

Equal Service For Races Is Urged

CHAPEL HILL, March 19 — The Chapel Hill-Carrboro Ministerial Association has taken a strong stand in favor of equal service to all persons by local merchants.

The association, representing almost all Chapel Hill, Carrboro, and university ministers, issued today a six-point "statement of convictions" in the racial crisis involving local eating establishments.

The association called on all persons willing to support business concerns that dropped racial bars to encourage the merchants by giving open assurance of such support.

While the group's statement expressed concern for businessmen caught in the squeeze of white resistance to Negro protests, it commended leaders of the local organized movement "for their dedication to the principles of non-violence. "Those who exercise this right (of protests) peaceably deserves the full protection of our law enforcement agencies."

The inter-racial and interdenominational group stated further, "We affirm our own conviction that what these 'protestors' are seeking is only that to which they are justly and rightfully entitled as citizens."