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March 29, 1991

Mr. Victor Marshebela

801 2nd Ave No. 605

New York, New York 10017

Dear Mr. Marshebela:

I am writing to invite you to speak to the 1991 Church of the Brethren Christian Citizenship Youth Seminar. The...
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l?: '4 0 E. 42nd St I hope that it will be convenient for you to speak :9 us at 8:00 PM on andayl A-JLiL8. .

The theme of the Seminar- is "Racism - N_gt E Blggk ggd W I have enclose a copy of t e roc ure that each Seminar participant has received and a copy of the schedule. ' . - . . .

Joan Gerig of the Church of the Brethren Southern Africa Network will be our keynote speaker on Sunday evening. . On anday we will hear from a representative of the Secretariat at the United Nations. These presentations will center around racism and the evil of apartheid.

I believe that it muld be good for you to speak to the Seminar participants about your personal experience with apartheid and of the work of the ANC. Because the issue of communism may be on the minds of some of the participants perhaps you could speak to the ANC's realtionship , to that political philosophy. Because we are considered a peace church it would also be appropriate to talk about the role of violence in the struggle for freedom in South Africa .

This sounds like a massive anmmmt of material for one person to cover. I don't mean for you to have to touch each idea. But I do believe that these are the concerns that would be appropraite for you to discuss.

If you have further questions or comments you may direct them to me. I do appreciate your willingness to take on this responsibility.

Sincerely yours,

Dennis L. Brown ,

Seminar Coordinator

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Interim Associate/

Youth Pastor

Christian Citizenship Seminar
 "Racism- Not A Black and White Issue"
 April 7-12, 1991
 THE SCHEDULE
 Sunday, April 7: 5: 00 PM - Vanderbilt YMCA, New York City
 5:30 PM - Dirmer
 Catered by Sylvia's Restaurant
 Church of the Covenant Presbyterian
 Church, 310 E. 42nd St.
 :00 PM Introductions
 :45 PM Keynote Presentation, Joan Gerig
 Church of the Brethren Southern
 Africa Network
 9:00 PM - Free Time
 12:00 Midnight - In Rooms
 8:45 AM - Worship
 9:00 AM - Leave for United Nations
 ' 9:15 AM- Tour/UN Presentation on Apartheid
 11:45 AM- Lunch
 We will travel by subway to the
 Riverside Church and eat lunch
 together there.
 1:45 PM - Panel Discussion
 475 Riverside Drive
 3:00 PM - Leave for Burnside Mennonite
 Fellowship, 2019 Grand Ave. Bronx.
 Workshop: Michael Banks, leader
 :30 PM- Dinner On Your Own
 :00 PM- Presentation: Victor Marshabela
 African National Conference
 Church of the Covenant Presbyterian
 Church, 310 E. 42nd St.
 9:00 PM - Free Time
 12:00 Midnight - In Rooms
 Tuesday, April 9: 8:00 AM - Leave for Tour of New York and
 then on to Washington, D.C.
 Lunch EnRoute
 4:00 PM - Bellevue Hotel .
 15 E St. NW, Washington, D.C. 20001
 7:00 PM - Dinner
 Washington City Church of the Brethren
 William Hayes, Speaker
 9: 00 PM- Free Time
 12: 00 Midnight - In Rooms
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 Wednesday, April 10: 0 AM- Worship
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 0PM - Picture
 0 PM- Meeting to Discuss to Morning Ex-
 periences, Faith Evans
 00 PM- Legislative Training
 00PM - Dinner On Your Own
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 0 PM- Panel from Bishop Gonzaga H. S.
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 00 AM- Experiential Workshops
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Wednesday, April 10: 9:00 PM - Free Time

' 12:00 Midnight, In Rooms

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Thursday, April 11: :00 AM - Meeting with Black Caucus
Representative

:30 AM - Meeting with Hispanic Caucus
Representative

10:00 AM - Tour of the Capitol

Meetings with Senators and

Congresspersons

'7:00 'PM - Ford's Theater

Play: "Forever Plaid"

