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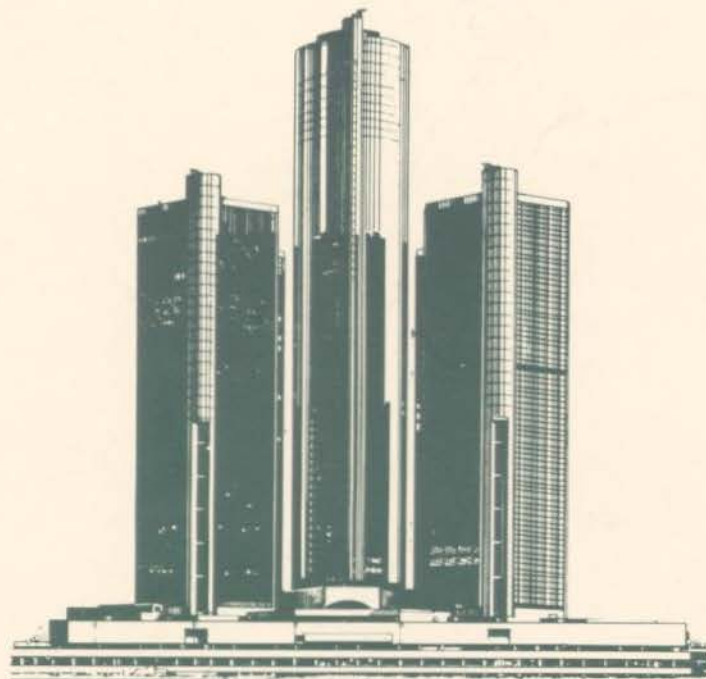
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Coleman A. Young, Mayor

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Greetings:

I am delighted to have the opportunity to welcome the Crusade for Christ to Cobo Conference and Exhibition Center. The efforts of the Detroit Churches of Christ, in bringing this grand crusade to our city is genuinely appreciated.

I am further impressed to know that the Churches of Christ have made every effort to involve both black and white congregations in this endeavor. We are long past the time when we can be comfortable with our religious activities being the most segregated occurrence in America.

I applaud your work in bringing this demonstration of spiritual and social consciousness to Detroit.

Sincerely,


COLEMAN A. YOUNG
Mayor



HISTORY OF THE CHURCHES OF CHRIST CRUSADE

The idea of the Crusade for Christ was born about fifteen years ago in a men's training class in Chicago, Illinois. This class was organized for the purpose of consolidating and formulating local congregational programs to avoid conflicts in scheduling. This effort was also designed to offer fellowship to all in the local church work of the Chicago area.

This fellowship included participation in gospel meetings, homecomings and other programs of the local congregations. However, as new congregations were organized, it became obvious that there would still be some scheduling conflicts. Nevertheless, efforts were made to avoid them. Dr. Daniel Harrison was selected to instruct the class, that was organized for these various purposes.

Dr. Harrison called a special meeting with the men of the Churches of Christ in the Chicago area, where the issue of congregational fellowship was discussed. After a great deal of discussion and much prayers, it was decided more integration was necessary, and that an expanded base of unity among the congregations was worth all of the effort that could be given. It was in this meeting that the idea of the Crusade for Christ came into focus.

Another special meeting was called at the Monroe Street Church of Christ in October 1978 and the plans for the crusade were put on the drawing board. Dr. Harrison was assigned the task of getting all the facts, figures, and data as to the project cost. A meeting was called in November 1978 for the presentation of the facts and figures. After a great deal of discussion and much prayer, it was agreed by all present that with God's help, it could be done. At this time, the Chicago Churches of Christ began gathering data and put into action the plans and the Crusade became a reality.

It should be said that this movement is one of the greatest combined efforts that has ever been undertaken by the Churches of Christ nationwide. Chicago is most definitely the beginning of the history of The Crusade for Christ 1979 thru 1981. In 1983 the Crusade was held in Houston, Texas, and with each destination, the Crusade improved and grew thru the years. In 1985, the brethrens in the San Francisco area was our host.

It is believed by some, that the Orlando Crusade held in 1987 was the most improved, certainly the most productive of the combined missionary effort.

The Crusade theme "*That We All May Be One*" was used in New Orleans in 1989. In 1991 this theme isn't only being used, but it is being practiced throughout the Michigan area. History will read that it was a combined effort by the black and white Churches of Christ in Michigan.

History will read that it was the largest number of people ever gathered together for the Crusade, since its conception. History will read that more funds were freely given of the saint of Michigan than any other pass Crusades. History will read that some forty-four congregations in Michigan, black and white are actively involved in the soul saving campaign for Christ.

History will read that the Michigan ministers, the Michigan elders, the Michigan deacons and Michigan members of Lord's Church truly united together.

History will read that the greatest number of people were in fellowship one with another and embraced the task that was set before them, and enjoyed the Crusade more than any religious group that have come to Detroit.

It has truly been a glorious blessing for Michigan to have been a part of The Crusade For Christ 1991.



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