

File - Voting Rights

Southern Christian Leadership Conference

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MARCH FOR FREEDOM FLAG COMMITTEE

1. In order to symbolize national participation in the five day March for Freedom from Selma to Montgomery, a Flag Committee has been formed, in cooperation with the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, to carry fifty ceremonial flags, each of which will be paired with the ceremonial flag of a religious faith or with a ceremonial state flag.
2. One member of each of the fifty bi-racial two-men teams of the Flag Committee will fly from Washington to Selma with air transportation provided by members of the Flag Committee leaving at 0700 hours on Sunday 21 March 1965 from Paige Airways at National Airport, and will carry along: one pair of ceremonial flags (each furled and encased), two carrying straps, and personal items for the five day overnight march.
3. The Southern Christian Leadership Conference will provide transportation from the Selma Municipal Airport to the assembly area for the march, and will designate the second member of each bi-racial two-men team.
4. SCLC will also provide transportation from the capitol building in Montgomery to Dannelly Airport.
5. Members of the Flag Committee will provide air transportation back to Paige Airways at National Airport in Washington in the late afternoon of Thursday 25 March 1965.
6. Members of the Flag Committee, in cooperation with the Washington Chapter of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, will provide logistics, including the enrollment of one member of each of the fifty bi-racial two-men teams: either from the personnel of United States Senators and Representatives, or from the personnel of the three religious faiths in the Washington area.
7. If your Senator or Representative will authorize you to carry his (or her) state and national ceremonial flags to and in the march from Selma to Montgomery, please telephone: STerling 3-4568.
8. If you are authorized to carry two ceremonial flags, one of your faith and the other of the United States, to and in the march from Selma to Montgomery, by the Council of Churches of Greater Washington, or by the Catholic Archdiocese of Washington or by the Jewish Community Council of Greater Washington, please telephone: STerling 3-4568.
9. If you are interested in joining the Flag Committee in order to provide a company plane, or your personal plane, to fly the marching members of the Flag Committee to Selma, in less than four hours, and from Montgomery back to Washington, please telephone: STerling 3-4568.
10. If you can suggest the name of anyone who may want to join the Flag Committee, either as a marcher or in order to provide air transportation, please telephone: STerling 3-4568.

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