He was involved in civil rights struggles in Birmingham, St. Augustine and Selma and was a key participant in working out some of the solutions which led to the progress hailed by people throughout the South.

Young helped in the drafting of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Voting Rights Act of 1965. He became Executive Vice President of SCLC in 1968, the year of Atlanta's labor disputes where he worked behind the scenes for quiet reconciliation.

Presently, Young is a founding member of an informal group of Congressmen and public officials who meet regularly to evaluate and analyze major social issues. He has worked with religious organizations of all faiths and denominations including the World Council of Churches, the National Catholic Welfare Council and the American Jewish Congress.

In addition to his work with government and the charach. Young is both involved and respected in labor affairs. He has been instrumental in making settlements and solving disputes in landmark situations such as Charleston, S.C. when it and a country role as mediator and problem solver.

Young has traveled extensively, lecturing before church and social organizations in Europe, South Provide the major, the Caribbean and the Middle East.

This year has a limited Hartford Seminary's Outstanding Alumnus award.

He holds a similar honor from Howard University.