burnings. Visits to the churches made it incandescently clear - something had to be done!

It was the decision to gather 38 pastors of burned churches in Washington, DC, that brought national attention to this issue. Three of those pastors are here today to tell you their own story even as they told it to President Clinton, to Attorney General Janet Reno, Secretary of the Treasury, Ruben. The burning of African American Churches is no longer hidden. It is on the national agenda and Americans of good will are responding in unprecedented ways. They are morally outraged and ready to go to work.

On May 21, 1996 the Executive Board of the National Council of Churches declared the church burnings to be a national disaster and established the **BURNED CHURCHES FUND**. Through the NCCC's relief and development arm, Church World Service and Witness (CWSW), an appeal for 1 million dollars was issued. Subsequently, as the magnitude of the need became more clear, the appeal was increased to 4 million dollars. As of this morning the churches of the NCCC, represented here today by Bishop Craig Anderson, of The Episcopal Church, President-Elect of the NCCC; a representative of the United Methodist Church, Associate General Secretary, The Rev. Dr. Kenneth Lutgen, Jr.; The Right Rev. Charles McDermott representing Bishop Edmond Browning, Primate of The Episcopal Church, have pledged over \$500,000, with many churches yet to report their pledges.

The Burned Churches Fund provides a central inclusive and collaborative vehicle not only for restoring what has been destroyed but also for uncovering root causes. The Fund is a tangible expression for all who would stand against racial and religious intolerance.

Gathered here today in support of this effort are a unique set of partners. Never before in my history of almost 35 years serving in the ecumenical movement have such a diverse group of foundations, social agencies and faith groups come together around a common goal.

We are especially grateful to Mrs. Susan Beresford, President of the Ford Foundation for her leadership in calling the foundation community to respond to this urgent need. Mrs. Beresford will announce the foundation response.

The participating foundations are:

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The Annenberg Foundation

The W.K. Kellogg Foundation

The Rockefeller Foundation

The John D. & Catherine T. McArthur Foundation

The Charles Stewart Mott Foundation

We are pleased to have with us, Mrs. Dwayne Andreas, trustee of the Andreas Foundation. The Andreas Foundation gave the initial gift to the Burned Churches Fund of 1 million dollars.

The interfaith nature of the response is made evident by the presence of Rabbi James Rudin of the American Jewish Congress (AJC) and Rabbi David Saperstein, Director of the Religious Action Center of Reformed Judaism.

The breadth of the Christian community is made clear through the presence of The Rev. Don Hammond, from the National Association of Evangelicals, Bishop L. H. Winbush of the Church of God in Christ, and the Roman Catholic Bishops, meeting at this hour in Portland, Oregon, have sent their words of support.

The Congress of National Black Churches have agreed to be our partners in this effort as has Habitat for Humanity. As I mentioned earlier we are deeply indebted to the Center for Democratic Renewal represented here today by its chair, Rev. C. T. Vivian and the Center for Constitutional Rights by its Director, Mr. Ron Daniels.

For all of us who would support and stand with these churches, their congregations and their families in their hour of need we are most grateful. We are most blessed today to have with us these pastors:

**The Rev. Harry Baldwin, Gayshill Baptist Church
Millen, Georgia**

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**REMARKS OF SUSAN V. BERRESFORD,
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TODAY 7 FOUNDATIONS PLEDGE \$1.7 MILLION TO
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DESTROYED OR DAMAGED IN RECENT ATTACKS.

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RELIGIOUS EXPRESSION. AS YOU KNOW, WE
HAVE STRUGGLED TO MAKE RIGHTS AND
OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE TO ALL PEOPLE.
TODAY WE SHOULD ALL CHERISH THE FREEDOM
TO LIVE, WORK AND WORSHIP IN PEACE AND
SAFETY. SADLY, THE RECENT ATTACKS UPON
SANCTUARIES AND HOUSES OF WORSHIP
VIOLATE THESE TRADITIONS AND OFFEND THE
MOST FUNDAMENTAL SENSE OF HUMAN
DECENCY.

WE MUST SPEAK OUT AND ADDRESS THESE ATTACKS WITH FIRM RESOLVE. AND WE MUST JOIN TOGETHER TO DECLARE THAT ALTHOUGH HARM HAS BEEN DONE, THIS IS A TIME FOR RECONCILIATION AND COMMUNITY BUILDING.

I WOULD LIKE TO READ A STATEMENT THAT THE PRESIDENTS OF ALL SEVEN FOUNDATIONS SIGNED YESTERDAY:

WITH THESE CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE BURNED CHURCHES FUND, WE RESPOND TO THE SPIRIT AND RESOLVE OF THE PASTORS AND THEIR CONGREGATIONS TO STAND AGAINST RACIAL AND RELIGIOUS INTOLERANCE. THE PASTORS AND COMMUNITIES WILL REBUILD THE CHURCHES WITH THE SUPPORT WE AND OTHERS CAN HELP GENERATE.

THE GREATER CHALLENGE IS TO COMBAT THE HATRED AND BIGOTRY THAT PRODUCE THIS KIND OF LAWLESSNESS. WE MUST MAKE CLEAR THAT THERE IS NO PLACE FOR THIS BEHAVIOR IN OUR DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY. ALONG WITH THE OVERWHELMING MAJORITY OF PEOPLE IN THE UNITED STATES, WE HOPE THAT THOSE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ATTACKS WILL BE BROUGHT TO JUSTICE. AND WE URGE LEADERS OF SCHOOLS, GOVERNMENT, CIVIC AND

**BUSINESS ORGANIZATIONS TO RECOGNIZE AND
ADDRESS INTOLERANCE AND BIGOTRY.**



**NAE & National Black Evangelical Association & World Relief Corporation
Joint Task Force on Racial Reconciliation**

Call for Action

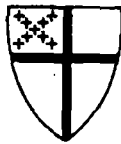
As representatives of 52 Protestant denominations and thousands of independent churches which have been working together to break down racial barriers between African-American and White churches, we condemn the bigotry and violence that lies at the root of many of the burnings of African-American churches in the South over the past 18 months. We are calling on our member denominations and churches to stand united, in both word and deed, with their brothers and sisters in the faith during these dark days.

We agree with President Clinton that "the destruction of a place of worship is a depraved act of violence," which strikes the heart of every American by threatening our cherished freedom to worship in safety. The fact that these acts are racially motivated fills us with pain and anger. As Christians, we know that racism is an affront to God, who has created all men and women in His image. As Americans, we know that racially motivated violence is an assault upon the fundamental civil rights we hold dear.

The attacks against the churches are particularly abhorrent because of the rich history and role of the African-American church in our culture. These churches were born in the hard soil of slavery, and they nurtured and sustained the faith of African-Americans through generations of suffering and injustice. These churches provided the moral compass for the civil rights movement of the 1950's and 60's, when courageous men and women stood up, spoke out, and risked their lives to bring an end to the unjust segregation and disenfranchisement of American citizens based on the color of their skin. Today, these churches continue to be places where millions of families look to for spiritual nourishment, moral leadership, and community life. We must do all we can to ensure that they remain havens of safety and peace in their communities. Those who seek to terrorize must know that bigotry and violence will not be tolerated.

We cannot stand silently on the sidelines and allow our brothers and sisters in the faith to endure this trial alone. As Christians, we must be committed to living out the biblical mandate of Galatians 6:10: "So then, as often as we have the chance, we should do good to everyone, especially to those who belong to our family in faith." To this end, the National Black Evangelical Association and the National Association of Evangelicals have asked World Relief, the assistance arm of the National Association of Evangelicals, to establish a fund to assist the churches that have been destroyed in their rebuilding efforts. We urge our member denominations and churches to join us in sharing the resources God has provided to us with these brothers and sisters who have suffered great loss.

Donations to the NBEA/NAE/World Relief "*Partnership Fund to Rebuild the Churches*" should be made to World Relief, Rebuild the Churches, Dept. 9, P.O. Box WRC, Wheaton, IL 60189, 1-800-535-LIFE.



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June 20, 1996

The following is a true copy of a Resolution adopted by the Executive Council at its meeting June 10-13, 1996 in Charleston, West Virginia, at which a quorum was present and voting.

Resolved, that the Executive Council, meeting in Charleston, WV, expresses its deep anguish and concern over the rise in the attacks against and burning of Houses of Worship and other civic institutions and condemns the purveyors of hate who create a climate that inspire arson against Black and Multi-Racial churches; and be it further

Resolved, that the Executive Council commends the National Council of the Churches of Christ, the Center for Democratic Renewal and the Center for Constitutional Rights for their pastoral work in reaching out to all the affected pastors and for their leadership in bringing this important issue to the public's attention; and be it further

Resolved, that the Executive Council supports the Clinton Administration in giving high priority to the ongoing investigations being conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and Department of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms; and be it further

Resolved, that the Executive Council urges congregations, dioceses, and other Episcopal Church bodies, to find tangible ways to assist in the rebuilding of these churches and support these congregations in their loss; and be it further

Resolved, that the Executive Council extends its prayers for all who have been affected by the burnings and requests that copies of this resolution be sent to appropriate government offices and church partners.

EXPLANATION

As you will read in the report that has been provided Black and Multi-Racial Churches Fire-Bombed, A View of Racism, Collusion and Complicity and as you may have heard in the news, the recent spate of burning of Black churches and civic institutions are overt acts

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of racism being undertaken , for the most part, by members of white supremacist and neo-Nazi organizations. The NCCC Task Force has labeled these burnings "Domestic Terrorism!" For a time there was the complete denial that these burnings were racially motivated but the work of the NCCC Task Force has proven to practically everyone's satisfaction that these crimes and burnings are not only racially motivated but in some instances they are linked to a group initiation ritual.

The Episcopal Church has taken a leadership role in the work of the Task Force and in the commitment of resources to the ecumenical effort. The Presiding Bishop's Fund for World Relief and the Presiding Bishop, through his discretionary fund, have provided direct financial support to three of the churches in Alabama.

The Council's passage of this resolution would be yet another tangible sign of the witness of the Episcopal Church in support of those who have been affected and the search for justice.



The Rev. Canon Donald A. Nickerson, Jr.
Secretary of the Executive Council and the Domestic
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**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE PRESIDING BISHOP'S FUND FOR WORLD RELIEF of the EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Meeting in New York City, June 5, 1996**

WHEREAS: Racism continues to be a scourge on our nation; and

WHEREAS: Racism in all of its manifestations is a sin against God
and our neighbors; and

WHEREAS: The recent series of burnings of black and multi-racial churches has brought
this endemic evil to the world's attention; and

WHEREAS: The Episcopal Church is responding in partnership with
ecumenical groups.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board of the Presiding
Bishop's Fund for World Relief express its outrage and pain over these acts of
violence, condemning the actions of the perpetrators and the cultures that
support them; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Board of the Presiding Bishop's
Fund for World Relief strongly recommends that the Bishops of the Episcopal
Church take leadership by initiating actions that result in:

- (a) prayer for healing from the insidious disease of racism;
- (b) financial, human and spiritual support for the specific churches
affected by the violence;
- (c) effective programs that will demonstrate the
Episcopal Church's Christian solidarity with the affected churches
through education, affirmative community action, and full participation
of its members in God's church as called for in the Gospel; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Board of the Presiding Bishop's
Fund for World Relief initiate a national effort to raise an initial \$100,000
for the purpose of restoring congregational life to the affected communities.

