

P U R P O S E

In a nation where individual is estranged from individual and group from group, it is the purpose of NIGHT CALL to help people find reconciliation -- to move towards solutions to problems through understanding. NIGHT CALL is a national town meeting of the air -- where persons of widely differing views and backgrounds are given a chance to speak, to be challenged, to ask questions, to listen to other views, to discover new facts. Here barriers of economic class, race and culture are crossed. The hoped for results include:

1. Individuals are given a chance to gain new information and insights which help them to act more responsibly in their community.
2. Individuals are aided in discovering that there are no easy answers, that all issues have "grey areas," but that solutions lie in the direction of person understanding person.
3. The opportunity to be heard and to have their ideas discussed honestly and forthrightly will encourage a small but significant number of persons to express their frustrations in constructive dialogue instead of in destructive violence.
4. Some of the barriers and credibility gaps between individuals and groups are broken down.
5. Individuals and communities can share solutions to problems in contrast to further exploration of problems.
6. A deepening awareness that a search for the ultimate meaning and purpose of life moves one away from abstract issues and toward ever-growing relationships with other people.