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**NATIONAL CONFERENCE  
ON  
COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION**

MARCH 20, 1920

NEW WILLARD HOTEL  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

March 8, 1920.

Mr. H. P. Judson,  
Chicago, Ill.

My dear Mr. Judson:

In preparation for a national program of community organization, I am calling a conference of representatives of State and National organizations to meet in Washington on the 20th of March.

The importance of such a conference and program lies in this. The American people are now facing many problems--problems which are causing divisions among us. These problems cannot be ignored. They must be squarely met and wisely settled. To this end, they must be considered by our whole people and considered from the vantage ground of the common interests of people as human beings, not in head-on conflict as separate groups. Democratic community organization, as I see it, opens the only sure road to such national unity and constructive action. Hence the promotion of community organization on Democratic lines constitutes just now a challenge to every thoughtful American.

One object of the conference will be to discuss the celebration of June 14th as "Neighbors' Day," with a nation-wide program of neighborliness and community activities,--pageants, songs, meetings, etc. Such a one-day celebration might serve to emotionalize the community idea and prepare the way for more definite community organization.

We shall want the advice and assistance of every national group interested in promoting a more vital and satisfying Americanism. Can you attend this meeting? Will you please indicate the particulars on the enclosed card and reply on the earliest possible mail?

Sincerely yours,

*William H. Lane*



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WILLARD HOTEL  
WASHINGTON, D. C.  
March 10, 1920

March 8, 1920.

Dear Mr. Lane:

Yours of the 8th is received. I regret that my engagements here are such that it will be impossible for me to be in Washington on the 20th. The conference is an important one and I certainly hope that results will follow.

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Very truly yours,

Mr. Franklin K. Lane,

New Willard Hotel,

Washington, D.C.

HRJ:JN

One object of the conference will be to dis-

seminate the celebration of the 10th of "Negroes"

and with a nation-wide program of religious

and community activities,--parades, songs,

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