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Mr. Bill Kolender, Chairman
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220 West Broadway
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Dear Mr. Kolender;

The San Diego County Ecumenical Conference has long been concerned with and involved in the development of peaceful, integrated, quality education for all San Diegans. The enclosed resolution was passed by our Board of Directors on October 18, 1979 to re-emphasize our commitment to this goal and to encourage you to continue efforts to make it a reality.

Sincerely,

Charles Ballinger/mc

Dr. Charles Ballinger, Convener
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SAN DIEGO COUNTY ECUMENICAL CONFERENCE

STATEMENT ON SCHOOL DESEGREGATION AND INTEGRATION
Approved by the Board of Directors, October 18, 1979

WHEREAS: The Gospel of Jesus Christ calls us to cease everything that divides the human family and to build oneness of spirit and justice,

WHEREAS: Desegregation has been ordered by the San Diego Superior Court, and a plan has been submitted by the San Diego Unified School District,

WHEREAS: The welfare of the community is inseparable from the health and welfare of all its citizens,

WHEREAS: We are committed to public education and the elimination of all forms of discrimination in our society, including racial segregation,

WHEREAS: We are dedicated to the rule of law with justice in our society, for all of our citizens,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That the San Diego County Ecumenical Conference affirms its dedication towards achieving public education of highest quality for all communities in San Diego and declares its desire to help bring about the peaceful and lawful desegregation of our schools.

2. The San Diego County Ecumenical Conference calls upon its member churches and San Diego community leaders to support the court-authorized plan, urging the school board to act immediately to implement as many of its alternatives as possible towards achieving integration.

3. That members of congregations of the San Diego County Ecumenical Conference are urged to be agents of peaceful change, as well as active instruments for achieving enhanced educational opportunities for our children.

4. That we call upon churches not to allow their schools and church facilities to be used as a means to avoid desegregation.