

IN THE NAME OF God, THE BENEFICENT, THE MERCIFUL.

The practice of order maintenance policing is premised on society being divided into two groups, the “orderly” upstanding, law-abiding citizen and the “disorderly” criminal-in-the-making. Once in existence, this construct is used to justify policies that treat the disorderly person as one who “needs to be policed, surveyed, watched, relocated, controlled.” -- Bernard Harcourt, University of Chicago Law School

March 15, 2011

To the Pastoral Community of Champaign County:

May this open letter/invitation find you well and in good spirit as we search for a solution to the many problems that we face as a people.

In the aftermath of a turbulent year filled with anxiety and animosity between the masses of Black people in our community and the police departments, CUCPJ, in an effort to expand the communities focus around the areas of “state sanctioned” policing abuse, has been introduced Chief Leon E. Frazier, Retired Chief of Police, from Ohio. After several months of conversations, CUCPJ has invited Chief Frazier to visit our community on April 14 – 16, to teach and train us on ways to eliminate police abuse in our community. Chief Frazier has worked in law enforcement for almost forty years, several of which were as the Chief of Police in Dayton, OH. So, *why have we asked him to come?* Chief Frazier comes out of the civil rights era, working on issues of equality and justice for African-Americans. He has, through his professional career, taken to heart the issues of justice and citizen rights. He has seen firsthand how a few “spoiled” apples can destroy the whole lot and has made it part of his present service, a mission to help communities protect their rights and put an end to police abuse.

During his tour of our community, several meetings will take place with Chief Frazier. He will meet with local law enforcement representatives, activists, ministerial community and engage the community at a public session which being held at Salem Baptist Church on Friday, April 15 from 5:30 – 8:30 p.m.

At his request, we have arranged a private meeting with Chief Frazier and the pastoral community to take place on Saturday, April 16, 2011 @ 10:30 a.m. – Noon, hosted by Pastor McGee of Alpha and Omega Church, 400 West Bradley Avenue, Champaign, IL 61820-2638, and (217) 398-6745. For more information and to confirm your attendance, please contact Pastor McGee, or Bro. Aaron Ammons, at (217) 721-0934. If you are unable to attend, please send an assistance pastor to represent your church. This meeting is strictly for the pastoral community and CUCPJ designated representatives. Please RSVP by April 1, 2011. You may also contact us at livingsoul@sbcglobal.net. Thank you and May God be pleased with our service.

Sincerely,

Aaron O. Ammons, CUCPJ

