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"To make Denison a human and a humane community....."

That is the driving goal for the current Denison crisis. Only when those who have the power, and the students who don't, recognize the desperation of the Black community and act accordingly, extending the hand of brotherhood, will Denison become a "human" community.

BUT WE of the Christ-believing community at Denison must bear witness to our belief that such a hypothesis is destined to failure, and is incapable of truly engendering a humane Denison.

For the motivation toward this humane DENISON has been centered in ourselves. Through ourselves acting and living as human individuals will the salvation of Denison's soul come. Such is the myth embraced by Denison's Chapel Establishment.

BUT WE, as believers in Christ, witness to the fact that without a faith in God and the reconciling power of His love through Jesus Christ, all is for nothing. Man cannot love to the ideal of humanness without the love of Christ permeating his life. God is love; it is His essence. But love is not God; and without Him, it is powerless.

JESUS CHRIST was not only just a good man whose example we are to follow. Christ is who He said He was: God's own Son.

During this Holy Week, 1970, we remember Christ's crucifixion. But we rejoice far more in His resurrection: His victory over despair, hate, and even death. God so reconciled estranged man unto Himself through Christ.

WHAT DENISON must do, what each individual must do, is to bewail our vanity, our pride, our despair, and our helplessness without God to effect our ideal of humanness, and believe in Him.

WE, the Christ-believers at Denison, do not pretend to have all the answers. But we witness to our faith in The Answer: Jesus Christ. "For God loved the world so much that He gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him may not die, but have eternal life." (Jn. 3:16)

Eternal life is not only a quantity of life; it's a quality, rich, full, and abundant, which begins right now. Such a quality of life and love is the only solution to Denison's goal of humanness.

WE ASK, in your search for meaning during the current crisis, to consider the claims of being the ultimate authority of life and love by the only person in this planet's history who returned from the grave, victor over the world of confusion, racism, anger, hatred, and tears which crucified Him.

Your response or inquiry welcome.
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