

CORE SOUTHERN WORKSHOPS

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The CORE Southern Program is a broad undertaking which attempts to touch the lives of southerners at many points. Each of our workers is concerned with one or several such points, but few have the opportunity to see our full program in depth. This workshop is the first of three scheduled to be held before summer, 1965: Jan. 21-23, March 25-27 and May 27-29.

The subject matter of the three conferences will not vary appreciably. There are three general topics: program, CORE organization and procedures, and non-CORE services (legal aid, etc.). Sessions will be set up in small-group workshops. For the most part, resident staff-people will serve as discussion leaders, but some non-CORE resource persons play an essential role in explaining their special activities.

Either in part or in toto, the conference may handily consider these basic questions:

1. To what human need(s) is this program (or project) addressed?
2. Can you state a goal for it?
3. What methods or activities are presently employed to carry out the program?
4. Can you evaluate the effectiveness of these methods?
5. What programmatic changes and/or additions are necessary?
6. How does your project fit into the total program?

There are presently sixty-five field secretaries and Task Force workers on the CORE staff, plus fifteen or so volunteers. We plan for at least five additional resource people, a number that had best be considered as ten. This adds up to an approximate total number of ninety people, of whom eighty will be from out-of-town. A budget is appended, together with an agenda for the workshop.