12:00 Midnight - In Rooms

Friday, April 12: 8:30 AM - Worship

' 9:00 AM - Presentation

10:00 AM - Closing, Evaluation

11:00 AM - Lmeh

Christian Citizenship Seminar

The idea to sponsor a week for Brethren youth in New York City and Washington, DC, began over 40 years ago. What better way is there to give opportunities to learn about national and international political systems and how they intersect with our Christian faith? In the early 1960's, attendance was over 400 youth per year. The Washington office and the Youth Ministry Office of the Church of the Brethren are working together to make this an experience you'll never forget. Now is your chance. . .

. . . to see the sights of New York City and Washington, DC,

. . . to meet your Senators and Representatives or one of their staff,

. . . to hear from United Nations and Capitol Hill personnel,

. . . to worship and to grow in Christian disciplinship.

RACISM -

Not a Black and White Issue

Racism is a word that has many meanings for us today. For people of color racism is a fact of daily life. Some people believe that race is the primary factor of human traits and capabilities. This belief that one race is superior to another fuels the fire of racism in many people's minds. Why are racism and Christian faith incompatible? What is our responsibility to our brothers and sisters of color? Is the church part of the problem or the solution?

The 1991 seminar will include speakers from the faith community as well as Capitol Hill, to help in our search for better ways to understand and make a difference on this issue.

Our trip to the United Nations will provide a time to address the problems related to South Africa and apartheid.

Who is Eligible to Attend?

All high school youth and adult advisors are eligible to attend the seminar. Churches sending over four youth are required to send at least one adult advisor. Other churches sending less than four youth are encouraged to send an adult advisor to insure an adequate number of adults. Registration will be limited to the first 150 youth and adults who apply - so send your registration form in right away!

What is the Cost?

The \$250 registration fee includes:

- lodging for five nights
- dinner on the opening evening

of the seminar

- transportation from New York to Washington, DC.

' a special cultural event

Each participant will need to bring additional money for city meals, sightseeing, personal expenses and some subway/taxi fares within the city.

Where and When

We will begin on Sunday, April 7 at 5:00 P.M. in New York City and will end by 2:00 P.M. on Friday, April 12 in Washington, DC.

The seminar schedule will be very full.

Therefore, please plan to spend a day before or after the seminar if you would like to do more sightseeing.

Front cover: NORMAN ROCKWELL MOSAIC ENTITLED "THE GOLDEN RULE".

Mosaic entitled "The Golden Rule" by American artist Norman Rockwell, depicts the people of different nationalities standing together with the words "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you" inscribed on it.

Christian Citizenship Registration

Name

Address

Zip

Phone# ()

Home Church

District

Age Male Female

Roommate Preference

Adult Advisor who will be accompanying you:

\$30 of your \$250 must be sent along with this registration form.

Balance is due by April 1. \$30 is not refundable after March 10.

Send this form and \$30 to:

Chris Michael

Youth Ministry Office

Church of the Brethren

1451 Dundee Avenue

Elgin, IL 60120

Registration will be cut off by March 10, 1991 or as soon as 150 registrations have been received.

Excerpts On Racism

Matthew 25:40 reminds us that as we do it to "one of the least of these" we do it to Christ. To applaud or even stand silent in the midst of any discrimination is to discriminate against Christ.

1987 Annual Conference Statement

"The Death Penalty."

We must see that discrimination against one person or one group is related to discrimination against another.

1986 Annual Conference Statement

"Making the Connection."

"In spiritual and Biblical terms, racism is a perverse sin that cuts to the core of the gospel message. Put simply, racism negates the reason for which Christ died - the reconciling work of the church. It denies the purpose of the church, to bring together, in Christ, those who have been divided from one another, particularly in the early church's case, Jew and Gentile - a division based on race."

Jim Wallis, editor, Sojourners Magazine.

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National Youth

Christian Citizenship

Seminar

"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself."

Luke 10:27

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Apr-I 7 - 12, 1991

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Washington, DC.