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MARCC
(METROPOLITAN AREA RELIGIOUS COALITION OF CINCINNATI)

25 Years Young

The Metropolitan Area Religious Coalition of Cincinnati (MARCC) celebrated its 25th Anniversary at Carmel Presbyterian Church on Wednesday, February 10. Speakers at the celebration included **Ms. Virginia Coffey**, the former Executive Director of the Cincinnati Human Relations Commission; **Bailey Turner** (during 1967-68 was) President of the Avondale Community Council; **Eugene Ruehlmann** (during 1967-68 was) Mayor of Cincinnati; **Daniel Kane** (during 1967-68 was) Director of Communications of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati; **Paul Long** (during 1967-68 was) the new Presbyterian Pastor of the Indian Hill Church; **Rabbi Albert Goldman** (during 1967-68 was) Senior Rabbi of Isaac M. Wise Temple; **William Schumacher** (during 1967-68 was) Director of the Social Action Commission, Archdiocese of Cincinnati, and **Ms. Carol Dragul** (during 1967-68 was) a Member of the Jewish Community Relations Council.

MARCC was formed in response to the Cincinnati Riots of 1967 and 1968. Jews, Orthodox, Catholic, and Protestant Judicatories agreed to work together "...to forgo the luxury of separate paths when a common way can be found..." They agreed to **listen, act, speak** -- in that order! They agreed to work on a few issues; where there was moral concern, they could do thorough research, and they could agree by consensus. They would run no programs. They would not confront unless they had to. They would work with decisionmakers where they could. They would listen, bridgebuild, convene, advise, and inform. In the beginning, MARCC was not intended to be a permanent organization, but over the past 25 years, it has maintained an unusual vitality as religious organizations in Cincinnati have worked hard behind the scenes to help governmental and educational decisionmakers make better decisions on behalf of all of us. Past Presidents of MARCC include **The Rt. Rev. Roger Blanchard** of the Diocese of Southern Ohio, **Andrew Sigler**, and **Paul Long** of the Indian Hill Church. The first Executive Director of MARCC was **The Rev. Joseph Sprague**, a Methodist Minister now stationed in Columbus. The present Executive Director is **The Rev. Duane Holm**, a Presbyterian Minister. The Delegates Council of MARCC meets monthly at 12:00 noon at St. Peter in Chains Cathedral. Guests are welcome. If you would like to attend one of these informative meetings, please call Paul Long to make arrangements. The next meeting is Wednesday, March 10.

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