



“DO NOT CLOSE YOUR **HEART OR SHUT YOUR HAND FROM YOUR POOR BROTHER.” DEUTERONOMY 15:7**

TELL THE NEW TREASURY SECRETARY: **WHAT’S ON YOUR HEART?**



THREE EASY WAYS:

1. DO IT YOURSELF. Make a heart telling the Treasury Secretary “what’s on your heart.” See the list to the right for suggestions. Sign it with your name, address, phone number, and email address. Mail it to:

Jubilee USA Network
212 E. Capitol St. NE
Washington, DC 20003

2. SEND A MESSAGE ONLINE:

www.jubileeusa.org/heartcampaign

3. ORDER POSTCARDS. Like the one above, from carly@jubileeusa.org or at 202-546-4470.

INVOLVE YOUR COMMUNITY!

Don’t let your family, friends, classmates, or neighbors miss out on the chance to tell the new Treasury Secretary what’s on their heart. Have a heart-making party or set up a table at your school, church or temple. Pass out hearts or postcards where you can—maybe at a holiday dinner! For more ideas, contact Jubilee USA at 202-546-4470 or carly@jubileeusa.org

Join Jubilee USA and friends to tell Treasury Secretary-designate Geithner the issues closest to our hearts in this time of economic crisis. When the new Treasury Secretary walks into his office on January 20th he will have a huge job ahead of him. He’ll need to address the growing economic crisis facing the United States and its impact on people here, especially the poor. But while we call for economic justice at home, we must not forget our brothers and sisters across the globe in this time of need. Your messages to the new Treasury Secretary will be delivered on the week of Valentines Day. The deadline for sending in your hearts, postcards and electronic messages is February 9th.

USE THESE SUGGESTIONS FOR YOUR HEART:

1. CANCEL DEBT FOR HAITI NOW Four hurricanes recently devastated Haiti but the tiny nation continues to pay \$1 million a week to the World Bank and Inter-American Development Bank.

2. STOP VULTURE FUNDS Vulture funds buy the debt of poor countries and then sue for huge profits. The Obama Treasury department should work to permanently outlaw profiteering by vulture funds.

3. EXPAND DEBT RELIEF Many poor countries like Kenya and Bangladesh need debt relief to fight poverty amidst the food, fuel and financial crises, but aren’t eligible for the current program. The Obama Treasury can urge the IMF to devote money from gold sales to fund debt relief.

4. COMMIT: FULLY FUND DEBT RELIEF Treasury should request full funding for its contribution to World Bank debt relief and pay what it already owes.

5. ADDRESS ODIIOUS & ILLEGITIMATE DEBT; Promote Responsible Lending. Odious debts inhibit the development of countries like Haiti, the Democratic Republic of Congo, and Liberia and should be audited and cancelled. We need a new framework for responsible lending to ensure countries don’t fall back into the debt trap.

6. REPAY CLIMATE DEBT TO GLOBAL SOUTH The North has made the biggest contribution to global warming, while the global South suffer the highest costs. The Obama Treasury department should provide grants rather than loans to help poor countries adapt to climate change.