

Regional Council Installs Leaders

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First Meeting of Florida
Division Opens Here

Nearly 100 white and Negro leaders gathered here today in the First Presbyterian Church for the first meeting of the Florida division of the Southern Regional Council.

With virtually every Florida city represented, the group installed its first officers, with Ed Ray, managing editor of The Times, as chairman, succeeding the Rt. Rev. John D. Wing, Orlando, bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of South Florida.

Bishop Wing was chairman of the Florida Commission on Inter-Racial Cooperation, which today becomes a part of the Southern Regional Council after 20 years as an independent agency.

Other officers are Mrs. Israel L. Kaplan, Jacksonville, vice chairman; Dr. William H. Gray, president of Florida A. and M. College, Tallahassee, second vice chairman, and Mrs. Warren Zench, Vero Beach, secretary treasurer.

Dr. Guy B. Johnson, Atlanta, executive director of the Southern Regional Council, and Mrs. Henry Havens, Jacksonville, field secretary for the council, also attended.

A resolution supporting the Governor's committee on education, in which Dr. Gray is a divisional chairman, and adoption of new by-laws were before the state group.