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**Media Statement by Dr. Charles Steele, Jr. National President and CEO of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference regarding public comments made on March 31, 2015 by Georgia State SCLC President, Reverend Sam Mosteller.**

As National President, and on behalf of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, we have no doubt of the commitment of Reverend Mosteller in his work towards civil rights and justice here in the State of Georgia. He has served SCLC and the State of Georgia with unwavering dedication and devotion.

The Southern Christian Leadership Conference was founded and maintains its position against violence of ANY type. We are founded on the bedrock of non-violence and we encourage these principles as we seek social justice and social change in American Society and around the world.

Although our organization does concur that the justice system in America has too often failed communities of color, particularly Black youth, in reviewing the comments made by the Reverend Mosteller on Wednesday, March 31, we have found that his comments do not represent, nor reflect the principles and position of this organization.

As a result of the comments the following action will be instituted immediately: (agreed upon by The National office and Rev. Mosteller):

1. Indefinite suspension as State President, effective immediately;
2. Participation in internal investigation
3. Undergo internal training program

Due to the nature of this investigation there will be no additional comments on this matter at this time.