Dear Friends;

We are writing to invite you to a Community Forum on What We Can Do to End Apartheid in South Africa. The Forum will be held on Wednesday, Feb. 13 at 7:30 pm in Fellowship Hall of West Presbyterian Church, 8th and Washington Streets, Wilmington. At the Forum we will also share our plans for a mass Conference on South Africa, now scheduled for Saturday, March 30 in Wilmington (see below).

Brother Daki Napata will be guest speaker at the Feb. 13 Community Forum which will focus on strategies for immediate and long-range actions to effect the policies of the South African government. Brother Napata is co-chair of the Maryland Anti-Apartheid Coalition and co-founder of the Baltimore Divestment Coalition. An outreach Baptist minister, Daki serves as Southern Africa Program staff for the American Friends Service Committee in Baltimore.

We are inviting representatives of the Black and Hispanic communities, Labor and Religious leaders to join Daki in speaking out on U.S. policy towards South Africa. This issue cuts across racial, class and political boundaries and is an opportunity for people in our community to reach a "common ground" on this and other pressing justice issues. We hope you will join us for this evening of discussion and coalition building.

Conference Update

On January 30, we held the first steering committee meeting for a conference on South Africa. The group made the following decisions:

- Conference date – Sat., March 30 in Wilmington.
- Morning Workshops on Apartheid, U.S. policy towards S. Africa, local and national anti-apartheid strategies of action.
- Plenary - reports on workshops and action proposals - formation of a long-term coalition
- Lunch - simple meal served, included in price of registration.
- Keynote Speaker, Afternoon - local or national leader in the anti-apartheid movement.

Contact the following Committee Chairs to assist with planning:
- Program Committee – Rev. Don Hamilton, 655-7751
- Outreach/Publicity Committee – Mark Brunswick, 656-3222

If you are unable to attend the Feb. 13 Forum, please contact us so that we know of your interest and ideas.

For Peace With Justice,

Reverend Donald E. Hamilton
BIOGRAPHY
of
DAKI NAPATA (TYRONE SPEIGHTS)

Daki Napata (Tyrone Speights) is a 33 year old Minister, human rights activist and community organizer. He grew up in Baltimore, Maryland with his family of 5 sisters and 2 brothers. Although experiencing inner-city poverty, he was taught the lessons of survival and development by his mother and early teachers. These have stayed with "Brother Daki" as he is called, throughout his life.

Although a three letter-person in high school, he has grown to be a student of life. He spent 4 years in the U.S.A.F., (one in Vietnam) where he was a Human Relations Counselor and Instructor. He has learned much from these experiences and these influences are very evident in his visual arts, poetry, oratory and community organizing efforts.

Daki has been active in the anti-apartheid movement for the last 10 years. He has been a working member of The Maryland Coalition in Solidarity with the People's Struggles of South Africa, The Maryland and Baltimore South Africa Divestment Coalition, Maryland South African Cultural Boycott Alliance, Baltimore Rainbow Coalition, Coalition of Conscience, The Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance, etc.

Daki is presently the Southern Africa Project Director of the American Friends Service Committee, Middle Atlantic Region.

Daki has attended Morgan State University (Baltimore); the Institute of Positive Education (Chicago) and numerous other educational and spiritual enrichment centers.

Daki was a candidate for city council in Baltimore in 1983. He was able to raise many domestic and international concerns that would have been neglected. He has fasted and gone to jail several times to demonstrate against human rights injustices at home and abroad. He is co-founder of The Temple of the First/New World, a spiritual order dedicated to peace, freedom and justice for Africans on the continent of Africa and throughout the Diaspora. The temple is also committed to principled harmony of the peoples of the world.

Daki is an Outreach Minister of Union Baptist Church (Baltimore, MD) and believes:

"We can build a brand new world, with our love, reason, commitment and incarnation of the Creator's power and purpose for our lives."

Daki Napata is a spirit for all seasons.

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