For more information, please contact the Presiding Bishop's Fund for World Relief at 1-800-
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AS MORE AFRICAN-AMERICAN CHURCHES BURN, EVANGELICAL GROUPS CALL CHURCHES TO ACTION

WHEATON, Ill. -- The National Black Evangelical Association, the National Association of Evangelicals and World Relief issued a joint Call for Action yesterday, condemning the bigotry and violence that lies at the root of many of the 33 fires at African-American churches in the South over the past 18 months. The statement calls on churches to stand united, in both word and deed, with the victims during these dark days, and announces that a fund has been established to help African-American churches rebuild.

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To assist churches in their rebuilding efforts, The National Black Evangelical Association and the National Association of Evangelicals requested that World Relief establish a specific fund for the victimized churches.

"These are troubling days in America!" says Dr. Art Gay, President of World Relief. "Attacks on African-American churches must not go unchallenged. Evangelical churches will respond with funds to rebuild churches in need...but more, to show our unity before God. When one is attacked, we are all hurt and violated."

World Relief is the international assistance arm of the National Association of Evangelicals. For interviews with Dr. Gay, or a copy of the Call for Action, contact Linda Keys at (708) 665-0236, ext. 202. Interviews with Rev. Aaron Hamlin, President of the National Black Evangelical Association, can be arranged by contacting (503) 288-8550.

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"Rebuilding Faith in America: A Jewish Response to Church Burnings"

Statement of Rabbi David Saperstein
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Press Conference
at the
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June 20, 1996

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In sorrow and in solidarity, we stand today with the African American community, and all caring Americans, to fight the racism that has destroyed nearly fifty churches in the South. As Jews, we know from bitter history that to strike at one's sacred places of worship is to strike at the heart and soul of a religion, a community, a people. The special religious, educational, communal, and moral role played by the Black Church in the life of the African American community makes these venal acts of destruction particularly alarming.

Nearly two millennia ago, we suffered the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem, this tragedy ranks with the Holocaust as the greatest tragedy of Jewish history. On July 25th, when on the holiday of *Tisha B'av* this event is once again remembered in sorrow, we are asking all Reform Jewish synagogues to include special prayers for the congregants and congregations in the

South who have suffered from this plague of violence in our own time.

These arsons remind us as well of that night 58 years ago in Germany, the night called Kristallnacht — the night of the shattered glass — when Jews saw the Holocaust begin with the senseless destruction of our synagogues. We remember all too vividly that it was apathy and indifference that encouraged the hate-mongers to continue.

Thank God, America is different. Thank God, that so many from the religious and philanthropic communities are gathered here today to say that this destruction cannot — will not — be tolerated in our great nation.

The Union of American Hebrew Congregations (UAHC) in cooperation with the Central Conference of American Rabbis (CCAR), representing 1650 rabbis, almost 900 congregations, and a total of more than 1.5 million Reform Jews in North America, will not stand idle. We join with the National Council of Churches — and commend them for their leadership in responding to this crisis — as well as with other religious groups to respond in our own way, today launching a national campaign entitled: *Rebuilding Faith in America: A Jewish Response to Church Burnings*. This campaign will include:

- Raising funds from our synagogues nationwide to be distributed by the vitally important *Burned Churches Fund* coordinated by the NCC;
- asking each of our thirteen regions to develop an ongoing partnership with one of the affected churches and to work together in addressing both the long term needs of the churches and common concerns of our community;
- urging our synagogues in the affected areas to reach out to churches and mosques so as to form citizen coalitions that will monitor anti-religious activities; and
- urging our synagogues to incorporate prayers for the affected congregations on *Tisha B'av*.

These efforts will be directed toward not only expressing solidarity with the victims of these unspeakable crimes, but toward forging all-important human connections between the congregants of these synagogues and the congregants of these churches, as well as taking the first steps toward ensuring that such acts will not happen again.

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NBEA/NAE/WR PARTNER TO REBUILD CHURCHES

As More Black Churches Burn, Evangelical Groups Call Churches to Action

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Aaron Hamlin, executive director of NBEA, states, "The fire burning of African-American churches is not only appalling, but shows the strong existence of racism. We of the African-American community call upon all churches and organizations and individuals to stand together in prayer, in speaking out, in one-on-one contact with those churches affected, and in supporting such funds as the NBEA/NAE/World Relief *Partnership Fund to Rebuild the Churches*."

Don Argue, president of NAE, calls all member denominations, organizations, institutions, churches, and individuals to support the *Partnership Fund to Rebuild the Churches*. "Now is the time for all evangelicals to pray for peace and harmony. It is also the time for evangelicals to cooperate according to Christ's commandment of love and step forward to assist our brothers and sisters in Christ in rebuilding their churches." Argue commends President Clinton and Senator Dole for their quick action regarding these tragedies.

Argue and Hamlin both call upon all reconciliation efforts everywhere to cooperate on this continuing issue.

To assist churches in their rebuilding efforts, the NAE/NBEA Task Force on Reconciliation requested that World Relief establish a specific fund for the victimized churches. World Relief, the international assistance arm of NAE, will work closely with its National Black Evangelical Association partners to ensure that contributions get to the neediest congregations. Donations should be sent to World Relief - Rebuild the Churches, Dept. 8, P.O. Box WRC, Wheaton, IL 60189, 1-800-535-LIFE.

NBEA is an umbrella organization committed to unity in diversity among all Christians, with a focus of ministry specifically to the African-American community.

NAE is a voluntary fellowship of evangelical denominations, churches, organizations, institutions, and individuals, demonstrating unity in the body of Christ by standing for biblical truth, speaking with a representative voice, and serving the evangelical community through united action, cooperative ministry, and strategic planning.

The Call to Action of the NAE/NBEA Task Force for Reconciliation may be acquired via phone (708-665-0500), fax (708-665-8575), or the internet (<http://www.nae.net>)



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NEW YORK -- Archbishop Iakovos, spiritual leader of 1.5 million Greek Orthodox Christians in the Western Hemisphere has expressed his outrage at the continuing desecration and burning of churches, not only in the South, but in other regions of the country.

"It is a sorrowful evidence that what we church leaders proclaim and believe in -- religious liberty and tolerance -- seem to be unrecognizable words to some, hopefully few, individuals who choose to act against the fundamental beliefs of our constitution, our Nation and our humanity."

In a letter to all the parishes of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese in the United States, Archbishop Iakovos has called upon the members to demonstrate their faith and solidarity with the innocent, victimized American faithful and further declared that bigotry, bias and violent acts must be erased once and for all from our Nation.

The Archbishop also asked that special prayers be offered in all the churches of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese and that the communities contribute generously and immediately towards rebuilding the burned out and destroyed churches.

Contributions may be sent to: Burned Churches Fund, Greek Orthodox Archdiocese, 8 East 79th St., New York, NY 10021.

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19 Rev. David Upton-
1503 Magnolia Ave.
Knoxville, TN 37917
(423)546-0006

*Inner City Church
2063 Riverside Dr.
Knoxville, TN 37917
(423)522-4159

20 Mr. James L. Johnson
3500 Drake Rd
Adams, TN 37010
(615)358-3443

*Benevolent Lodge #210
Adams, TN 37010.

21 Rev. Willie Freeman
20201 Britton Spring Rd
Clarksville, TN 37042
(615)0647-4643

*Glorious Church of God & Christ
1525 Jacqueline St.
P.O. Box 27624
Richmond, VA

VIRGINIA

✓ 22 Rev. Maudell Dillard
1406 North 23rd St.
Richmond, VA 23225

Rep
86 years
sister Jackson
Debra
Secretary to the church
(804) 232-5585
1408 Broad Rock Blvd. Richmond, VA 23224
(804) 358-0911

Center for Democratic Renewal, Black Church Questionnaire
Firebombed Burned, Vandalized

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Name of Church Canaan Baptist Church Round O, SC

Pastors Name Rev. Harry Jenkins **Address** **Phone**

Church Officers? Chairman Deacon Walter Cockrum 803 549-7536

How old is the church? Established more than 100 years ago. Present structure built in
1971

Number of members? 400 on church roll

Date and Time Burned / Vandalized? Week of June 17, 1996

Was the church insured? **By Whom?**

Extent of damage to the church?

Materials / Explosives Used?

Who did the investigation? Colleton Sheriff Department

Have you rebuilt? **Status:**

Does the church have a rebuilding fund?

Name of contact person other than pastor? **Telephone**

Address for church fund?

\$ Total Damage Amount

\$ Insurance

\$ Gifts Received

\$ Estimated Replacement Cost

**Center for Democratic Renewal, Black Church Questionnaire
Firebombed Burned, Vandalized**

Name of Church Friendship Missionary Baptist Church P.O. Box 777 Columbia, TN

38401 (Actual): 1239 Witherspoon Rd., Columbia, TN

Pastors Name Rev. Alvin Anderson -- 2426 Steve Drive Columbia, TN 38401

Telephone 615 381-5974

Church Officers? Deacon Danny Gibbs Spring Hill, TN. 615-591-7269

How old is the church? Established around 1896, standing since 1924, Over 80 years old

Number of members? 450 members on church roll, regular attendance between 175-225

Date and Time Burned / Vandalized? Burned January 29, 1995 Around 9:00 p.m.

Was the church insured? Yes By Whom? Churches Mutual Nashville, TN

Extent of damage to the church? Insurance Company estimated at \$20,00

Materials / Explosives Used? Molotov Cocktail

Who did the investigation? Jerry Dickey State Fire Marshal along with FBI

Have you rebuilt? Yes Status: Trying to build new additions; Fellowship Hall and classrooms.

