

The Southern Africa Action Network

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Dear Friends and Supporters,

The Network has exciting news! We have the opportunity to send delegates from Seattle to the International Youth Conference on "Democracy, Peace and Social Progress" sponsored by the ANC Youth League. The conference will gather youth activists and leaders (those young in age and those young at heart) in Johannesburg, South Africa from all over the world August 26th-29th to discuss ways of organizing, share common goals and problems, and build upon their commitment to walk the last mile to democracy with the ANC. The time is crucial to show our solidarity with the ANC and offer our ideas and support. Negotiations continue and the election date has been set, but this guarantees nothing. The DeKlerk regime has bowed to international pressure to move as far as they have and we must intensify that pressure in the coming months to ensure that democratic elections, free and fair, actually take place in April. We know they will not give up power willingly. The assassination of ANC/Communist Party leader Chris Hani remains fresh in everyone's mind as a glaring example of the unrestrained violence and terrorism that marks apartheid and those who seek to keep the system in place.

As the international community, we must make our message heard as we take a stand against apartheid. We, the potential delegates, want to be a part of "Democracy, Peace and Social Progress" everywhere in the world. We want to travel to South Africa and make it clear that we will not accept the continuation of a brutal reign of apartheid. We want to share our experiences as activists with other youth from the international community and join our collective energy with theirs to bring an end to political oppression, racism and sexism.

We feel we have a great deal to offer and a great deal to gain from this experience. Upon returning, we are committed to continuing our work as activists and youth leaders. We will be doing a speaking tour to spark activism in others, share our first hand experiences, and continue outreach and awareness building to other groups actively engaged in dismantling political oppression, racism and sexism both here and abroad. We want to send at least two delegates from Seattle.

This means raising \$2,000 per person to cover expenses for the trip. \$1600 for plane fare, \$200 for food and lodging in Johannesburg, \$200 for conference fees. We need you to make whatever contribution you can to support our efforts and make this conference a reality, even small amounts add up. Checks can be made payable to Pamela Doan or Kathy Fowells and mailed to 708 NE 42nd St., Seattle, WA 98105, phone 206/632-8704. Thank you in advance for your support!

In Solidarity,

Pamela Doan

Kathy Fowells