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**The National Conference for Community and Justice of the Piedmont Triad
Presents "Civil Rights: Then and Now"**

Greensboro, N.C.—The National Conference for Community and Justice of the Piedmont Triad, Inc., (NCCJ), will sponsor "Civil Rights: Then and Now," a look at the role of Guilford County students in the fight for social justice in the 1960s and today Wednesday, March 11 at 7:30 p.m., at the Greensboro Masonic Temple, 426 W. Market Street. Admission will be charged.

The program will feature an encore performance of the play, "Periphery," by local playwright Ed Simpson. The drama highlights the landmark 1960 Greensboro Woolworth sit-ins and how the act of civil disobedience by a group of North Carolina A&T State University students affected those on the sidelines—the periphery—of the civil rights movement.

Immediately following the play a panel discussion led by students from public and private high schools in Guilford County will feature stories about their efforts to continue the fight for social justice. The students, alumni of NCCJ's ANYTOWN summer leadership camp on diversity, have a broad range of experiences to share in how they are making a difference among their peers.

"Like the Civil Rights Movement of the '60s, NCCJ's mission to fight bias and promote understanding and respect gets its strength from young men and women in our community," said Susan Feit, NCCJ Executive Director.

"NCCJ sponsored programs like ANYTOWN recruit student leaders from public and private high schools in Greensboro and High Point to help them understand that discrimination is real, has a detrimental effect on our communities and must be addressed anew by each generation to promote fairness and equality."

Admission is \$25. All proceeds will support NCCJ's community and youth programs. For reservations, call (336) 272-0359 or visit the NCCJ Web site, www.nccjtriad.org.

The National Conference for Community and Justice, founded in 1927 as The National Conference of Christians and Jews, is a human relations organization dedicated to fighting bias, bigotry and racism in America. NCCJ does not advocate for any particular group or philosophy, but works to build mutual respect among all people—regardless of race, culture, sexual orientation, gender, socioeconomic background or faith—through advocacy, conflict resolution and education.

NCCJ of the Piedmont Triad is a non-profit, 501 (c)(3) organization located at 713 N. Greene St. For information, contact Jim Steele, jsteele@nccjtriad.org, or (336) 272-0359, Ext. 15.

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