Does the church have a rebuilding fund? No

Name of contact person other than pastor? Deacon Andrew Claude Co-chair Deacon

Board Telephone 615 381-5736

Address for church fund? Church address, c/o Deacon Tim Ware, Church Treasurer

\$Total Damage Amount Estimated at \$20,000

\$ Insurance \$20,000

\$ Gifts Received \$7,000

\$ Estimated Replacement Cost with volunteer assistance Around \$12,000

TALKING POINTS ON CHURCH FIRES AND ACTS OF DESECRATION

- INVESTIGATION OF FIRES AND INCIDENTS OF DESECRATION AT HOUSES OF WORSHIP ARE A TOP PRIORITY OF THE ADMINISTRATION.
- WE ARE PARTICULARLY CONCERNED ABOUT THE RECENT RASH OF CHURCH FIRES, MANY OF WHICH HAVE TARGETED BLACK CHURCHES IN THE SOUTH. THERE HAVE BEEN MORE FIRES IN THE FIRST 5 MONTHS OF THIS YEAR, THAN IN THE PREVIOUS 5 YEARS COMBINED.
- THE CHURCH IS OFTEN MORE THAN JUST THE LOCATION THE COMMUNITY MEETS TO WORSHIP. IT IS THE SPIRITUAL CENTER OF THE COMMUNITY. TO DESTROY A CHURCH IS TO CHIP AWAY AT THE VERY FOUNDATION OF THE COMMUNITY.
- WITH WELL OVER 200 FEDERAL, STATE AND LOCAL INVESTIGATORS ACTIVELY ASSIGNED TO THESE INVESTIGATIONS, THIS IS THE LARGEST CURRENT CIVIL RIGHTS INVESTIGATION AND ONE OF THE LARGEST FEDERAL CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS OF ANY KIND. IN A NUMBER OF INCIDENTS, TASK FORCES OF FEDERAL, STATE AND LOCAL AUTHORITIES HAVE BEEN ESTABLISHED.
- THIS ADMINISTRATION IS COMMITTED TO SOLVING EACH OF THESE CRIMES AGAINST CHURCHES. WE HAVE FORMALIZED A PROCESS THAT HAS BEEN WORKING INFORMALLY FOR MONTHS, APPOINTING A TASK FORCE TO COORDINATE THE MULTI-AGENCY INVESTIGATION BY THE JUSTICE AND TREASURY DEPARTMENTS, AS WELL AS THE FBI AND ATF. THE TASK FORCE WILL BE CHAIRED BY THE ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL FOR CIVIL RIGHTS, DEVAL PATRICK, AND ASSISTANT TREASURY SECRETARY JAMES JOHNSON.
- SINCE 1990, WE HAVE ACTIVELY INVESTIGATED FIRES AND INCIDENTS OF DESECRATION AT 60 DIFFERENT HOUSES OF WORSHIP LOCATED IN 15 STATES ACROSS THE COUNTRY. IN MOST INSTANCES, THE INVESTIGATIONS HAVE BEEN HANDLED COOPERATIVELY BY ATF, FBI, STATE AND LOCAL AUTHORITIES.
- OF THE 60 INCIDENTS, 20 HAVE BEEN SOLVED:
 - 8 HAVE RESULTED IN SUCCESSFUL FEDERAL PROSECUTIONS AND HAVE BEEN CLOSED.
 - 5 INCIDENTS HAVE RESULTED IN SUCCESSFUL PROSECUTIONS BY LOCAL OFFICIALS AND THE CASES ARE CLOSED.
 - LOCAL CHARGES HAVE BEEN FILED IN 5 OTHER INCIDENTS.
 - TWO INVESTIGATIONS WERE CLOSED AFTER IT WAS DISCOVERED THAT THE FIRES WERE ACCIDENTAL.
- WE HAVE INVESTIGATED FIRES AT 22 AFRICAN AMERICAN CHURCHES THIS YEAR ALONE, A TOTAL OF 39 SINCE 1990.

16 reports in 1995
6 closed

Summary of Administration Response to Church Arson

- o Visited Church Burning Site in Greeleyville (June 12)**
- o Meeting with Governors (June 19)**
- o Supplemental and Transfer/Reprogramming Requests of Congress**
 - Treasury/ATF supplemental (done in House)**
 - DOJ reprogramming (status ?)**
 - DOJ transfer authority - Bureau of Justice Assistance (status ?)**
 - HUD loans (done -- in Arson Prevention Act)**
- o FEMA efforts(announced at Prayer Breakfast June 26)**
 - National Arson Prevention Clearinghouse/toll free hotline**
 - additional funds from existing programs (coordinated with OMB - status ?)**
- o Announcement of \$6 million BJS assistance package (July 2)**
- o Signed Church Arson Prevention Act of 1996 (July 3)**
 - Thank you to Congress Event (July 10)**
- o New Announcements for July 10?**

Center for Democratic Renewal, Black Church Questionnaire
Firebombed Burned, Vandalized

Name of Church Cypress Grove Baptist Church **Address**
Pastors Name Rev. Robert L. Groce 4853 Crown Avenue Baton Rouge LA 70807

Phone 504 358-0491

Church Officers?

How old is the church?

Number of members?

Date and Time Burned / Vandalized?

Was the church insured?

By Whom?

Extent of damage to the church?

Materials / Explosives Used?

Who did the investigation?

Have you rebuilt?

Status:

Does the church have a rebuilding fund?

Name, of contact person other than pastor?

Telephone

Address for church fund?

\$ Total Damage Amount

\$ Insurance

\$ Gifts Received

\$ Estimated Replacement Cost

***UNABLE TO CONTACT**

Center for Democratic Renewal, Black Church Questionnaire
Firebombed Burned, Vandalized

Name of Church Mt. Zion Ame Church P.O. Box 389, Greeleyville, SC 29056
Phone 803 426-2495
Pastors Name Rev. Terrence G. Mackey, Sr. 7911 Elderberry N. Charleston, SC 29418 Phone 803 767-7674
Church Officers? Sis. Johnnie M. Burgess, (Pastor's Steward) Rte. 1 Box 236, Greeleyville, SC 29056 803 426-2012
How old is the church? Established 1966

Number of members? 150

Date and Time Burned / Vandalized? Burned, June 20, 1995 approximately 5:00 a.m.

Was the church insured? Yes **By Whom?** Southern Mutual Church Insurance Company, P.O. Box 9346, Columbia, SC 29290-0346

Extent of damage to the church? Totally destroyed

Materials / Explosives Used? Unknown

Who did the investigation? Williamsburg Fire Department, FBI, ATF

Have you rebuilt? Yes **Status:** Complete except parking lot and making property safe for children

Does the church have a rebuilding fund? Yes

Name of contact person other than pastor? Sis. Johnnie Burgess (Same as Above)

Address for church fund? Bank of Greeleyville, P.O. Box, Greeleyville, SC

\$Total Damage Amount \$

\$ Insurance \$100,000

\$ Gifts Received \$40,000

\$ Estimated Replacement Cost \$225,000

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**Center for Democratic Renewal, Black Church Questionnaire
Firebombed Burned, Vandalized**

***NO RETURN CALL**

Name of Church Thomas Chapel Benevolent Society Hall 2196 Gore Road, Baton

Rogue, LA (A meeting hall operated by the AME Church)

Pastors Name Mr. Moses Thomas **Address** **Phone** 504 775-2234

Church Officers?

How old is the church?

Number of members?

Date and Time Burned / Vandalized?

Was the church insured? By Whom?

Extent of damage to the church?

Materials / Explosives Used?

Who did the investigation?

Have you rebuilt? Status:

Does the church have a rebuilding fund?

Name, of contact person other than pastor? Telephone

Address for church fund?

\$ Total Damage Amount

\$ Insurance

\$ Gifts Received

\$ Estimated Replacement Cost

**Center for Democratic Renewal, Black Church Questionnaire
Firebombed Burned, Vandalized**

"WE LEARNED ABOUT THIS CHURCH THIS WEEK. THEY DO NOT KNOW US AND THE PERSONS
REACHED WILL CONTACT THE PASTOR AND ASK HIM TO TELEPHONE US. THE PASTOR WORKS IN
"PUBLIC SERVICE FOR THE COUNTY."

Name of Church Mt. Pleasant Missionary Baptist Church **Corinth County, MS**

Pastors Name Rev. Dilworth, (First name unknown)

Church Officers?

How old is the church?

Number of members?

Date and Time Burned / Vandalized? Burned, June 17, 1996 between 9 & 10:00 p.m.

Was the church insured? **By Whom?**

Extent of damage to the church? Destroyed

Materials / Explosives Used?

Who did the investigation?

Have you rebuilt? **Status:**

Does the church have a rebuilding fund? Yes

Name, of contact person other than pastor? **Telephone**

Address for church fund? Resurrection Fund, c/o National Bank of Commerce, 504 Fillmore
Street, Corinth, MS 38834

\$ Total Damage Amount

\$ Insurance

\$ Gifts Received

\$ Estimated Replacement Cost

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Church Officers? Chairman Deacon Walter Cockrum 803 549-7536

How old is the church? Established more than 100 years ago. Present structure built in
1971

Number of members? 400 on church roll

Date and Time Burned / Vandalized? Week of June 17, 1996

Was the church insured? **By Whom?**

Extent of damage to the church?

Materials / Explosives Used?

Who did the investigation? Colleton Sheriff Department

Have you rebuilt? **Status:**

Does the church have a rebuilding fund?

Name of contact person other than pastor? **Telephone**

Address for church fund?

\$Total Damage Amount

\$ Insurance

\$ Gifts Received

\$ Estimated Replacement Cost

**Center for Democratic Renewal, Black Church Questionnaire
Firebombed Burned, Vandalized**

Name of Church First Thankful Baptist Church Estill SC 803 625-4108

Pastors Name Rev. Bennie Lee Campbell Rte. 1, Box 1373 Round O, SC 29474

Phone 803 835-2013

Church Officers? Frank Former, 803 625-2235; Robert Former, 803 625-3122, Verdell Johnson, Betty Manuel, church secretary, Dea. Willingham Corn, 803 625-3764; Willie Sanders, James Williams, Verdell Johnson, financial secretary.

How old is the church? 122 years old

Number of members? 490 members on church roll

Date and Time Burned / Vandalized? Burned, February 18, 1996, between 6:00 -7:00 p.m.

Was the church insured? Yes **By Whom?** Farm Bureau, Columbia, SC

Extent of damage to the church? All wood work burned and blocks.

Materials / Explosives Used? Fire department claims fire was caused by the gas furnace
Who did the investigation? Hampton County Fire Chief

Have you rebuilt? Started **Status:** All work stopped when bank loan was not approved

Does the church have a rebuilding fund? Yes

Name of contact person other than pastor? Dea. Willingham Corn 803 625-3764

Address for church fund? First Thankful Baptist Church, c/o Dea. Willingham Corn, Rte. 2, Box 105, Pineland, SC 29934

\$ Total Damage Amount \$200,000

\$ Insurance \$45,800

\$ Gifts Received \$25,000

\$ Estimated Replacement Cost \$300,000

NOTE: This is a church that we learned about just this week. They have wondered why they have not been contacted by anyone, especially since the President visited Greeleyville.

**Center for Democratic Renewal, Black Church Questionnaire
Firebombed Burned, Vandalized**

Name of Church Cypress Grove Baptist Church **Address**
Pastors Name Rev. Robert L. Groce 4853 Crown Avenue Baton Rouge LA 70807

Phone 504 358-0491

Church Officers?

How old is the church?

Number of members?

Date and Time Burned / Vandalized?

Was the church insured? By Whom?

Extent of damage to the church?

Materials / Explosives Used?

Who did the investigation?

