



# Parker House Boston, Massachusetts March 5, 1987

Welcome to this 45th New England Circle, another in a series of these gatherings inaugurated here at this hotel more than a decade ago.

As it has since that February evening in 1974, our purpose has remained steadfast: to provide a forum for the discussion of social, political, educational and literary topics that can lead to constructive change in our lives, our nation and in our world.

The Circle's beginnings go back to the Nineteenth Century when Ralph Waldo Emerson, Charles Dickens, Henry Wadsworth Longfellow and other literary lions of their day gathered regularly at the Parker House for meetings of the Saturday Club. Their lively exchange of opinions and ideas in the hospitable and informal setting is a tradition that continues to influence today's Circles: private, non-profit gatherings that have welcomed more than 2,000 members from every corner of the region. From the start, this has been a setting that encourages spirited and open dialogue between Circle discussion leaders and each Circle guest.

This evening's discussion leaders are Mitch Snyder and Martin Sheen.

Mitch Snyder is a man who has literally put his life on the line on behalf of humanity. For the past 18 years, ever since he left a successful management consultant's career, he has worked on the city streets that so many homeless Americans call home.

Imprisoned for his beliefs, a man who has fasted and demonstrated against the entire spectrum of social injustice, Mitch Snyder is an activist committed to positive results. In keeping with these values, he joined the Community for Creative Non-Violence 14 years ago as an unpaid volunteer -- the position he still holds.

During those years, he helped design effective ways to care for the homeless and redirect their lives. This work established national precedents and has generated positive responses from a previously apathetic Federal bureaucracy, including government support for a model shelter in Washington, D.C.

Martin Sheen, an actor's actor who has practiced his craft for more than 27 years, has starred in several films that have raised the nation's consciousness. In his latest leading role he plays Mitch Snyder in the movie, SAMARITAN, previewed on national television last year.

The role accelerated the actor's commitment to put himself on the front lines of social protest. He has participated in sit-ins on behalf of the homeless and experienced street living first hand. During the past year Martin has been arrested three times on civil disobedience charges. Yet, these arrests have not deterred him from his efforts to provoke lawmakers to end the national neglect of the homeless.

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