

PETITION FOR PERMIT

TO: The City Commission of the City of Birmingham  
The Honorable Albert Boutwell and The City Council of  
City of Birmingham,  
The Honorable Judson Hodges, City Clerk of the City of Birmingham,  
The Honorable Ben Robinson, Traffic Engineer of the City of Birmingham

This petition is addressed separately to each of the above city official bodies and officials because of the uncertainty petitioner has concerning which of these bodies or officials has authority to and actually does issue permits of the nature here requested. Furthermore, there is an additional uncertainty on the part of petitioner whether a permit is required by law for the type of activity which it desires to conduct for the reason that petitioner does not believe that it is a <sup>Parade</sup> ~~march~~ within the terms of Section 1159, of the Code of the City of Birmingham. Nevertheless, out of an abundance of caution and for the reason that petitioner desires to comply with the law, petitioner submits this application.

Petitioner desires on Wednesday, May 2, 1963 or Thursday, May 3, 1963, whichever date is more convenient for the City of Birmingham, to walk with a group of persons, two abreast, on the sidewalk, obeying all traffic regulations, beginning on Sixth Avenue and Sixteenth Street, North, at approximately 11:00 A. M., up Sixth Avenue to 19th Street, then on 19th Street to the City Hall, and there conduct a brief prayer meeting. <sup>The walkers</sup> En route ~~petitioners~~ will block no doors, exits nor sidewalks. They will return via the same route. Petitioner respectfully requests reply to this petition by Tuesday, April 30, 1963, so that it may make plans accordingly. Please reply to the undersigned.

Rev. F. L. Shuttlesworth  
505½ North 17th Street  
Birmingham, Alabama  
On behalf of Petitioner,  
Alabama Christian Movement for  
Human Rights.

*The purpose of this walk is to  
express our opposition to racial segregation*