Have you rebuilt? Status:

Does the church have a rebuilding fund?

Name, of contact person other than pastor? Telephone

Address for church fund?

\$Total Damage Amount

\$ Insurance

\$ Gifts Received

\$ Estimated Replacement Cost

***UNABLE TO CONTACT**

Center for Democratic Renewal, Black Church Questionnaire
Firebombed Burned, Vandalized

Name of Church St. Paul Free Baptist Church 2068 Groom Rd. Baker LA, Mailing

Address P.O. Box 748 Baker, LA 70714

Pastors Name Rev. Briscoe Pierre 58884 Haase St. Plaquemine, LA 70764

Phone 504 687-2773

Church Officers? Deacon Mitchell Tate, 504 654-3666, Deacon Major Sept, 504 775-8284,

Dr. Ernest Sept, Church Secretary, 504 774-7671, 1931 College Avenue, Baker, LA 70714

How old is the church? Over 100 years old

Number of members? About 200 on church roll

Date and Time Burned / Vandalized? Burned partially, February 1, 1996, Early A.M.

Was the church insured? Yes **By Whom?** All Star Insurance Co., Baton Rouge, LA

Extent of damage to the church? Partial fire damage, bad smoke damage

Materials / Explosives Used? Newspaper and matches

Who did the investigation? Baker Fire Department, FBI, ATF

Have you rebuilt? Yes **Status:** Completely repaired

Does the church have a rebuilding fund? No

Name of contact person other than pastor? Bro Major Sept or Bro. Mitchell Tate, Dr. Earnest Sept. (see above officers)

Address for church fund? N/A

\$Total Damage Amount \$5000

\$ Insurance \$1344.02

\$ Gifts Received \$1700

\$ Estimated Replacement Cost About \$5000

**Center for Democratic Renewal, Black Church Questionnaire
Firebombed Burned, Vandalized****Name of Church** Mt. Zion Baptist Church Boligee, AL**Pastors Name** Rev. Levi Pickens Rte. 2, Box 94 Eutaw, AL 35462**Phone** 205 372-4339**Church Officers?** Deacon Charlie Means, 205 336-8017, Senior, Dea. Dea. Isaac Abraham,
205 372-3118**How old is the church?** Over 50 years old**Number of members?** 35 members on church roll**Date and Time Burned / Vandalized?** Burned December 22, 1995, about 8:00 p.m.**Was the church insured?** Yes **By Whom?** Alfa Insurance, Eutaw, AL**Extent of damage to the church?** Totally destroyed.**Materials / Explosives Used?** Unknown**Who did the investigation?** Fire Marshall, FBI**Have you rebuilt?** Yes **Status:** In the process of installing roof**Does the church have a rebuilding fund?** Yes, Green County Church Emergency Fund**Name of contact person other than pastor?** Bro. Charlie Means 205 336-8017**Address for church fund?** Citizens Federal Savings Bank or Merchants and Farmers Bank,
Eutaw, AL**\$Total Damage Amount****\$ Insurance****\$ Gifts Received** About \$600.00 from local churches**\$ Estimated Replacement Cost** \$110,000

**Center for Democratic Renewal, Black Church Questionnaire
Firebombed Burned, Vandalized**

Name of Church St. John Baptist Church Old State Rd. Dixiana, SC

Pastors Name Rev. John Sheppard, 3064 Princeton Road, c/o Dea. Willie E. Simmons, Sr. West
Columbia, SC 29169

Asst. Pastor Rev. Patricia Lowman P.O. Box 844 Eastover, SC 29044 803 776-4433

Church Officers? Deacon Willie E. Simmons, Senior Deacon

How old is the church? Established 1765

Number of members? 105 members on church roll

Date and Time Burned / Vandalized? Burned August 15, 1995, around 5:30 or 6:00 AM

Was the church insured? No **By Whom?** N/A

Extent of damage to the church? Totally destroyed

Materials / Explosives Used? Suspect Firebombs

Who did the investigation? Cayce Fire Department, SLED, Arson Explosive Section

Have you rebuilt? No **Status:** In the process of acquiring right-of-way that would
provide more visibility when church is rebuilt.

Does the church have a rebuilding fund? Yes

Name of contact person other than pastor? Deacon Willie E. Simmons, 803 755-3376 or
Ammie Muray, 803 791-9222 or Tim McConnell, 803 733-8100

Address for church fund? Victory Savings Bank, c/o Tim McConnell, President, 1545 Sumter
Street, Columbia, SC 29201

\$Total Damage Amount \$85,000

\$ Insurance \$0

\$ Gifts Received \$51,000

\$ Estimated Replacement Cost \$100,000

**Center for Democratic Renewal, Black Church Questionnaire
Firebombed Burned, Vandalized**

Name of Church Hammond Grove Baptist Church No. Augusta, SC (Revised)

Pastors Name Rev. Bobby Hankerson P.O. Box 6745 N. Augusta, SC 29841

Church Officers? Dea. Dock Abraham Chair Dea. Bd.; Sis. Marilyn Abraham, Adm. Sec.

How old is the church? 126 Years old

Number of members? 325

Date and Time Burned / Vandalized? Vandalized, March 8&9, 1996. Morning hours

Was the church insured? Yes **By Whom?** Southern Mutual, Columbia

Extent of damage to the church? \$24,000

Materials / Explosives Used? Sprayed fire extinguisher chemical, poured liquid soap in computers and electronic equipment

Who did the investigation? Aiken County Sheriff's Department

Have you rebuilt? Yes **Status:** Complete

Does the church have a rebuilding fund? No

Name of contact person other than pastor? Mrs. Marilyn Abraham, church secretary 803 441-8209

Address for church fund? N/A

\$Total Damage Amount \$24,000

\$ Insurance \$23,500

\$ Gifts Received \$??.??

\$ Estimated Replacement Cost \$24,000

**Center for Democratic Renewal, Black Church Questionnaire
Firebombed Burned, Vandalized**

Name of Church Rosemary Baptist Church Barnwell County

Pastors Name Rev. Aiken Ruth P.O. Box 69 - Varnville, SC 29944

Phone 803 943-4069

Church Officers? Bro. Eric Myers, 2555 Fuller Pond Road, Barnwell, SC 29812,
803 259-5119

How old is the church? About 116 Years Old

Number of members? 105 on church roll

Date and Time Burned / Vandalized? Burned about 7:00 p.m., April 13, 1996

Was the church insured? Yes **By Whom?** Southern Mutual Church Ins.,
Columbia SC

Extent of damage to the church? Inside damage mainly to the pulpit and vestibule areas.

Materials / Explosives Used? "Diesel fuel."

Who did the investigation? ATF

Have you rebuilt? No **Status:** Will relocate, exact date unknown

Does the church have a rebuilding fund? Yes

Name, of contact person other than pastor? Bro. Eric Meyers 803 259-5119

Address for church fund? 2555 Fuller Pond Road Barnwell, SC 29812

\$Total Damage Amount \$92,000

\$ Insurance \$86,687

\$ Gifts Received \$8300.00

\$ Estimated Replacement Cost \$180-\$190,000

**Center for Democratic Renewal, Black Church Questionnaire
Firebombed Burned, Vandalized**

Name of Church Mt. Calvary Baptist Church P.O. Box 213, Bolivar, TN 38008

Pastors Name Rev. Algie Jarrett 279 Burnett Mill Rd./P.O. Box 213Address

Phone 901 658-6085

Church Officers? Bro. Horace Jarrett, 901 658-7388; Bro. Nelson Herb, 901 658-8579

How old is the church? About 60 years old.

Number of members? 200 members on church roll

Date and Time Burned / Vandalized? Burned January 31, 1995

Was the church insured? Yes **By Whom?** Preferred Risk, Memphis, TN

Extent of damage to the church? Totally destroyed

Materials / Explosives Used? Unknown

Who did the investigation? Bolivar Fire Department, FBI, ATF

Have you rebuilt? Yes **Status:** Almost finished

Does the church have a rebuilding fund? Yes

Name, of contact person other than pastor? Robert Jarrett, Trustee 901 658-4091

Address for church fund? P.O. Box 213, Bolivar, TN. 38008

\$Total Damage Amount \$60,000

\$ Insurance \$55,000

\$ Gifts Received \$5000

\$ Estimated Replacement Cost \$120,000

**Center for Democratic Renewal, Black Church Questionnaire
Firebombed Burned, Vandalized****Name of Church** Caanan AME Church Mt. Pleasant, TN**Pastors Name** Rev. Dennis Lawson 3046 Ashwood Mt. Pleasant, TN 38401**Phone** 615 379-3566**Church Officers?****How old is the church?****Number of members?****Date and Time Burned / Vandalized?****Was the church insured?****By Whom?****Extent of damage to the church?****Materials / Explosives Used?****Who did the investigation?****Have you rebuilt?****Status:****Does the church have a rebuilding fund?****Name, of contact person other than pastor?****Telephone****Address for church fund?****\$Total Damage Amount****\$ Insurance****\$ Gifts Received****\$ Estimated Replacement Cost*****UNABLE TO CONTACT**

**Center for Democratic Renewal, Black Church Questionnaire
Firebombed Burned, Vandalized****Name of Church** Little Zion Baptist Church **Address** Rte. 1 Box 171 Boligee, AL 35443**Pastors Name** Rev. W.D. Lewis **Rte.** 1 Box 1630 Forkland AL 36740 **Phone** 334 289-2399**Church Officers?** Deacons. Ed H. Carter 205 336-8698; Henry T. Carter 205 336-8637; Henry Smith, 205 336-8409 Jonas Smothers, 205 336-8512 Chair Dea. Bd. Tommy Bell 205 336 8409; Leroy Smith, 205 336 8799**How old is the church?** More than 100 years old**Number of members?** 75-100 members on church rolls**Date and Time Burned / Vandalized?** January 11, 1996 about 8-9:00 p.m.**Was the church insured?** Yes **By Whom?** Alfa Insurance, Eutaw, AL**Extent of damage to the church?** Totally Destroyed**Materials / Explosives Used?** Unknown**Who did the investigation?** FBI, ATF**Have you rebuilt?** Yes **Status:** Walls almost up should be finished by August.**Does the church have a rebuilding fund?** Yes**Name, of contact person other than pastor?** Deacon Leroy Smith; 205 336-8799**Address for church fund?** Church Address c/o J.C. Smothers**\$Total Damage Amount** \$**\$ Insurance** \$90,000, plus \$18,658 Owed \$9000 on mortgage. did not pay for pews or organ**\$ Gifts Received** \$28,000**\$ Estimated Replacement Cost** \$216,700

Center for Democratic Renewal, Black Church Questionnaire
Firebombed Burned, Vandalized

Name of Church Greater Missionary Baptist Church P.O. Box 2866, Clarksville, TN
37042

Pastors Name Rev. Willie Freeman 201 Britton Spring Road Clarksville 37042

Phone 615 647-4643

Church Officers? Dea. Franklin McFadden, Chair Deacon Ministry, 615 648-2571; Bro George
Smith, Chair Trustee Ministry, 615 647-1648; Sis. Jerlean Peters, Church Sec. 615 645-5637

How old is the church? 3 Years

Number of members? 310

Date and Time Burned / Vandalized? August 4, 1994, 3:00-4:00 a.m.

