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**THE SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE ANNOUNCES ITS 63<sup>RD</sup> NATIONAL CONVENTION; *THE RIGHT TO VOTE – THE FIGHT FOR JUSTICE***

Dr. Charles Steele, Jr., President/CEO of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference announced the 63<sup>rd</sup> Annual Convention of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference along with Mrs. Cathelean Steele, the National Convention Coordinator. This year’s events will be held Thursday, July 21st through Friday, July 22nd. The events will begin with a prayer breakfast Thursday morning at Hillside International Truth Center in Atlanta, GA with all subsequent events being held virtually on the [www.sclcconvention.com](http://www.sclcconvention.com) website.

With a theme of “The Right to Vote – The Fight for Justice”, the SCLC wanted focus on core issues facing us during these perilous social and political times. “The Right to Vote, which was taken from us with the gutting of the Section 4 and Section 5 in 201, has put the fight right back where we began” Dr Steele was quoted in response to why this year’s theme was chosen.

Along with the prayer breakfast and panel discussions, the convention will also have its signature Opening Ceremony featuring a Presidential Address by Dr. Steele and the Women’s Empowerment Awards Ceremony, hosted Mrs. Steele.

“Last year 100% virtual convention was challenging for us, as is the hybrid convention we are holding this year,” Mrs. Steele noted. “Yet, there was a tremendous reward in meeting that challenge, including having people be able to participate online from all across the country! This year, we look forward to presenting to even more people as we navigate bringing our annual convention in a post COVID-19 world.”

The convention will be hosted [www.sclcconvention.com](http://www.sclcconvention.com) and interested persons will be able to register at that site or at [www.nationalsclc.org](http://www.nationalsclc.org). For more information, please contact Mrs. LaRita Reid at [events@nationalsclc.org](mailto:events@nationalsclc.org) or at (404) 522-1420