North Newark Clergy Group 5 March 1973

Brothers:

The substance of the following draft has been before us for several months. A number of us believe that it is now the right time to pull together on this proposal, adopt it, and offer it to the people.

Housing Rawarda

Accordingly, seven of the team, meeting at Good Counsel Church last evening, determined to circularize the proposal as printed below and call for a meeting of the Group on

THURSDAY 8 March

4:00 p.m.

Good Counsel Church

to take final action with respect to the text of the proposal.

I will attempt to be in touch with everyone prior to Thursday in order that comment may be had from those who may be unable to attend.

The statement:

KAWAIDA-COMMUNITY LIAISON PROPOSED BY CLERGY

It is time for reconciliation.

We, the North Newark Clergy Group, believe

- -- that the Temple of Kawaida has the legal right to sponsor a housing development and build on the Lincoln Avenue site;
- --that the residents in the neighborhood area should participate in those aspects of the development which directly affect them;
- -- that movement towards reconciliation in the community can come about if caring people work together to solve problems.

Therefore

- 1)we urge all to accept the decisions of the judiciary;
- 2)we propose to the Temple of Kawaida, the sponsor, and to the local community that there be established a Kawaida Towers-Community Liaison Committee whose functions would be
 - a)to advise the Kawaida Towers managing agent concerning fair racial and ethnic distribution ranges for residence in the Towers, in light of the several local resident ethnic communities;
 - b)to encourage all area ethnic groups to apply for occupancy;
 - c)to interpret Krwaida Towers management concerns to the local community and to convey local community concerns to Kawaida Towers management.

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