Was the church insured? Yes **By Whom?** Church Mutual, Nashville, TN

Extent of damage to the church? Minimal Damage

Materials / Explosives Used? Gasoline poured into vent blaze extinguished by Fire Department

Who did the investigation? TBI, Clarksville, Jerry Hodges, Agent

Have you rebuilt? Yes **Status:** Complete

Does the church have a rebuilding fund? Building Fund

Name of contact person other than pastor? Rev. Tommy Martin, Sr. 615 431-9954

Address for church fund? Church Address

\$Total Damage Amount \$0

\$ Insurance \$0

\$ Gifts Received \$1000

\$ Estimated Replacement Cost \$0

Center for Democratic Renewal, Black Church Questionnaire
Firebombed Burned, Vandalized

Name of Church Sweet Home Baptist Church : Sunshine Road Baker, LA

Pastors Name Rev. Ed Connor 2257 Cunard Ave. N. Baton Rouge, LA

Phone 504 775-5523

Church Officers? Deacon Allen Barrow Chairman; Sis. Irma Barrow, Church Secretary

How old is the church? Established in 1934

Number of members? Church roll, 55

Date and Time Burned / Vandalized? Burned down twice before, First fire 1976, February 1, 1996, minor damage estimated time between 1:00 a.m. and 5 p.m

Was the church insured? Yes **By Whom?** State Farm Insurance

Extent of damage to the church? Minor damage,

Materials / Explosives Used? Molotov Cocktail

Who did the investigation? FBI, Butch Browning -- Arson Task Force

Have you rebuilt? Plan to repair damaged areas and add-on a few feet to the back of the church.
Status: In the process of having blueprints drawn

Does the church have a rebuilding fund? Normal building fund

Name, of contact person other than pastor? Mrs. Mary Barrow, Church Historian; 504 775-2917,

Address for church fund? 2220 Cunard c/o Mrs. Irma Barrow, Baton Rouge 70807

\$Total Damage Amount Estimated at about \$3800.00

\$ Insurance \$3000.00

\$ Gifts Received Between \$6500.00

\$ Estimated Replacement Cost \$3800.00

Center for Democratic Renewal, Black Church Questionnaire
Firebombed Burned, Vandalized

Name of Church Rising Star Baptist Church Greensboro, AL

Pastors Name Rev. Willie Coleman Address

Phone

Church Officers?

How old is the church?

Number of members?

Date and Time Burned / Vandalized?

Was the church insured? **By Whom?**

Extent of damage to the church?

Materials / Explosives Used?

Who did the investigation?

Have you rebuilt? **Status:**

Does the church have a rebuilding fund?

Name, of contact person other than pastor? **Telephone**

Address for church fund?

\$Total Damage Amount

\$ Insurance

\$ Gifts Received

\$ Estimated Replacement Cost

***UNABLE TO REACH**

Center for Democratic Renewal, Black Church Questionnaire
Firebombed Burned, Vandalized

Name of Church Butler Chapel AME North Rd. Off Hwy. 178

Pastors Name Rev. Patrick Mellerson 4350 Christine Drive Sumpter, SC

Phone 803 481-2875

Church Officers? Mr. James Mack, Steward. 803 534-2200; Mr. Marion Mack, 803 536-4572

How old is the church? Over 100 years old.

Number of members? 125 on church roll

Date and Time Burned / Vandalized? Burned, March 31, 1996, about 8:00 p.m.

Was the church insured? Yes, \$50,000, Structure, \$20,000 Contents **By Whom?** Seibels
Bruce/ Generali U.S. Branch (Orangeburg, Ins.)

Extent of damage to the church? Total Loss

Materials / Explosives Used? Unknown

Who did the investigation? Wolfson Fire Department

Have you rebuilt? No **Status:** Purchased land at another site

Does the church have a rebuilding fund? Yes

Name of contact person other than pastor? Bro. Marion Mack 803 534-4385

Address for church fund? C/O Bro. Marion Mack or the pastor, 2171 Atlantic Ave.
Orangeburg, SC 29115

\$Total Damage Amount \$175,000

\$ Insurance \$71,000

\$ Gifts Received \$5000

\$ Estimated Replacement Cost \$250,000

**Center for Democratic Renewal, Black Church Questionnaire
Firebombed Burned, Vandalized**

Name of Church Macedonia Baptist Church Crockett County, TN

Pastors Name Rev. S. E. Brown 441 Old Denmark Rd. Jackson, TN 38301

Phone: 901 427-5410

Church Officers? Treas. Dea. Lymon Miller. 901 663-2089; Sec. Sis. Margaret McKinney 901 668-3245

How old is the church? 74 Years Old

Number of members? About 200 members on church roll

Date and Time Burned / Vandalized? Burned, January 13, 1995 approx. 4:00 a.m. (Fri.)

Was the church insured? Yes **By Whom?** State Farm Insurance (Company dropped the church, in March).

Extent of damage to the church? Totally destroyed.

Materials / Explosives Used? Accelerant, 3 containers found in church, chemical not identified

Who did the investigation? Bell County Local Fire Department, Lee Hickman, Fire Chief FBI, ATF, Fire investigator for State Farm

Have you rebuilt? Yes **Status:** Building is Up, need to finish the kitchen, bathrooms, parking lot, replace organ, glass in front of church and there is no insulation in at all.

Does the church have a rebuilding fund? No

Name, of contact person other than pastor? Church Treasurer **Telephone:** 901 663-2089

Address for church fund? Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church, c/o Rev. S.E. Brown

\$Total Damage Amount \$225,000 **\$ Insurance** \$126,000 **\$ Gifts Received**

About \$10,000 **\$ Estimated Replacement Cost** \$275,000

**Center for Democratic Renewal, Black Church Questionnaire
Firebombed Burned, Vandalized**

Name of Church Mt. Zoar Baptist Church

Pastors Name Rev. Arthur Coleman -- Rte. 1 Box 240A Eutaw, Alabama 35462

Phone: 205 372-9210

Church Officers? Dea. Bobby Davis 205 336-8733, Secretary Sis. Mary Williams 205 372-2580

How old is the church? Established in early 1902

Number of members? 40 members on roll

Date and Time Burned / Vandalized? The night of January 11, 1996 , time unknown

Was the church insured? Yes **By Whom?** Meniwehler Insurance, Eutaw, AR

Extent of damage to the church? Totally destroyed, suspicion of arson

Materials / Explosives Used? Unknown

Who did the investigation? Fire Marshall and Attorney General Green County Sheriff Lorenza French(Deputy)

Have you rebuilt? Yes **Status:** In process of building rafter, starting on roof today

Does the church have a rebuilding fund? Yes Green County Emergency Church Fund

Name of contact person other than pastor? Rev. Levi Pickens, President, Emergency Fund

Does the church have a rebuilding fund? Green County Emergency Church Fund

\$Total Damage Amount \$60,000

\$ Insurance \$10,000

\$ Gifts Received \$40,000

\$ Estimated Replacement Cost \$180,000

**Center for Democratic Renewal, Black Church Questionnaire
Firebombed Burned, Vandalized**

Name of Church New Hope Missionary Baptist Church Lee County, Arkansas Moro,
AR 72368

Pastors Name Rev. Spencer Brown, 1037 Lee County Rd. 407 Marianna, AR 72360

Phone 501 295-6329

Church Officers? Deacon Robert Scott, 4752 Lee County Rd. 119, Moro, AR 72368, Treas. 501
768-4674; Dea. Alexander Hansberry 5369 Lee County Rd. 119 72368-501 768-4696

How old is the church? Established 108 years old, Renovated and rebuilt 20 years ago

Number of members? 70-75

Date and Time Burned / Vandalized? Burned, January 22, 1996, Before daylight, 2-2:30 a.m.

Was the church insured? Yes **By Whom?** Farm Bureau Insurance, Hwy. 1& 79,
Marianna, AR

Extent of damage to the church? Total loss

Materials / Explosives Used? Unknown

Who did the investigation? Fire Department, FBI

Have you rebuilt? Yes, started **Status:** Top on, getting air and heating installed

Does the church have a rebuilding fund? No

Name, of contact person other than pastor? Deacons above.

Address for church fund? Either deacon or the pastor, New Hope MB Church

\$Total Damage Amount Almost \$200,000

\$ Insurance \$71,000

\$ Gifts Received \$Less than \$1000

\$ Estimated Replacement Cost \$100,000

Center for Democratic Renewal, Black Church Questionnaire
Firebombed Burned, Vandalized

Name of Church Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church Connell Rd Tigrett, TN

Pastors Name Rev. Paul Lusby 445 Potts Chapel Phone 901 424-6943

Church Officer? Bro. Mack Bellefont Chair of Deacon Board & Treasurer Mrs. Gloria Johnson, Financial Secretary

Phone: 901 677-2392

How old is the church? Almost 100 years old, records date back to 1939

Number of members? On Church Roll, 15

Date and Time Burned / Vandalized? Burned May 14, 1996, between 12:30 and 1:00 p.m.

Was the church insured? Yes **By Whom?** White And Associates, Dyersburg, **Paid:** No

Extent of damage to the church? Totally destroyed

Materials / Explosives Used? Unknown

Who did the investigation? FBI

Have you rebuilt? No **Status:** Just got the OK from the insurance company to clear the lot.

Does the church have a rebuilding fund? Yes

Name of contact person other than pastor? Mrs. Hattie Bellefont

Telephone: 901 677-4193

Address church fund? Mt. Pleasant Baptist c/o Bank of Friendship, Friendship, TN 38034

\$Total Damage Amount \$47,000

\$ Insurance \$5000 Contents; \$15,000 Building

\$ Gifts Received \$3,603

\$ Estimated Replacement Cost \$55-60,000

Center for Democratic Renewal, Black Church Questionnaire
Firebombed Burned, Vandalized

Name of Church Salem Baptist Church P.O. Box 804 Humboldt, TN 38343 --Actual

Location of Church 202 Leslie Scruggs Road , Fruitland, TN

Pastors Name Rev. Daniel Donaldson Rte. 5 Box 188 Martin, TN 38237

Phone 901 587 6118

Church Officers Bro. Lincoln Burnett 901 787-6567, Chair Deacon Board

Sis. Barbara Waldon, Church Sec. 901 855 9187

How old is the church? Established 1872, Building built around 1900. Brick Structure

Number of members? 65 Church rolls -- Average attendance 40

Date and Time Burned / Vandalized? Burned December 30, 1995 -- Approx. 9:15 p.m.

