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THE CHAIRMAN'S VISIT TO UNITED NATIONS, NEW YORK

Rev. R.I. Kwame A'Bass visited the United Nations in the month of August on behalf of First Baptist Church Capital Hill. He met His Excellence Ambassador Ibreheim Gamberi, Chairman of the U.N. Special Committee against apartheid. He also met and discussed with Mr. Ibreheim Noor, the Secretary of the UN Special Committee against apartheid. Rev. A'Bass discussed and delivered the Church's L.M.L.S. proposal to the above eminent persons. Mr. Noor stated that the proposal was excellent. He in turn suggested that Rev. A'Bass meet and stay in touch with Dr. Bill Howard of the Reform Church of New York. Dr. Howard took a delegation of clergy to South Africa this summer and met with Mr. Mandela. Two eminent persons of that group were Peter Paris and Sam McKinney, long standing friends of our past and present pastor.

THE CHAIRMAN'S VISIT TO THE WASHINGTON, D.C. AFRICAN NATIONAL CONGRESS OFFICE

During the same trip, Mr. A'Bass visited the ANC office in D.C. and met with Mr. Madoda Hlatshwayo, Special Assistant to the Chief Representative to America, Mrs. Lindiwe Mabuza. Mr. Hlatshwayo and Rev. A'Bass discussed the purpose of the lecture series and the church's outstanding Civil Rights and Human Rights record. Mr. Hlatshwayo was very positive about the church's history and the proposed lecture series.

THE CHAIRMAN'S VISIT TO BERKELEY, CALIFORNIA

Rev. A'Bass was invited by Congressman Ronald V. Dellums to attend a landmark conference on "Beyond Removals and Population's Displacements: A Symposium on Land Rights in South Africa"! The conference was sponsored by the United States-South Africa Sister Community Project, in cooperation with the South African Council of Churches, Black Sash and Cal, Berkeley. The meeting took place September 22-23, 1990. A superb delegation of speakers from South Africa testified against the perverted South African government. For further information, please contact Rev. A'Bass.

TANDI LUTHULI GCABASHE VISIT TO FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Ms. Gcabashe, daughter of the Nobel Peace Prize recipient, Chief Albert John Luthuli, will give the inaugural address of the lecture series on November 18, 1990 at the morning service. A reception for Tandi will be held at the Parthenon on Saturday, November 17. God bless the women for their unselfish Christian love and helping to bring Tandi here to be the Women's Day speaker also.
THE LECTURE SERIES PURPOSE

The Luthuli-Mandela Lecture Series was conceived upon the belief that in order for any program and/or any individual to make a difference towards the struggle within South Africa, educating people is the crucial issue. With education being the key component utilized by this institute, we expect great global intellectual dialogue. By inviting international scholars to Nashville, Tennessee (USA) once a year, we anticipate these major addresses will contain relevant issues with problem resolutions which will promote and enhance racial harmony in Southern Africa.

THOUGHTS

The philosophical presupposition that the struggles in South Africa are to be solved only by South Africans are maniacal, deceptive thoughts. The problems of South Africa are not South Africans, but problems of Humanity. These issues must be identified and addressed by you and me. We must continue to look within ourselves to discover the good within and raise the preverbal question—"What can I do to help the struggle in South Africa"? Once we have asked ourselves this question, our souls respond to teach us the truth and that truth is: The problems in South Africa are ones of perverted moralities!!! Then the good within us must come forth, and lead us to a point of personal commitment to the struggle. South Africa's struggle is our struggle, "No man is free until all men are free."

Rev. R. I. Kwame A'Bass
Chairman, South Africa Task Force