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*Dear friends who participated in "Africa in Perspective:
Prospects and Possibilities - The Role of the Church in a New Africa"
at Stony Point Center last May,*

We are pleased to announce that the Stony Point Center and the Washington Office on Africa along with several denominational bodies are co-sponsoring another African-oriented gathering,

***Trade, Aid, and Debt:
Toward Economic Justice in Africa -
A Consultation for Faith Communities***

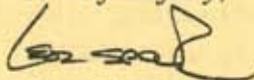
to be held in Washington June 4-6. We hope you will be able to join us for this important dialogue.

We are excited about the prospects for this consultation, for we believe that the witness of the Church, both here and in Africa, is intimately linked with the Biblical call to affirm the dignity and worth of all persons. That can only be done if we affirm the strong Biblical theme of just economic relationships. How do we do justice when there are such stunning economic inequities? How do we affirm Christian community in the face of such realities? How do we link our theological understandings with economic realities in such a manner that we can engage congregations in further study, reflection and action? What in particular, conference participants will be asked, constitutes justice in American-African economic relationships?

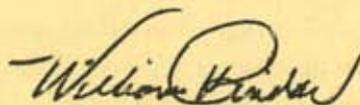
One of the qualities of the gathering will be engagement in a Kairos-type process for study, reflection and action on economic justice issues facing Africa, looking toward a strong prophetic faith-based advocacy document defining a just relationship with Africa. Such a document can feed back into the various faith communities for grassroots reflection, so that we might together move toward a challenging affirmation of economic justice standards as a solid basis for an action agenda.

This letter is an invitation to you, who shared in our Stony Point Center experience last year, to indicate your interest in this consultation, either tentatively or definitely, by completing the enclosed form. We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours faithfully,



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- Count me in! I definitely plan to attend the 1999 Stony Point Consultation in Washington, June 4-6.*
- Keep me informed about the Consultation.*
- I can assist in promotion of the Consultation within my faith community.*

When over 100 Africans and North Americans traveled to Stony Point, New York, this past May, they were looking toward new possibilities for partnership and solidarity in confronting Africa's contemporary hopes and needs, as they participated in *Africa in Perspective: Prospects and Possibilities - The Role of the Church in a New Africa*. Now, with the Stony Point Center, the Washington Office on Africa (WOA) has been asked to host a similar gathering in 1999, focusing upon economic justice issues. The consultation which is being planned by representatives of several denominations, will be held in Washington June 4-6.

The 1999 Washington Conference

After the Stony Point conference the Africa Committee of the National Council of Churches of Christ encouraged WOA's involvement in a Washington consultation designed to relate theological understandings of economic justice with the current debate over African aid, trade and debt. Plans are now well underway for the consultation. We trust it will be an important time for reflection, study and action-planning in partnership with African colleagues.

Costs will include \$75 registration and \$152 room and board per person double occupancy or \$230 room and board single occupancy from Friday afternoon to Sunday afternoon. Some scholarship assistance is available. We hope you will indicate your interest by completing this form, **returning it to us at the address above**, and placing the dates, Friday, June 4th to Sunday, June 6th, on your calendar now.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone (day) _____ Phone (evening) _____

Fax (day) _____ Fax (evening) _____

Electronic mail address: _____