Was the church insured? Yes **By Whom?** Preferred Risk, Paid \$188K

Extent of damage to the church? Total Loss

Materials / Explosives Used? Unknown

Who did the investigation? Gibson County Fire Marshall, FBI, ATF

Have you rebuilt? Started to rebuild **Status:** About 30%

Does the church have a rebuilding fund? Yes

Name, of contact person other than pastor? Chair of Deacon Board or Church Secretary

Address for church fund? Same as Church; P.O. Box 804, Humboldt, TN 38343

\$Total Damage Amount \$475,000

\$ Insurance \$188,000

\$ Gifts Received Approximately \$50,000

\$ Estimated Replacement Cost \$475,000

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- The Anti-Defamation League (ADL), founded in 1913, is a national Jewish organization that combats prejudice and anti-Semitism and promotes civil rights. This group is comprised of Democratic and Republican influential Jewish leaders from across the country.

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 - Protecting religious freedom
 - Hate crimes legislation
 - Combating terrorism
 - Victim support
 - Civil rights litigation
 - Anti-prejudice training
 - Interfaith Dialogue
 - Holocaust education
 - Supporting Middle East Peace
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- ADL has recently completed a national survey of hate crimes.
 - In October 1994, ADL issued the first national report on the militia movement.
 - Attachment #1: ADL's position on Affirmative Action.
 - Attachment #2: ADL press release re President Clinton's Executive Order on Terrorists.
 - Attachment #3: ADL press release re school prayer.
 - Attachment #4: ADL letter re discrimination in the work place.

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- Anti-Semitism
- Civil Rights
- Crime and Violence
- Health Care
- Social Justice

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- Middle East Peacemaking
- Immigration

Previous Participation:

February 21, 1996: Conference call with Alice Rivlin and AJ Congress' National Board of Advisors and Board of Trustees regarding the budget.

Representatives of the American Jewish Congress regularly attend White House briefings.

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AJC represents over 50,000 members in 34 chapters across the United States.

Ambassador Alfred H. Moses, immediate past president of AJC, was appointed by President Clinton as United States Ambassador to Romania.

Robert Rifkind, AJC President, was part of the U.S. delegation the Prime Minister Rabin's funeral.

Previous Participation:

May 9, 1996 Secretary Kantor and Sandy Berger will address the AJ Committee 90th Annual Dinner in Washington, D.C.

May 4, 1995 President Clinton attended the AJ Committee 89th Annual Dinner in Washington, D.C.

May 4, 1995 White House briefing with Deval Patrick, Jeremy Ben-Ami, Stephen Neuwirth and Gene Sperling.

Representatives of AJ Committee regularly attend White House briefings.

**Center for Democratic Renewal, Black Church Questionnaire
Firebombed Burned, Vandalized**

Name of Church Gays Hill Baptist Church

Pastors Name Rev. Larry Baldwin 211 Maple Street, Statesboro, GA 912 764-2922

Church Officers? Tres. Sis. Hazel Banner/Dea. Larry Holmes; Deacon Alonzo Holmes; Dea. O.C. Sampson, Sec. Sis. Vitta Reese

How old is the church? 75 Years Old

Number of members? 80 Members

Date and Time Burned / Vandalized? Burned, March 27, 1996 4:00 a.m.

Was the church insured? Yes, partially **By Whom?** Alton E. Smith, Statesboro, GA

Extent of damage to the church? Lost everything

Materials / Explosives Used? Unknown

Who did the investigation? Local Fire Department, State Arson Division

Have you rebuilt? No **Status:** Using another Black church to worship

Does the church have a rebuilding fund? Yes

Name of contact person other than pastor? Hazel Banner P.O. Box 754, Millen, GA 30442 912 982-5854

Address for church fund? Ogeechee Vall Bank, Millen GA 30442

\$Total Damage Amount \$85,000 (\$70,000 structure, \$15,000 contents)

\$ Insurance \$28,000 (paid)

\$ Gifts Received \$7000

\$ Estimated Replacement Cost \$142,000 (contractor estimate)

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the 3 circled.

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Dear Friend!
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FEDERAL RESPONSE TO CHURCH FIRES

June 26, 1996

- ◆ The federal government is using the full range of resources to respond to violent acts directed at houses of worship. Any sort of desecration or destruction of any place of worship is among the most despicable of crimes, reaching to the most deeply felt of all American tenets -- freedom of religion.
- ◆ President Clinton has made it a top priority to prosecute those responsible for these arsons, to prevent future damage to houses of worship, and to help communities and congregations in their efforts to rebuild.
- ◆ Under the direction of the National Church Arson Task Force, we have deployed over 200 ATF and FBI investigators -- working together with state and local authorities. This is one of the largest federal criminal investigations of any kind, one of the largest arson investigations in history and the largest current civil rights investigation. The federal government has authority under several statutes to investigate and prosecute suspicious fires at houses of worship.
- ◆ Assistant Attorney General Deval Patrick and Assistant Treasury Secretary James Johnson are leading the National Task Force. They have brought together the FBI, ATF, Justice Department prosecutors, the United States Attorneys, the Community Relations Service, and the U.S. Marshals, to forge a coordinated plan for investigating and prosecuting these crimes. We are also coordinating closely with state and local officials, and the Attorney General has directed that every U.S. Attorney develop a local task force to accomplish that coordination.
- ◆ Since 1990, there have been over 226 incidents of fire or desecration at churches and other houses of worship reported to federal authorities. Over half of these have occurred in the last 18 months. Just since June 1, 1996, there have been at least 38 fires at churches. But we have solved and prosecuted a number of these cases. Arrests have been made for over 83 incidents and convictions obtained for at least 34. Others are awaiting trial.
- ◆ Last week, law enforcement officials made arrests in cases in Lumberton, North Carolina; Cerro Gordo, North Carolina; North Charleston, South Carolina; Scott County, Virginia; and Soap Lake, Washington. Investigators from ATF and the FBI, as well as from state and local law enforcement agencies, continue to work to develop leads and bring the

perpetrators of the other arsons and desecrations to justice.

- ◆ The federal penalty for arson is up to 20 years in prison. There is legislation now pending in Congress that will make it easier to prosecute these crimes and will increase the penalties for civil rights violations to 20 years as well.
- ◆ We are also working hand in hand with local communities to try to prevent these cowardly crimes. The Federal Emergency Management Agency is working with the National Church Arson Task Force spearheading an effort to involve local communities in appropriate prevention efforts. We will be making as many resources as possible available to state and local officials to allow for reimbursement for law enforcement overtime.
- ◆ In addition, we will be making funds available through a new COPS problem-solving partnership grant program to allow law enforcement agencies in each of the affected communities to apply for funds to address problems visited upon their communities by an arson of a religious institution. The Administration has also proposed a loan guarantee program to be implemented by HUD that will be available for rebuilding churches; we expect this program will soon be enacted by congress and put into place.
- ◆ The President is committed to ending this threat to one of our most precious freedoms -- freedom to worship in safety and peace.

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**Federal Investigations of Incidents of Violence
Against Houses of Worship Since May 1990**
(Based on information compiled as of June 18, 1996)

Alabama

1. Bucks Chapel Church
2. Oak Grove Missionary Baptist Church
3. Pine Top Baptist Church (Coatopa) -- Between February 4 and 5, 1995, these three African-American churches were vandalized causing an estimated \$10,000 in damage. A local prosecution resulted in guilty pleas by two of three defendants. The two were sentenced to 4 1/2 years in prison. The third defendant committed suicide. The investigation is closed.
4. Islamic Center (Huntsville) -- On July 16, 1995, this house of worship was burglarized and vandalized.
5. Jerusalem Baptist Church (Bolígee) -- This African-American church was damaged by fire on December 11, 1995. The fire was caused by a furnace fire and the investigation was closed.
6. Mount Zion Baptist Church
7. Little Zion Baptist Church
8. Mount Zoar Baptist Church (Bolígee) -- Between December 22, 1995, and January 12, 1996, three African-American Baptist churches were destroyed by fire.
9. New Liberty Baptist Church (Tyler) -- This African-American church was completely destroyed by fire on February 28, 1996. State charges have been filed.
10. Missionary Baptist (Selma) -- On March 25, 1996, this predominantly African-American church was burned. This fire was determined to be accidental.
11. Rising Star (Greensboro) -- On June 3, 1996, this predominantly African-American church was burned causing nearly \$250,000 in damages.

Arizona

12. Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints Student Center (Tempe) -- On November 21, 1994, the student center at this church was vandalized. This investigation was closed.
13. First Southern Baptist Church (Tucson) -- On February 9, 1996, a fire at this racially mixed church caused \$1,000,000 in damage.

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110. Indian Hills Baptist (Silver City) -- On June 16, 1994, this church was burned.

111. Bernalillo Baptist (Albuquerque) -- On March 27, 1996, this church was burned.

New York

112. Bishop Grimes High (East Syracuse) -- On February 27, 1992, this structure was burned. Arrests made.

113. Our Lady of God (Warners) -- On February 29, 1992, this church was burned. Arrest made.

114. Community Baptist (Inwood) -- On February 27, 1993, this church was burned.

115. Congregation Derech (Rockaway) -- On July 12, 1994, this synagogue was burned. Arrest made.

116. Young Israel (Far Rockaway) -- On September 14, 1994, this synagogue was burned. Arrest made.

117. Ikhwa Mosque (Brooklyn) -- On October 25, 1994, this mosque was allegedly firebombed. This investigation is closed.

118. Temple Beth El (Rockaway) -- On January 13, 1995, this synagogue was burned. Arrest made.

119. Temple Derech Emuch (Rockaway) -- On April 30, 1995, this synagogue was burned. Arrest made.

120. Yeshiva of Belle (Belle Harbor) -- On May 6, 1995, this Jewish center was burned. Arrest made.

121. St. Edmunds Catholic (Breezy Point) -- On June 15, 1995, this church was burned.

122. St. Edmunds Catholic (Breezy Point) -- On June 21, 1995, this church was burned.

123. Church of Jesus Christ (Glenville) -- On March 5, 1996, this church was burned.

124. River View Missionary (Kingston) -- On April 19, 1996, this African-American church was burned.

125. Seventh Day Adventist Church (Queens Village) -- On June 17, 1996, "KKK" was burned into the lawn and a swastika was scrawled on the plastic casing of the sign of this African-American church.

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98. Elbethel M.B. Church (Satartia) -- On March 30, 1996, an African-American church under construction was burned resulting in minor damage. Local charges have been filed.

99. St. Paul Primitive Baptist Church (Meridian) -- On April 7, 1996, this African-American church was totally destroyed by fire. Investigators determined the fire was caused by a cigarette and have ruled the fire accidental. This investigation is closed.

100. Mount Pleasant Church (Mount Missionary)

101. Central Grove M.B. Church (Kossuth) -- On June 17, 1996, these African-American churches were burned.

Missouri

102. Church of Christ (West Plains) -- On January 21, 1990, a cross was burned up against the front porch of this predominantly African-American church. Successful local prosecution. This investigation is closed.

