



THE URBAN BISHOPS COALITION

THE CHURCH'S MISSION IN THE CITIES

P R O S P E C T U S

FOR A NATIONAL ASSEMBLY TO ORGANIZE

THE EPISCOPAL URBAN CAUCUS

Purpose The Urban Bishops Coalition and the Church and City Conference are calling the Assembly:

- (1) To explore the root causes - spiritual, ethical, social, economic, and political - of urban degeneration;
- (2) To identify those public policies and practices which demand the intervention of Christians concerned for the needs and rights of the poor and the oppressed;
- (3) To develop and invoke commitment to mission strategies to revitalize parishes as centers for mission and ministry in cities;
- (4) To organize a broadly-based and disciplined caucus to engage itself materially and spiritually in the Church's mission in the cities during the coming decade;
- (5) To lay a base within the Episcopal Church from which it can engage itself as a partner with other religious and secular bodies in confronting the plight of the cities.

Participation It is expected that some 300 persons will participate in the Assembly which will be convened on Wednesday afternoon, February 13, 1980, in Indianapolis, Indiana, and will conclude at noon on Saturday, February 16. Invitations will be extended to members of the Urban Bishops Coalition and the Church and City Conference and through them to key persons in their dioceses and parishes who are or wish to become involved in urban mission. Special representation will be sought from Blacks, women, gays, Hispanics, and others actively engaged in working toward social justice.