P. E. E. R. S.

POLITICAL, EDUCATIONAL, ECONOMICAL, RECONSTRUCTION SYSTEMS

What Are PEERS?

Peers are equal, noble people, people who believe in living the **Golden Rule**. Peers thoughtfully agree to do unto others as they would have others do unto them. They say nothing to others in any way that they would not like it said to them. Peers treat other people the way they want to be treated. In the Peers Movement there are no big I(s) and little you(s) and although all are different, all have value and no one is to be belittled.

President Obama said, "The core of America is decent people." Peers are decent people who respect others and understand it's unacceptable and inappropriate to be rude. **We all should strive to become "Peers",** humble people who understand that humility and meekness are strengths and not weaknesses. Peers are not bullies or cowards, but are strong and courageous. As children of God, we are peace makers so we promote responsibility, respect and reconciliation.

TEACH, PRACTICE & PROMOTE "THE GOLDEN RULE" "Do Unto Others As You Would Have Others Do Unto You"

What Is The Mission Of P.E.E.R.S.?

P.E.E.R.S. will work to activate the community by getting more citizens involved in moving towards political, educational and economic empowerment. We will work with initiatives designed to produce measurable progress and accountability in these areas by promoting **responsibility**, **respect and reconciliation**. P.E.E.R.S. is a grassroots movement that will help build coalitions, encourage collaboration and promote cooperative economics.

A THIRD RECONSTRUCTION

We want to impact our culture in such a way that many of its negative characteristics will be alleviated, overcome or changed. We will work to reconstruct our culture so that it will better reflect America as One Nation Under God.

What are Our Goals?

In Politics we will: 1. Develop a respectful relationship with people who represent and serve the public.

- a. Make sure officials have accurate contact information.
- b. Encourage citizens to be responsible, know how to contact their representatives and respectfully engage them whenever possible.
- c. Encourage Grass Roots Citizens to participate in town hall meetings, political forums, briefings and debriefings and help publicize these events.
- 2. Identify at least three initiatives that will build accountability in public positions.
 - a. Publish an annual report card.
 - b. Allow people who work for and with elected and appointed officials to critique those officials.
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- 3. Conduct a Grass Roots Citizen's Leadership Development Program (like The Family Community Leadership Program).

4. Make voting a Rites of Passage for 18 year olds.

In Education we will: 1. Educate Professional Educators of their rights

and responsibilities to their industry. Encourage Educators to be more involved in improving public education and establishing educational and public policies.

2. Study why we are not adequately and responsibly funding public education and why education is not positively impacting poverty and publish these findings and work on making changes. 3. Develop a survey for professional educators to identify areas where changes are needed most, i.e. where and how money and time are spent, etc.

4. Promote preschool, preparental and parental education.

5. Promote adult literacy.

6. Encourage adequate funding of academic sports.

7. Aggressively encourage more males to pursue careers in education.

8. Work to double the number of teachers that vote.

Teachers are Over Worked & Under Paid Because Too Few of Them Vote . !

In Economics we will: 1. Promote Cooperative Economics (Co-ops).

2. Develop and implement a Work Program that will help participants to transition to a better and higher quality of life.

3. Implement the DRUGFAST Campaign and tie it in with the Work Program.

4. Promote and encourage employers to pay adults a LIVABLE WAGE.

What Characteristics of Our Culture Need To Be Changed?

Our culture is the totality of socially transmitted behavioral patterns, arts, beliefs, habits, institutions and all other products of human work and thought characteristics of a community or population. How we entertain ourselves, the ways we communicate and what we pass on to our children are characteristics of our culture.

God has put before us choices. We can choose that which leads to or represents life or death, good or bad, right or wrong, what's best or worst for us, the positive or the negative. When we ask, He gives us wisdom to help us know and choose right from wrong.

Our culture has many characteristics that are bad, negative and that lead to death. The enemy gets to us through our bad choices and habits. With God's help, we can alleviate, overcome and change the negative characteristics of our culture.

"TO OVERCOME NEGATIVE SITUATIONS, APPLY POSITIVE PRINCIPLES"

Some of the negative characteristics of our culture that can be changed are: ALCOHOL & DRUG ABUSE BULLYING & COWARDICE POVERTY

PROFANITY WORRY

> Forty Years of Wondering Through The Wilderness. We Can Recover What We Have Lost.

<u>"DESEGREGATION"</u>

It took America 107 years to move from Emancipation to Desegregation. One hundred and seven years of Jim Crowism, of denying citizens their equal rights, of obstructionism, of bigotry and of resisting and not handling change well. Then in 1972 when desegregation kicked in, many of us were so busy pursuing what we wanted, we did not hold on to what we had. Instead of drawing closer to God and Godliness, statistics indicate, as a nation, we moved farther away from Him. Over the last forty or so years, it appears that we as a nation have been **Wondering Through a type of Spiritual Wilderness**.

"Trust In The Lord With All Your Heart, Lean Not On Your Own Understanding, In All Your Ways Acknowledge Him And He Will Direct Your Paths."

Most of us have our list of gains and losses during the last 40 years. There are three very noticeable things in which we as a nation have had a measurable decline. Many of us have lost a sense of family, a sense of community and a sense of Dependency on God. The good news is, "That which was lost can be recovered, developed and restored."

P.E.E.R.S. will practice valuing, then **teach and encourage** others to value **family, community and God.** We will use the principles of: 1. **Respect** for God, self and others,

2. **Responsibility**, taking control of and being a good steward of what belongs to us and

3. *Reconciling* ourselves with God, family and others to develop a greater sense of unity, oneness and joyful living.

The Evidence That We Value Something Is That: We Invest Resources In It; We Spend Time With It And We Make The Effort Necessary To Develop Viable Relationships To Support It.

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"TO GOD BE THE GLORY"