Montana

103. Church of Latter Day Saints (Butte) -- On November 2, 1992 this church was burned.

Nebraska

104. Friends United Church (Goehner) -- On June 16, 1996, this church was burned. The fire was ruled accidental.

Nevada

105. Our Lady of Las Vegas (Las Vegas) -- On June 16, 1996, this church was burned.

New Jersey

106. Islamic Center of Passaic County (Paterson) -- On September 16 and 17, 1995, this Islamic Center was vandalized with hate graffiti.

107. Voice Center Baptist Church (Tinton Falls) -- On February 13, 1996, the interior of this predominantly African-American church was completely destroyed by fire.

New Mexico

108. Bryce Presbyterian (Los Alamos) -- On March 2, 1992, this church was burned.

109. Indian Hills Baptist (Silver City) -- On June 13, 1994, this church was burned.

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86. Temple Beth Emunah (Brockton)

87. Temple Young Israel (Randolph) -- In June 1994, four defendants, members of a racist Skinhead group were charged in federal court with conspiring to interfere with the rights of African-American and Jewish individuals. One defendant later pled guilty and the three juveniles were convicted in connection with the desecration of two synagogues and other acts of harassment. The four defendants were sentenced to terms of incarceration ranging from 4 to 46 months. These cases are closed.

Michigan

88. Islamic Center (East Lansing) -- On August 20 or 21, 1995, a rock with a threatening note was thrown through a window of the Islamic Center. On August 29, 1995, a bottle of lighter fluid was found next to the building with another threatening note.

89. New Hope Missionary Baptist Church (Wayne) -- On an unknown date in May, 1996, racist stickers were placed on the outside of this predominantly African-American church.

Mississippi

90. Springhill Baptist Church

91. Rocky Point Missionary Baptist Church (Amite County and Pike County) -- Three defendants pled guilty to federal conspiracy charges arising from the arson of two African-American churches in April of 1993 on the anniversary of the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King. The defendants were sentenced to 46 months and 37 months in prison.

92. Cistern Hill Church (Como) -- On August 9, 1994, the Cistern Hill Church, a semi-rural church with a predominantly African-American congregation, was completely destroyed by fire.

93. New Life Christian Church

94. Triumph Church (Vicksburg) -- In March 1995, these racially mixed churches were vandalized.

95. St. Paul's Christian Methodist Episcopal Church (Smithville) -- A fire causing nominal damage to an African-American church occurred on March 5, 1996.

96. Mount Zion Baptist Church (Ruleville) -- On March 20, 1996, a fire inside this African-American church resulted in the burning of two church pews and extensive smoke damage.

97. Krone Baptist (Rankin County) -- On March 25, 1996, this African-American church was burned. This fire was determined to be accidental.

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72. Cypress Grove Baptist Church
73. St. Paul's Free Baptist Church
74. Sweet Home Baptist Church
75. Thomas Chapel Benevolent Society (Zachary and East Baton Rouge) -- On February 1, 1996, these four African-American churches, located within a six mile radius of each other, were burned, resulting in partial destruction to Cypress Grove and minimal damage to the other three churches.

76. St. Charles Baptist Church (Paincourtville) -- A fire occurred at this African-American church on April 11, 1996.

Maine

77. Sacred Heart Catholic (Portland) -- This church was burned on June 14, 1996.

Maryland

78. Celestial (Hyattsville) -- On January 13, 1993, this African-American church was burned.

79. Seventh Day Adventist (Frederick) -- On February 28, 1993, this church was burned.

80. Fruitland First Baptist Church (Fruitland) -- On January 30, 1996, this church was burned causing an estimated \$150,000 in damage.

81. William Watters Meeting House of the Society for Friends (Quakers) (Bel Air) -- On March 21, 1996, this Quaker church was burned.

Massachusetts

82. Epiphany (Walpole) -- On October 19, 1991, this house of worship was burned.

83. Fellowship Baptist (Hanover) -- On November 6, 1992, this church was burned.

84. Holy Ghost (Whitman) -- On February 5, 1994, this church was burned. Arrest made.

85. Calvary Baptist (Lawrence) -- On April 3, 1994, this church was burned. Arrest made.

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58. First Baptist Apostle (Chicago) -- On January 8, 1996, this African-American church was burned.

59. Oak Forest Baptist Temple (New Pilgrim) (Oak Forest) -- On May 1, 1996, this predominantly African-American church was vandalized with racist graffiti.

Indiana

60. St. Mary's Catholic (Ft. Wayne) -- On September 2, 1993, this church was burned.

61. Free Holiness (Crown Point) -- On May 2, 1994, this church was burned.

Kentucky

62. Barren River Baptist (Bowling Green) -- On June 8, 1992, this church was burned. Arrest made.

63. Corinthian Baptist Church (Newport) -- On January 10, 1993, racial slurs were painted on this church. No subjects could be identified and this investigation was closed.

64. Harlow Chapel (Barren County) -- On June 5, 1994, this African-American church was burned.

65. Pleasant Rocky Baptist (Butler County) -- On June 17, 1994, this church was burned.

66. Cash Creek Baptist Church (Henderson) -- On April 10, 1996, this church was totally destroyed by fire resulting in total damage of \$262,000.

Louisiana

67. Harvester (Rogers) -- On October 29, 1991, this church was burned.

68. Progressive Baptist (New Orleans) -- On July 3, 1992, this African-American church was burned. Arrest made.

69. Sacred Heart Catholic (Lacombe) -- On September 11, 1993, this church was burned. Arrest made.

70. Starlight Baptist Church (Morganza) -- On October 16, 1993, a cross was burned at this church.

71. Assembly of God (Westwego) -- On April 15, 1995, this church was burned. Arrest made.

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45. Evangelistic Temple Church of God (Mariana) -- On June 12, 1996, an associate pastor discovered two burn marks on a pew in this African-American church (approximately \$300 damage).

Georgia

46. Trinity Methodist (Savannah) -- On October 7, 1991, this church was burned.

47. Holy Church of God (Savannah) -- On January 28, 1994, this African-American church was burned.

48. Springfield Baptist Church

49. Elam Baptist Church (Madison) -- On July 20, 1994, the Springfield church (African-American) was completely destroyed by arson and the Elam church was also burned. These matters were investigated by state and local officials, and four males were convicted of burglary and arson and sentenced to 20 years in prison.

50. Gays Hill Baptist Church (Jenkins County) -- On March 27, 1996, this African-American church located in a rural area of Jenkins County was totally destroyed by fire.

51. Pine Lake Baptist Church (DeKalb County) -- On June 17, 1996, this church was burned.

Idaho

52. Second Baptist Church (Fort Dodge) -- On August 15, 1993, a cross was burned in the yard of this African-American church.

Illinois

53. Temple Am Echod (Waukegan) -- One defendant was sentenced to 110 months in prison for conspiring to interfere with the rights of black and Jewish citizens stemming from the June 1992, bombing of a roller rink frequented by black patrons and the vandalism of this synagogue. This case is closed.

54. 14395 Marshfield (Dixmoor) -- On August 24, 1994, this African-American church was burned.

55. Islamic Society of Greater Springfield Masjid (Springfield) -- On June 6, 1995, this Islamic center was burned. The investigation is closed.

56. Charleston Community (Charleston) -- On August 9, 1995, this church was burned.

57. Revival Center (Chicago) -- On November 7, 1995, this African-American church was burned.

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27. First Baptist

28. First Presbyterian (Ocala) -- On October 24, 1991, these two churches were burned. Arrest made.

29. First Lutheran (Gainesville) -- On October 25, 1991, this church was burned. Arrest made.

30. Mirror Lake Christian (Tampa) -- On October 30, 1991, this church was burned. Arrest made.

31. First Church of Christ

32. McDowell Baptist (St. Augustine) -- On November 7, 1991, these two churches were burned. Arrests made.

33. First Baptist (Jacksonville) -- On November 8, 1991, this church was burned.

34. St. Augustine (Gainesville) -- On November 12, 1991, this church was burned. Arrest made.

35. St. Helen's Catholic Church (Verro Beach) -- On December 19, 1991, this church was burned.

36. Tabernacle Pentecostal (Homestead) -- On December 23, 1991, this church was burned.

37. St. Mary's Missionary (Mims) -- On December 29, 1991, this African-American church was burned. Arrests made.

38. St. Francis Episcopal (Tampa) -- On January 23, 1992, this church was burned.

39. Grace United Methodist (Gainesville) -- On June 26, 1992, this church was burned.

40. Holy Trinity Episcopal (Gainesville) -- On June 26, 1992, this church was burned. Arrest made.

41. First Baptist (Hudson) -- On July 26, 1992, this church was burned. Arrest made.

42. Blessed Trinity Catholic (Ocala) -- On September 3, 1992, this church was burned. Arrest made.

43. St. Judes United (St. Petersburg) -- On January 31, 1993, this church was burned.

44. First Born Church (Tallahassee) -- On May 6, 1995, this church was burned. Arrest made.

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Arkansas

- 14. St. James Missionary Baptist
- 15. Oak Grove Missionary Baptist
- 16. Love Rest Baptist (Watson and Gillett) -- On May 17, 1992 these three African-American churches were burned to the ground by two white males. They were prosecuted by the U.S. Attorney of the E.D. of Arkansas and convicted of one count each of conspiracy, 18 U.S.C. §371. Each subject was sentenced to 37 months in federal prison.

California

- 17. Davis Community (Davis) -- On October 4, 1993, this church was burned. Arrest made.
- 18. River City Metropol (Sacramento) -- On March 27, 1994, this church was burned.
- 19. Islamic Center (Yuba City) -- On September 1, 1994, this mosque was burned.

Colorado

- 20. Assumption Greek Orthodox Cathedral (Glendale) -- On May 20, 1990, two skinheads spray-painted anti-semitic slogans on the outside wall of this house of worship, believing the building to be a synagogue. The two pled guilty to state charges. This investigation is closed.

Delaware

- 21. B'nai Israel (Wilmington) -- On May 7, 1995, this synagogue was burned.
- 22. Slaughter Neck Methodist (Milford) -- On May 2, 1996 this church was burned. This fire was determined to be accidental.

Florida

- 23. Church of Christ (Gainesville) -- On October 22, 1991, this church was burned. Arrest made.
- 24. United Church of Gainesville (Gainesville) -- On October 22, 1991, this church was burned. Arrest made.
- 25. North Central Baptist (Gainesville) -- On October 22, 1991, this church was burned. Arrest made.
- 26. Church of Christ (Gainesville) -- On October 23, 1991, this church was burned. Arrest made.

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North Carolina

126. Moores Chapel Baptist Church (Boger City) -- On July 4, 1990, this African-American church was burned causing approximately \$2,000 in damage. A local prosecution resulted in two convictions. One defendant was sentenced to nine years in prison while the other was sentenced to two years in prison.

