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Dear Sisters and Brothers,

The June 14 Anti-Apartheid demonstration in New York was a huge success. Ninety thousand working people and students participated in scores of regional, civil rights, community, women's, religious, political and anti-war contingents. It was an important step in building regional and national anti-apartheid activities - as we saw from the coalition that developed here in Detroit.

For the first time in Detroit for a national march, we brought together AFL-CIO leaders and members plus civil rights, womens and anti-war groups with the already organized anti-apartheid activists from the campuses. Although organized on short notice, 75 Detroit area activists marched in New York.

This effort can be the beginning of developing a truly representative group that can be modeled on the NY Anti-Apartheid Coordinating Council that organized the June 14 march. The NY committee is eager to continue working with our coalition on future activities that could include tours of South African leaders, divestment campaigns, teach-ins, etc.

We want to invite you or a representative of your union/organization to come to a meeting to discuss forming a Michigan Anti-Apartheid Coordinating Council and to plan activities to aid our sisters and brothers in South Africa in their fight against apartheid.

Under the slogan "Break all U.S. ties to Apartheid" we can make an important contribution to the nationwide movement for divestment and sanctions. United, we can make a difference and help end apartheid.

We urge you to attend this very important meeting.

Wednesday, June 25, 1986  
6 P.M.  
S.C.L.C. Office  
65 E. Columbia, Detroit  
(2 blocks N. of Grand Circus)

In solidarity,

Rev. J. Drew Sheard- Southern Christian  
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