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WELCOMES YOU TO THIS
EVENING OF CELEBRATION
IN SUPPORT
OF AN END TO APARTHEID IN SOUTH AFRICA
INDEPENDENCE IN NAMIBIA AND
PEACE IN SOUTHERN AFRICA.

AT THIS EVENT THOSE
ATTENDING REDEDICATE THEMSELVES
TO SUPPORT THIS BASIC STRUGGLE

NOV 14, 1988

Message from ICCR Chairperson, Paul Wilson

We welcome you to this important evening of celebration and support.

The struggle in Southern Africa has reached a crucial stage. The repression against black resistance is increasing yet the drive for freedom and democratic rights is more powerful than ever before. The Front Line States play a critical role in this struggle.

Tonight we come together to show our dedication to the fight for justice in Southern Africa, to reaffirm our support for those struggling in Namibia and South Africa and to honor the Front Line States.

It is crucial that people and organizations of conscience in the United States raise their voices in support of equal social, economic and political rights in South Africa, independence with integrity in Namibia and an end to aggression against the Front Line States.

For over seventeen years ICCR has co-ordinated efforts by the U.S. religious community applying strategic economic pressure on South Africa's repressive minority government. Thank you for joining us in supporting the struggle for majority rule, independence and peace in Southern Africa!

The costs for this reception were underwritten by a generous grant from the WOMEN'S DIVISION, GENERAL BOARD OF GLOBAL MINISTRIES, UNITED METHODIST CHURCH.

The Women's Division has been in the leadership in the United States supporting the struggle in Southern Africa on many fronts for more than 20 years now. We value that leadership and appreciate this underwriting grant to make our evening possible. We also want to thank the CHRISTIAN BROTHERS INVESTMENT SERVICES for their considerable contribution in printing and distributing the invitations and programs for this evening. CBIS is a new participant in ICCR, actively raising the South African issue in the investment community. CBIS serves 750 Roman Catholic investors internationally.

EVENING PROGRAM

6:45 p.m.

Serious Bizness	Opening Song
Rev. Paul Wilson and Donna Katzin	Welcome
Stetsasonic	A Musical Tribute to the Front Line States
Recognition of the Front Line States	Dr. Loretta Williams
Response on behalf of the Front Line States	H.E. Peter Zuze Ambassador of Zambia
Ms. Clamma Dale	Musical Presentation
Recognition of ANC	Rev. J. Andy Smith
Response by ANC	Neo Mnumzana, Permanent Representative to the U.N.
Recognition of SWAPO	Philip Johnson
Response by SWAPO	Helmut Angula, Permanent Representative to the U.N.
Serious Bizness	Songs of Solidarity
Recognition of the South African Religious Community	Dr. Audrey Chapman
A Message From	Rev. Frank Chikane, South African Council of Churches
Voices of Solidarity from the U.S.	Timothy Smith and Sr. Barbara Aires
Closing Remarks	Sister Carol Coston
Sechaba Singers	Finale and Nkosi Sikelelei Africa

We are deeply appreciative of the many individuals and organizations who demonstrate their ongoing commitment to change in Southern Africa by contributing tonight as Sponsors, Patrons, Friends and Supporters. Their financial support makes ICCR's work that much more effective.

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LETTER TO ICCR FROM
REV. FRANK CHIKANE SACC &
REV ALLAN BOESAK

Dear Friends

I would have liked to have been with you in person, on behalf of the South African Council of Churches, to share with you our concerns, our appreciation, and our urgent call at this critical time in the history of South and Southern Africa. But events in South Africa require my presence here tonight.

We have entered a new era in South Africa. The government's press restrictions have sought to suppress the images and mute the message of our movement. But, despite shrouded publicity, our people will not be silent. Earlier this year, the Pretoria government's bannings of the major democratic organizations slammed the doors on dialogue and efforts for peaceful change in our land. But our people continue to work for our own democratic future, and will not be silent.

We remember also the dynamiting of the headquarters of the Congress of South African Trade Unions last March which sought to break the spirit and strength of our country's workers. But the workers, more determined than ever, continue to defend their rights and articulate their goals, and refuse to be silenced.

Following the bannings of organizations and restrictions on leaders, Church Leaders marched to Parliament in Cape town in February 1988. This was followed by a Convocation of Churches which decided in May 1988 on a "Standing for the Truth Campaign" to act non-violently to end apartheid. For this stand and for our call for a boycott of the October 26 Elections, Khotso House, the headquarters of the South African Council of Churches was subjected to a vicious bomb in August 1988. About a month later, there was a brutal arson attack on the offices of the Southern African Catholic Bishops Conference. These were clearly desperate attempts to stifle the soul and quiet the call of our faith communities. But we have danced in the streets outside of Khotso House. We have celebrated life and our continuing commitment. We have refused to participate in false elections designed to legitimate and enforce the heretical powers which oppress us. And as long as we live, we will not be silenced.

This is a time of legislated lawlessness in South Africa. It is a time when the dying regime deafens itself to our people's cries for freedom and for the establishment of a democratic non-racial and just society. This is a time when the monster of apartheid, in its final agonies, is attempting to defend itself at all costs against the clamoring for justice by peoples around the world by bombing our offices, sanctioning the murder of our children, militarily occupying Namibia and attacking our peaceful neighboring nations.

At this time, more than ever before, we call upon people of conscience to make their voices heard to shun South Africa, an international criminal, from the community of nations. We call upon people of courage to work with vigor and speed to strip away the international economic and political supports to apartheid, and thereby hasten the demise of that lethal system. We call upon the United States and Western Nations to take lead in eradicating this tyrannical system from the face of the earth and confining it forever to the ash heap of human history.

In this struggle we heartfully acknowledge the vital work of our international partners, who have heeded the call for justice in our land and region. We recognize the consistent commitment of the Interfaith Center on Corporate Responsibility and the ecumenical community in the United States, which have taken up the call and pursued the quest for peaceful change and for justice in South Africa.

On behalf of the South African Council of Churches I am honored to accept this expression of support for our rights by our partners in mission. Let our voices, together, continue to triumph over those who would silence us. Let our chorus resound the yearnings for dignity, justice and peace of the peoples of South Africa, Southern Africa, and all the peoples of the world.

FRANK CHIKANE (THE REV)
GENERAL SECRETARY
SOUTH AFRICAN COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

An identical letter echoing Rev. Chikane's inspirational message was also received from Rev. Allan Boesak President of the World Alliance of Reformed Churches and Vice President of the South African Council of Churches. We very much appreciate the active working relationship with Rev. Chikane and Rev. Boesak.

In support of the Struggle for Justice in Southern Africa and the work of the Interfaith Center on Corporate Responsibility, I wish to make a contribution.

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