127. West Burlington (Burlington) -- On April 21, 1992, this church was burned.

128. Browns Chapel (Wilson) -- On December 2, 1994, this African-American church was burned.

129. Mount Moriah Baptist Church (Efland) -- On December 25, 1995, this African-American church was burned.

130. Oheva Ame (Orrum) -- On January 6, 1996 this African-American church was burned.

131. Hebron United Methodist (Vail) -- On April 26, 1996, this church was burned.

132. Mt. Tabor Baptist Church (Cerro Gordo) -- On May 22, 1996, this predominantly African-American church was burned.

133. Pleasant Hill Baptist (Lumberton) -- This African-American church was burned on May 24, 1996.

134. Matthews-Murkland Presbyterian Church (Charlotte) -- This African-American church was set afire either late in the night June 6, 1996 or early in the morning of June 7. The entire historic frame building was gutted. The church building was not in use. An arrest has been made.

135. Hills Chapel (Rocky Point, Pender County) -- On the morning of June 17, 1996, this predominantly African-American church was burned.

Ohio

136. First United Methodist (Akron) -- On April 29, 1994 this church was burned.

Oklahoma

137. St. Pauls Methodist (Muskogee) -- On December 25, 1991, this church was burned.

138. First Missionary Baptist (Enid) -- On June 12, 1996 this African-American church was burned. An arrest has been made.

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Pennsylvania

139. Community Presbyterian (Ben Avon) -- On October 22, 1991, this church was burned.

140. Rising Sun Baptist (Philadelphia) -- On January 28, 1994 this African-American church was burned.

141. Glenwood United Methodist (Smithton) -- On June 4, 1995, this church was burned.

142. Church of the Mediator (Allentown) -- On June 17, 1996, this church was burned. This fire was determined to be accidental.

South Carolina

143. Mt. Zion A.M.E. Church (Greeleyville)

144. Macedonia Baptist Church (Clarendon City) -- These African-American churches burned on June 20 and 21, 1995. Two subjects have been arrested.

145. St. John Baptist Church (Dixiana) -- In August 1995, this predominantly African-American church was completely destroyed by fire. A juvenile and two adults, age 18 and 19, were charged with state arson charges.

146. Islamic Center (Greenville) -- On October 21, 1995, this mosque was burned.

147. St. Paul A.M.E. Zion (Harleyville) -- On January 25, 1996, this African-American church was burned.

148. Church (name unknown) (Kingstree) -- On April 11, 1996, an African-American church was burned.

149. Mount Olivet Baptist Church

150. Allen's Chapel

151. Rosemary Baptist Church (Barnwell County) -- Fires occurred at these three churches, including one African-American church, (Rosemary Baptist) on April 13, 1996. The pulpit at the predominantly African-American Rosemary Baptist church was completely destroyed.

152. Effingham Baptist Church (Effingham) -- On April 26, 1996, this 114 year-old African-American church was burned. As a result, the sanctuary was completely destroyed and the meeting hall was partially damaged.

153. Lexington Presbyterian (Lexington) -- On June 8, 1996 this church was burned. This fire was determined to be accidental.

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Tennessee

154. West End Synagogue (Nashville) -- Three defendants, including the Grand Dragon of the Tennessee Ku Klux Klan, a Klan and Aryan Nation associate and a juvenile Skinhead member, were charged federally with conspiring to interfere with the rights of Jewish individuals by firing shots into a synagogue that caused significant property damage in June 1990. Two of the defendants pled guilty and the third was convicted at trial. Two of the defendants were sentenced to 27 months and 42 months in prison while the juvenile defendant received probation. This case is closed.

155. St. Johns Episcopal (Knoxville) -- On October 9, 1992 this church was burned.

156. Pilgrims Hope Baptist (Memphis) -- On December 26, 1992 this African-American church was burned. Arrest made.

157. Heartland Little (Townsend) -- On January 6, 1993 this church was burned.

158. New Wright's Chapel Missionary Baptist Church (Shelby County) -- On September 6, 1994, a fire burned this African-American church.

159. Arlington Church of Christ (Arlington) -- In January, 1995, this church was burned.

160. Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church (Fruitvale)

161. Johnson Grove Baptist Church (Madison County) -- On January 13, 1995, during the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., holiday weekend, both African-American churches were totally destroyed by fire.

162. Mt. Calvary Baptist Church (Hardeman County) -- On January 31, 1995, this African-American church burned and was partially destroyed by fire.

163. Friendship Missionary Baptist Church

164. Canaan African Methodist Episcopal Church (Maury County) -- Three defendants pled guilty in October of 1995 in federal court to conspiring to firebomb and either burn or erect crosses at these two African-American churches in February 1995. One defendant was sentenced to 57 months in prison while the two other defendants were sentenced to 46 months in prison. These cases are closed.

165. St. Mary's Episcopal school (Shelby County) -- On October 16, 1995, this building was burned.

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166. Holy Communion School (Shelby County) -- On November 30, 1995, this school was burned.
167. United Methodist Church (Shelby County) -- On December 5, 1995, this church was burned.
168. Emmanuel United Methodist (Shelby County) -- On December 8, 1995, this church was burned.
169. Salem Baptist Church (Fruitland) -- On December 30, 1995, fire partially destroyed this African-American church.
170. Inner City Church (Knoxville) -- On January 8, 1996, the sanctuary of this African-American church was destroyed by fire, and racial slurs were spray painted on the doors and walls.
171. Emmanuel Bnai Noah (Athens) -- This house of worship was burned on March 25, 1996. The fire was determined to be accidental.
172. Calvary Baptist Church
173. Shady Grove Presbyterian (Shelby County) -- On April 20, 1996, these churches were burned.
174. Friendship Baptist Church (Greeneville) -- On April 26, 1996, racist graffiti was spray-painted on this African-American church.
175. Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church (Tigrett) -- On May 14, 1996, this African-American church was burned.
176. First United Pentecostal (Brownsville) -- This church was burned on May 28, 1996. The fire was determined to be accidental.

Texas

177. Mi Casa de Oracio (Dallas) -- On September 16, 1992, this church was burned. Arrest made.
178. Pleasant Ridge (Arlington) -- On November 10, 1992, this church was burned.
179. New Life Christian (Dallas) -- On July 22, 1993, this African-American church was burned. Arrest made.
180. Weaver Chapel (Bristol) -- On March 13, 1994, this church was burned. Arrest made.
181. First Korean Presbyterian (Garland) -- On September 2, 1994, this church was burned.

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182. Marble Falls United (Marble Falls) -- On April 4, 1995, this church was burned. Arrest made.

183. Fellowship Bible (Plano) --On July 25, 1995, this church was burned.

184. Cypress Trails United Methodist Church

185. Resurrection Lutheran Church (Spring) -- On January 27, 1996, these two churches, located approximately five miles apart, burned.

186. Kingdom of God in Christ (Dallas) -- On February 10, 1996, a hole was punched into the back of this racially mixed church. Silverware and furniture were stolen, obscenities, racial epithets, and references to KKK were written on the walls.

187. Church of God in Christ (Dallas) -- On April 6, 1996, this African-American church was burned. This fire was determined to be accidental.

188. Covenant Baptist (Hillsboro) - On April 18, 1996, this church was burned.

189. Heights Christian Church, Lambert Hall (Houston) -- On April 19, 1996, Lambert Hall, a building owned by Heights Christian Church, was burned causing extensive damage.

190. New Life Missionary Baptist Church (Houston) -- Between April 28 and May 2, 1996, this African-American church was forcibly entered and vandalized. Racial epithets were spray painted in the church.

191. New Light House Church of Prayer (Greenville) -- On June 9, 1996, this predominantly African-American church was burned. Local arrests have been made.

192. Church of Living God (Greenville) -- On June 10, 1996, this predominantly African-American church was burned.

193. Our Lady of Lourdes (Hitchcock) -- On June 16, 1996, this church was burned.

194. Oakwood Baptist Church (Dallas) -- On June 17, 1996, this church was burned.

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Utah

195. Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints (Davis County) -- On March 1, 1993, and continuing through the spring of 1993, vandalism targeted at Mormon churches as well as random vandalism in several neighborhoods occurred. Windows and doors were broken and satanic graffiti was spray painted. Successful local prosecution.

196. Templo Casa De Oracion (Salt Lake City) -- On March 28, 1996, this church was burned.

Virginia

197. Lebanon Baptist Church (Richmond) -- On September 5, 1993, racial and satanic messages were painted on this church and two cemetery head stones were destroyed.

198. Tikvat Israel (Richmond) -- On February 14, 1994, this synagogue was burned.

199. Korean Baptist Church

200. St. Mary's Catholic Church

201. St. Clare's Mission Church (Fairfax) -- On November 6 or 7, 1994, these churches were vandalized and spray-painted with hate slogans. Successful local prosecution.

202. Galilee Baptist Church (Appomattox) -- On February 11 and 26, and April 4, 1995 this predominantly African-American church was desecrated.

203. Grayland Baptist (Richmond) -- On February 3, 1996 this African-American church was burned. This fire was determined to be accidental.

204. Glorious Church of God in Christ (Richmond) -- On February 21, 1996, this African-American church was destroyed by fire resulting in damage in excess of \$250,000.

205. Denbigh Assembly of God (Newport News) -- On May 1, 1996, this church was burned. This fire was determined to be accidental.

Washington

206. Ebenezer African Methodist Church (Seattle) -- In November 1991, a racially mixed church located in a predominantly African-American area was significantly damaged by fire. Arrest made.

207. St. James Cathedral (Seattle) -- On March 7, 1992, this church was burned. Arrest made.

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208. Unity (Seattle) -- On October 3, 1992, this church was burned. Arrest made.

209. Living Waters Christian (Lynnwood) -- On October 7, 1992, this church was burned. Arrest made.

210. Living Center Christ (Lynnwood) -- On October 7, 1992, this church was burned. Arrest made.

211. Grace Pentecostal Church of God in Christ (Bremerton) -- On July 19, 1993, racial epithets were spray-painted on the front of this church. Successful local prosecution.

212. Pull Gospel Pentecostal Church (Seattle) -- On July 28, 1995, a racially mixed church located in a predominantly African-American area was destroyed by fire.

213. Whidbey Island Naval (Oak Harbor) -- On January 21, 1996, this church was burned.

214. Our Most Sorrowful Mother Catholic Church

215. Community Evangelical Church (Soap Lake) -- On June 10, 1996, Our Most Sorrowful Mother Catholic Church was burned and destroyed by fire. Damage is in excess of \$90,000. On June 14, 1996, the Community Evangelical Church was burned and received minor damage estimated at less than \$1,000. An arrest has been made.

216. Eritrean Community Church (Seattle) -- On June 15, 1996, there was a fire at this African-American church. The fire reportedly began by someone holding a flame to trash which was adjacent to the church building while the congregation was in the church. There was approximately \$20,000 damage to the building.