

# WASHTENAW COUNTY COALITION AGAINST APARTHEID

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Dear Friend.

South Africa has finally become a hot media topic. The brutal reality of apartheid has been a front-page story all over the United States in recent months. The Washtenaw County Coalition Against Apartheid has a ten-year history of working against the apartheid system. We will continue to work whether South Africa is in the news or not. We are hoping you will join us during our Anti-Apartheid Action Weekend, September 20-21-22. We want to keep our struggle on the move.

We know that you are well versed on South African issues and we want you to share your knowledge with the Ann Arbor - Ypsilanti community. Accurate information about South Africa isn't easy to obtain, and we would like to provide an opportunity for people to hear a knowledgeable person speak. We suggest one of these topics: Constructive Engagement, the Free South Africa Movement, Apartheid: What Is It?, U.S. Firms in South Africa, or the topic of your choice. Will you be available Saturday, September 21 in the evening? If so, please contact us as soon as possible.

As part of our Guild House Campus Ministry series on South Africa, Larry Hunter, Ann Arbor City Councilperson, will be speaking Friday, September 20, at 12 noon. He will discuss the resolution he is sponsoring to get Ann Arbor pension money out of South Africa. On Saturday, September 21, during the day, we are planning a rally against apartheid at the Federal Building. We need a speaker on Saturday evening, September 21, to follow a Gala African Food Fundraising Dinner. Of course, you'll receive a delicious free meal and you can bring guests if you decide to accept our invitation. We have some money available to help pay for travel expenses. Contact us as soon as possible if you are interested.

Our final event for the Anti-Apartheid Action Weekend on Sunday evening, September 22, will be two films about South Africa that we are presenting in conjunction with the Office of Perry Bullard, the State Representative from Ann Arbor. The films are: Generations of Resistance and Choosing for Justice. On Monday, September 23, the Ann Arbor City Council will hear Larry Hunter's resolution on City Divestment, and on September 24 Representative Bullard and Representative Virgil Smith from Detroit will introduce the State Pension Fund Divestment bill to the Legislature. We hope the preceding weekend's events will increase the momentum for favorable action on divestment in Ann Arbor and Lansing.

The struggle continues.

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