



AMBASSADOR ANDREW JACKSON YOUNG, JR.

(b. March 12, 1932) is an activist and ordained minister, a former politician, pastor, and diplomat. After beginning his career as a pastor, in 1957, Young accepted a job as associate director of the Youth Division of Christian Education with NCC. He made regular appearances on *Look Up and Live*, a weekly Sunday morning television program on CBS, produced by NCC to reach secular youth.

Young became an early leader in the Civil Rights Movement and was a close confidant to Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. He was the first African American elected to Congress (1973–77) from Georgia since Reconstruction, the first Black US Ambassador to the UN, and was elected the 55th Mayor of Atlanta in 1982.

In 2000, Young was elected the twentieth president (now governing board chair) of NCC, a position he held until 2001.