

I started following the civil rights movement when I was a teenager. I would follow Dr. King and the daily reports on the evening news. I could not understand how any human could physically be so mistreated, even murdered. When I was finishing college, we decided to join VISTA after we were married, when I graduated. We were assigned to work with the poor in Baltimore. We were part of the black Community Action Agency. Part of our work was to strive for better civil rights. I then joined another group after work hours, United Voters. It was there I first met Deacon Dick Lawrence. My later work for 30 years has been with the Baltimore poor. I have volunteered at an underground railroad site in the city for over 25 years. My interest in the Civil War and the abolition of slavery has continued all my adult life. I was also on the Archdiocesan Urban Commission until it was disbanded.