

the abolition and end of division and hostility, the end of separation and segregation; it is to affirm Peace and Reconciliation." Another continues: "The communion we shared in work and worship was living proof to me of the oneness of our Church and Faith." After one student had known the possibility of reconciliation she asserts, "We must open ourselves to the new life of Christ to have the internal patterns of division broken down, over and over again." From Mississippi a student reports that his service there has "demonstrated for the first time in Mississippi that a white person and a Negro community (in the restricted sense of the word) can live together voluntarily, without external support and within the context of the Christian faith." It is impossible to include all the statements which witness to a realization of unity in Jesus Christ.

I have the distinct feeling as I read the summer reports that the participants face an impossible task in trying to explain all that has happened during three swift-moving months. So many of our experiences were similar that the evaluation conference in Raleigh was filled with enthusiasm and the desire to share part of the richness of the summer. Now, I am trying to share my experience of the past summer by working toward the coming summer as a member of the SIM committee here in New York. I am a part of that small group of people who are fond of being foolish in faith. We are trying to involve people in the SIM program. The exciting thing is that it is no longer just a Union Seminary project. There were fifteen students participating in the program last summer and they represented twelve seminaries. The students were spread through eight southern states, creating little pockets of leaven in the church, leaven that someday may produce quiet integration of brother with brother instead of violent desegregation that many times produces hate and more barriers for true brotherhood. I am grateful for the opportunity I had to share in the church as an SIM participant. It was a summer of spiritual growth and challenge.

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The importance of student-initiative in the work of the STUDENT INTERRACIAL MINISTRY has been stressed often, both in this report and in our meetings. And we do not want to lose this orientation, for SIM would not be the same program if it were not totally student-controlled. There are, however, dangers in this, such as the inefficiency which can result when the bulk of the work is being done by people whose primary commitment is to their studies. There is also the danger that the inexperience and enthusiasm of youth will result in hasty and careless steps. In this light, the STUDENT INTERRACIAL MINISTRY Committee wishes to express its deep gratitude to those who--respecting the fact that SIM is a student project--have given their time and experience. Particular appreciation is due to Dr. J. Oscar Lee, Executive Director, and his Department of Racial and Cultural Relations of the National Council of Churches, and to Dr. Roger L. Shinn, who have continually given of themselves for the good of the project.

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