

# 'FAITH IN ACTION' SECTION

## SUGGESTED ESSAY QUESTIONS

### Question 1

*What impact did Black churches have on the NAACP's organizational and inspirational efforts during the Civil Rights Movement?*

#### Guidelines for Students:

- **Introduction:** Introduce the NAACP and its role in the Civil Rights Movement. Highlight the significance of Black churches as centers of community, leadership, and activism.
- **Body Paragraphs:**
  - **Organizational Support:**
    - Describe the support Black churches provided to the NAACP.
    - Discuss the influence of church leaders within the NAACP.
  - **Inspirational Leadership:**
    - Explain how Black churches motivated action through sermons, music, and faith-based teachings.
    - Illustrate how these efforts mobilized communities in support of the NAACP.
- **Conclusion:** Summarize the contributions of Black churches to the NAACP and the broader Civil Rights Movement. Reflect on the role of faith-based organizations in driving social change.

### Question 2

*How did financial realities in the 1990s necessitate the coming together of two distinct faith-based health systems in Savannah, and how did they successfully combine their operations while preserving their unique religious identities?*

#### Guidelines for Students:

- **Introduction:** Outline the financial challenges faced by healthcare systems in the 1990s. Introduce the two Savannah health systems with distinct religious affiliations that combined operations.
- **Body Paragraphs:**
  - **The Joint Operating Agreement:**
    - Explain how the two systems combined their operations.
    - Describe the leadership's vision for local management.
  - **Maintaining Religious Identities:**
    - Discuss how each system honored distinct religious values after joining together.
    - Explore inclusive measures taken to build trust and ensure a smooth transition.
- **Conclusion:** Summarize the key factors that contributed to the success of the Joint Operating Agreement. Reflect on balancing financial needs with core values and how this example serves as a model for others.

### Question 3

*How have interfaith collaborations in Savannah addressed housing challenges, and what strategies have they used to work on providing equitable access to safe and affordable housing?*

#### **Guidelines for Students:**

- **Introduction:** Provide an overview of housing challenges in Savannah. Introduce the role of interfaith collaborations in tackling these issues.
- **Body Paragraphs:**
  - **Understanding Housing Challenges:**
    - Detail specific housing issues such as affordability and homelessness.
    - Explain the necessity for a collaborative approach.
  - **Interfaith Initiatives:**
    - Highlight key programs by interfaith groups addressing housing needs.
    - Discuss the advocacy and support provided by faith-based organizations.
  - **Impact and Lessons Learned:**
    - Analyze the successes and obstacles faced by these initiatives.
- **Conclusion:** Summarize the effectiveness of interfaith collaborations in improving housing access. Reflect on the broader implications for community-driven solutions to social challenges.

### Question 4

*How have interfaith initiatives in Savannah addressed the issue of hunger, and what strategies have been most effective in combating food insecurity within the community?*

#### **Guidelines for Students:**

- **Introduction:** Provide an overview of hunger as a pressing issue in Savannah. Highlight the role of interfaith collaborations in addressing food insecurity.
- **Body Paragraphs:**
  - **The Scope of the Hunger Problem:**
    - Discuss the scale and causes of hunger in Savannah.
    - Explain why interfaith groups became involved in this issue.
  - **Interfaith Actions and Programs:**
    - Highlight specific initiatives led by interfaith organizations to combat hunger.
- **Conclusion:** Summarize the effectiveness of interfaith responses to hunger in Savannah. Reflect on how faith-based organizations can continue to address food insecurity, and whether their effectiveness is stronger when combining their efforts with other partners in the faith-based community.