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Dear Anti-Apartheid Activist;

As a new decade begins, the system of apartheid in South Africa remains intact. Entering into its sixth decade of existence, the racial segregation and oppression of apartheid continues to deny the most basic human and political rights to the majority of South Africans.

One of the cornerstones of this apartheid system is the South African government's policy of "forced removals". Through the relocation of the country's 80% black majority onto only 13% of the land, the apartheid regime attempts to control every aspect of the lives of black South Africans.

As the U.S. press reports favorably on DeKlerk's "reforms," it is critical that anti-apartheid activists in the U.S. highlight the continuing political, economic and social repression of black South Africans.

An exciting new approach to accomplishing this is the United States-South Africa Sister Community Project. Louis Freedberg, director of the project, visited Seattle this past December and many of you were able to listen to him describe the project. The project works by setting up official, city-sponsored relationships with communities in South Africa which are threatened with forced removal. Through letter writing and lobbying campaigns, other sister community relationships around the country have been successful in curbing the South African governments' repression of these communities. The enclosed brochure tells a little more about the project.

As a follow-up to Louis' visit, we are calling for an initial meeting to discuss establishing a Sister Community with Seattle. Please join us in the beginning stages of this exciting new avenue for continuing the anti-apartheid struggle here in Seattle.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8TH
7:00 PM
CAMP, 722 18TH AVENUE (AT CHERRY)

Sincerely,

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Rev. Zachary Bruce, Emmanuel Baptist Church

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