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We take pleasure in announcing the opening of the Washington Office on Africa, a joint project sponsored by the American Committee on Africa, the Africa Office of the Board for Global Ministries of the United Methodist Church, the Southern Africa Task Force of the Presbyterian Church and the Board of World Ministries of the United Church of Christ.

The office will work to keep members of Congress informed on issues which affect the course of political struggle for majority rule in South Africa, Namibia (Southwest Africa), Zimbabwe (Rhodesia), Angola, Mozambique, and Guinea-Bissau. We plan to help mobilize an increasingly broad constituency of concerned consumers, workers and citizens who will work to influence the course of legislation and American policy in such a way as to promote political freedom and equality for all people of these countries. We will keep in touch with the executive branch in order to learn what policy direction the administration intends to take. We will try to keep concerned groups abreast of legislative and policy developments as they occur.

For your service and information, we are planning to publish legislative bulletins as well as an occasional newsletter. We will be available as a clearing house for publications, information and research for local groups and foreign visitors.

The Washington Office on Africa is located in the United Methodist Building at 110 Maryland Ave., N.E. (just north of the Supreme Court building) in room 208 (second floor). Our telephone number is (202) 546-7961. We hope that you will help us to make the office useful to you by offering us suggestions, criticisms and advice, and by using our services. Please drop by or give us a call so that the staff of the office can get to know you and your concerns.

Sincerely yours,

Edgar Lockwood, Director

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