

K.T.I. Foundation Fund

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Dear Friend of Kansas Tech:

As you doubtless know, the State of Kansas has closed Kansas Technical Institute as of June 5th this year, and allocated the buildings and grounds to the Highway Patrol, the T.B. Sanitorium, Income Tax Division, and Surplus Property Stores. All of this was in violation of the original agreement existing between the State of Kansas and members of the corporation, known as the Industrial and Educational Institute of Topeka. One of the members of this corporation was the Missionary Baptist State Convention of Kansas.

We feel there is still a vital need for Kansas Tech, as no other State school offers a similar curriculum on the same level.

Even though the State of Kansas did not buy the land, and has erected only a small part of the physical plant, yet it has closed the school and seized the property for other state agencies. The Missionary Baptist State Convention of Kansas has, on behalf of the neglected and under-privileged youth of our State and other interested parties, and members of the original corporation, restrained; enjoined, and brought suit against the State of Kansas, to attempt to enforce the reversionary clause in the original deed that provided for return of the property in the event Kansas ceased to use it as a school.

The State of Kansas, in turn, is exerting every possible pressure to make us withdraw the suit, and remove the restraining order. We believe that an injustice is being perpetuated against a minority people and that the school should be continued as a private, non-denominational, integrated one.

This letter comes to you to request your moral and financial support for this great undertaking. The total cost of the suit is not known at the present time, but we are interested in winning the suit and maintaining the school. Contributions for this purpose are already starting to come in. Will you, also, send a personal contribution, as well as urge your friends, your relatives, neighbors, your Church, and other organizations to send worthwhile contributions?

Money will be receipted and accounted for by this office, and regular reports made as to income and disbursements. All money left over after the expenses of the court procedure will go toward K.T.I.'s 1955-56 school budget. Make all money orders and checks payable and send to:

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Thank you for your interest and assistance.

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(Reverend) E. B. Hicks, Secretary

P.S. Be sure to give name and address when remitting money.