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From his early life in Americus, Georgia to the present, M. William (Bill) Howard, Jr. has sought to apply his faith toward transforming the human condition. As an elected youth leader of the Sumter County (GA) Voters League in 1961, he

was engaged in the first massive voter education and registration drive in Southwest Georgia.

As a national staff member of the (Dutch) Reformed Church in America; as Moderator of the Programme to Combat Racism of the World Council of Churches; as President of the National Council of Churches; and as President of the American Committee on Africa, he was deeply involved in a wide-range of Human Rights and anti-colonial campaigns in the US, Southern Africa, the Middle East, Latin America and Asia.

Dr. Howard has served on the national boards of the Urban League, The Independent Sector, and The Children's Defense Fund, among others. He chaired the NJ Death Penalty Study Commission, which led to the State of NJ becoming the first state in the USA to abolish the death penalty since it was re-authorized by the US Supreme Court in 1976. He is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations, and has received numerous citations, awards, honorary degrees and keys to cities. In February 2008, he received the Bennie Award for Achievement, named for famed Morehouse College president, Dr. Benjamin E. Mays, whose autobiography, *Born to Rebel*, Dr. Howard helped to research.

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