



ACTION ALERT

The following is a message from Jubilee USA. The Women's Division through the Washington Office of Public Policy is a collaborative partner of Jubilee USA, which works to cancel the debts of developing countries around the world. Please join us in sending a message to the Treasury Department to say that emerging and developing economies should not be straddled with a burden that causes women and families to go to bed hungry, and keeps girls out of school.

Last week, President-elect Obama announced his economic team, and he selected Timothy Geithner to be the next U.S. Treasury Secretary. Secretary-designate Geithner will have a huge job ahead of him. He'll need to address the growing economic crisis and recession facing the United States right now. But we must all also remember our brothers and sisters across the globe in this time of need.

That's why we're launching a new campaign, the What's On Your Heart? campaign. Check it out at <http://www.jubileeusa.org/heartcampaign/aboutyourheart.html>

As the book of Matthew tells us, "Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also?" As the Torah reminds us, "Do not close your heart or shut your hand from your poor brother."

In this new campaign we will welcome new Treasury Secretary Geithner to his position by telling him what's on our hearts as Jubilee people in these difficult times.



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There are three easy ways you, your community, and your congregation can share with Secretary-designate Geithner the Jubilee issues that are on your heart this holiday season:

1. Send him a message through Jubilee USA's easy online form; http://salsa.democracyinaction.org/o/863/t/8402/p/dia/action/public/?action_KEY=388
2. Order special postcards for you and your community. E-mail Carly@jubileeusa.org for postcards.
3. Do it yourself! Just make a heart out of paper and write down what's on your heart - just a phrase is fine (for example "debt cancellation for Haiti" or "stop vulture funds"). For more suggestions visit the Jubilee USA website at www.jubileeusa.org. Then sign the heart with your name and contact information and send it to us at Jubilee USA Network, 212 E. Capitol Street NE, Washington, DC 20003
BE SURE TO SAY YOU ARE A UNITED METHODIST WOMAN!

This campaign is a great way to involve your congregation or community. Make hearts or sign postcards with your neighbors, family, friends, and classmates. Have a heart making party or set up a heart-making table at your local schools or church. If you have any questions or need suggestions, please call Jubilee USA at (202) 546-4470 or send an email to carly@jubileeusa.org.

Jubilee will deliver all of your hearts, postcards & messages to the new Treasury Secretary soon after the inauguration on January 20th and before Valentine's Day. The deadline to tell us what's on your heart is **January 20, 2009**.



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