March 7, 1967

Dear Friends,

On March 21, 1960 67 Africans died when the police attacked a nonviolent demonstration against the Pass Laws. This was the massacre at Sharpeville, South Africa. The United Nations, in full recognition of the symbolic nature of this day in the struggle for freedom, has designated March 21st the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination.

On March 21, 1967 - the seventh anniversary of Sharpeville - an important meeting will be held at St. Mark's Methodist Church (St. Nicholas Ave. & 137th St.) to commemorate this day and to mark the occasion of the First U.N. International Day. Enclosed is the leaflet announcing the particulars of the meeting, the outstanding program of distinguished speakers, and the partial list of cosponsors.

We hope that you will publicize this event in your organizations, churches, schools and elsewhere. A good turnout will be significant for the future of American action concerned with bringing about justice in Southern Africa, particularly as it relates to the unfulfilled responsibility of the United States towards this part of the world still fettered by racial oppression. We must get together to fight for the elimination of racial discrimination - be it in Mississippi or South Africa.

See you on the 21st. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Rev. Wendell Foster

Janet I. MacLaughlin

P.S. To order more leaflets or posters announcing the meeting (the posters are 25" x 17") please call the ACOA Office.