



Linking All Types of Teachers to International, Cross-cultural Education

PRESS RELEASE

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**ANNUAL LATTICE SALE OF ZULU BASKETS
BENEFITS SOUTH AFRICAN STUDENTS**

**Friday, February 20, 10:00 AM - 8:00 PM
Saturday, February 21, 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM
All Saints Episcopal Church
800 Abbott Road, East Lansing**

EAST LANSING, Mich.— Over one hundred and fifty museum quality Zulu baskets and a special, small shipment of Sikhosiphi Nene's beaded jewelry go on sale at All Saints Episcopal Church, 800 Abbott Road in East Lansing, on Friday, February 20 from 2:00 to 8:00 p.m. and Saturday, February 21 from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.. Basket prices range from \$18.00 to \$280.00 depending on size, colors and complexity of the weave. Jewelry sells for \$12.00 to \$60.00.

Since 1999 when two Zulu artists, Sikhosiphi Nene and Thombnkulu. Ngubane, visited LATTICE in Michigan, a project began which has benefited international art and education and shared a belief that education can help lift children out of poverty. While unemployment exceeds 50 per cent in rural South Africa, all children must pay from \$75 to \$700 for K-12 school tuition, books and uniforms. The LATTICE partnership with Nene, Ngubane and their fellow artists in the hills of Hlabisa has helped hundreds of Zulu children attend school (Kindergarten through University level) when their parents lacked funds for tuition.

LATTICE means Linking All Types of Teachers to International, Cross Cultural Education. It's an award winning professional development partnership between Michigan State University and mid-Michigan educators and students which allows mid-Michigan citizens to learn about, admire and purchase the most recent examples of an ancient art while helping the children of today.

All proceeds support childrens' education in South Africa.