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ADVOCATE TO END APARTHEID IN SOUTH AFRICA AND BRING INDEPENDENCE TO NAMIBIA

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WITH THE UNITED NATIONS

South Africa has consistently defied the will of the world community to end apartheid and grant Namibian independence. Economic sanctions are the last peaceful means the UN has to achieve these goals.

*What You Can Do:*

Write to the United Nations Centre Against Apartheid\* to be placed on its mailing list and to request information on the United States' voting record on apartheid resolutions. Write the UN Commissioner for Namibia for information on Namibia.

Write to the President of the United States and to its ambassador to the UN urging support for economic sanctions against South Africa and strong condemnation of its aggressive acts in the region.

WITH AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL

South African law allows for arrest and detention without charge for anyone who opposes apartheid.

*What You Can Do:*

Contact Amnesty International for advocacy suggestions on behalf of South African and Namibian political prisoners.

WITH THE U.S. GOVERNMENT

The situation in southern Africa is of growing concern to the American public and thus to their elected representatives in Congress. One need not be an expert on southern Africa to voice concern about southern Africa policy questions.

*What You Can Do:*

Call the Africa Hotline (202-546-0408) for a weekly update on pending legislation and events inside South Africa and Namibia.

Write to your representatives in both houses of Congress expressing your views on US policy toward southern Africa. (The pamphlet "Exercising Our Democratic Rights," available from Lutheran World Ministries is a helpful resource.) Urge their support for legislation curtailing US political, moral, and economic support for South Africa. Do not hesitate to quote church resolutions when you state the action you want your representatives to take.

Phone your representatives when a bill is first introduced and shortly before it is voted on.

Visit your representative and take others with you.

WITH STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

State legislatures and city councils can act against apartheid by ending economic ties to South Africa. By divesting public funds from banks and corporations doing business in South Africa a strong message is sent to South Africa that its policies will not be tolerated by United States citizens.

*What You Can Do:*

Phone your representatives to your state legislature and city council to inquire whether legislation is being considered which would curtail your state or city's economic ties with South Africa. If the answer is "yes," find out as much as you can about it; e.g. who the sponsors are, what local groups are lobbying for it, your representatives' positions, et cetera. Sponsors and lobbying groups will welcome your advocacy efforts.

You are urged to contact the Hawaii Committee for Africa which monitors state and local divestment in all parts of the United States and provides counsel for those who seek to support or initiate such measures in their state or local government.