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Racism *is a Violation of* **HUMAN RIGHTS**

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The World Council of Churches (WCC) and The National Council of Churches (NCC) have joined together in a joint initiative for a campaign on Human Rights. The campaign will involve hearings on Racism as a Human Rights Violation in the U.S. in October 1994. One of the seven sites for hearings will be in Oklahoma which will focus on Native American issues related to racism.

Anne Marshall
Chairperson
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The Muscogee (Creek) Nation has graciously invited the WCC/NCC delegation to conduct the hearings at the tribal facility in Okmulgee, Oklahoma on October 15. An immersion experience for the delegation, (international community) a team of three, will be conducted on October 14th. This will entail visits and dialogue with the Native American Community. The immersion experience will foster their understanding of issues facing native people.

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In addition to the findings via hearings, some of the action steps includes a press conference which will be held in Washington, DC. A member of the delegation will present the findings to the United Nations Human Rights Commission in Geneva in February 1995. Also, the findings will be presented to the Central Committee of the World Council of churches at their annual meeting in September 1995 in Nashville.

Alejandro Molina
Chairperson
Site
Committee

The Oklahoma site committee at this time is still in formation. Community, church and tribal leaders have been invited to be part of this campaign. A committee meeting will be held:

World Council of Churches
Deborah Robinson
Executive Secretary
Program to Combat Racism

Friday, May 6, 1994

10:00am - 5:00pm

Brown Room, located at the

Oklahoma Indian Affairs Commission Offices

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