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Dear Friend,

This June 16th marks the ninth year commemorating the massacre of one thousand students peacefully demonstrating against the introduction of Afrikaans as the medium of instruction in South Africa's inferior "Bantu" education system. This demonstration quickly grew into a national protest against the entire system of Apartheid. Today Black South Africans regard June 16th as "Heroes Day".

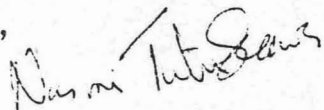
This June 16th falls on a Sunday, an excellent time for Religious leaders across the country to preach about the moral evils of Apartheid, and to ask their congregations to donate money to organizations such as the American Friends Service Committee and the American Committee on Africa for South African refugees.

My father, Bishop Desmond Tutu, strongly supports this call to the religious community to remember June 16th with their prayers, moral and material support. The situation inside the country is such that he is unable to properly issue an appeal himself, so I am asking individuals and organizations throughout the country to please consider this request for support and solidarity.

Please call or write if I can contribute in some way towards finding you information on June 16th. I also ask that people consider sending copies of their sermons to my mailing address in Hartford, Connecticut. I would like to consider compiling a book in memory of this effort with the profits going towards South African refugee assistance.

Your actions on behalf of freedom in South Africa will be greatly appreciated.

Yours,



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