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Dear Pastors and Friends;

You are invited to a luncheon to hear Dr. Anwar Barkat of the World Council of Churches. Dr. Barkat is from Pakistan and is the head of the Programme to Combat Racism. Through the Special Fund of the Programme, grants have been made to liberation movements in Southern Africa as well as to groups combatting racism throughout the world.

In the August '82 issue of the <u>Reader's Digest</u>, in an article entitled "Karl Marx or Jesus Christ," the Programme was highly criticized. The World Council of Churches has issued a response to the Digest article putting the grants and the Programme in a much more favorable light. Regardless of your views on the matter, the luncheon will be an opportunity to hear first hand from the director of the Programme.

Dr. Barkat is in the Pacific Northwest in preparation for the Vancouver Assembly of the World Council of Churhces which will be held next summer. He is particularly interested in issues of racism as they have arisen in the relationship between whites and native North Americans in Canada and the United States.

The luncheon will be held Wednesday, November 10th, 12:00 Noon, at University Christian Church, 4731 15th Avenue N.E. Cost will be \$3.75. For reservations please call 525-1213.

Please feel free to invite anyone whom you believe might be interested in this subject.

Sincerely yours,

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