

DATE: November 14, 1997

FROM: Dorothy Bishop

TO: Community Churches

RE: Support for National Association for the Advancement  
of Colored People

Pastor:

I am writing to ask for your support in helping with the survival of the Oktibbeha County Branch Charter of the NAACP.

Oktibbeha County NAACP is in a critical stage at this time. In order to legally maintain the Oktibbeha County Branch Charter, we must submit a charter fee of \$1,200.00 per year, due March 1988. We are asking several churches in our community to start giving a donation of \$100.00 each year to ensure payment of the charter fee. If you choose, you can pay in installments. The first installment is needed before January 15, 1998. This charter fee enables the NAACP to legally step in and help with problems/issues facing our Black community such as much needed jobs and racism.

Our Black community needs NAACP much more than many of us realizes. I am constantly out in our community trying to keep tabs on situations that may need an organization like the NAACP's help. There are many more issues facing our young people as well as others that folk in the community are just not aware of. One problem being; our young people with major problems in school are being placed at Quad County Alternative School and literally being treated like criminals. I have recently visited this school and I am currently trying to get some changes made to help educate and motivate our young people and get them on the right track while there is still a chance.

As NAACP President, I'm asking again that you please help our local NAACP by giving a donation. Also, I ask that you consider posting this letter on your church bulletin board and ask your church members to consider taking a part of, joining, and becoming an active member of Oktibbeha County NAACP. Membership fee per year is \$3.00 ages 3-21 and \$10.00 ages 22 and over. Feel free to contact me at (601) 323-6670.

Thank you for your support. May God continually bless you and your church family.

Sincerely,

Dorothy Bishop