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Dear Mr. Sissel:

We appreciate your letter of July 19 and the Report from the 172nd General Assembly of the United Presbyterian Church in the USA. This document, in fact, was one that we very much wanted to have. We are most grateful for many of the statements found therein. Ours is a "common cause". We feel that there is no question but that all people dedicated to the concepts of individual dignity and community encounter must support the demonstrations which, we feel, are far more an affirmation than a protest. We assure you that the student demonstrations are consistent with the Christian heritage, the Federal Constitution, and moral consensus of our nation".

Indeed, we would be grateful for the promotion of "The Student Voice" among a wider readership. The only criterion for being entitled to receive it is that the recipient be interested to the point of being concerned and concerned to the point of being honest with regard to the existence of injustice in our land today, and thus, with the responsibilities placed upon him as an individual, as a citizen, as a believer in the essential elements of the Judaic-Christian tradition. Certainly, we would be happy to send our publication to any person or group which you might recommend.

In the future, we will no doubt set up a more formal way of distribution of the newsletter which will perhaps be based on a small subscription fee. We do need and welcome all contributions, however. Our organization arose out of the need for communication and coordination. This is our *raison d'être*. Consequently, all contributions will go to the continuing of communication via the newsletter, conferences, and committee meetings.

We welcome any contributions to the newsletter, criticisms, letters, news reports. In the next issue of "The Student Voice", thanks to your offer, we will reproduce parts of the report which you sent.

We need the support of the churches in America. We thank you very much for your encouragement and action.

Sincerely yours,

Jane Stembridge