

# The Organizer

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## MARCH FOR PEACE AND PLANET Join us in NYC on April 24-26th



### PEACE & PLANET

The 2015 Peace & Planet mobilization will be held on the weekend before the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) review conference at the United Nations, and Party members from many states across the US will come to New York City to take part in a weekend of actions. Those actions will include a Conference on April 24 - 25, and a March, Rally and Peace Festival on April 26th.

Members and supporters who cannot come to NYC are encouraged to take part in Global Wave events in their area. The Global Wave will be a symbolic international "wave" which will move across the globe to "wave goodbye" to nuclear weapons.

### March & Rally on April 26<sup>th</sup>

#### Up-To-Date Logistics

**1:00 pm** - Rally and March. Join us at Union Sq. Park. (North)

**2:00 pm**- March with the SPUSA contingent (route tba)

**3:00 pm**- Gather at the SPUSA table at the Peace Festival at Dag Hammarskjold Plaza (East 47th Street, 2nd Ave New York, NY)



#### Get up-to-date info on Peace & Planet at:

[www.socialistparty-usa.net/peace-and-planet-2015.html](http://www.socialistparty-usa.net/peace-and-planet-2015.html)

### Global Wave

If you cannot make it to NYC, we encourage you to take part in a Global Wave Event. Symbolic demonstrations in cities across the globe during the march & rally on April 26<sup>th</sup>. [www.globalwave2015.org/](http://www.globalwave2015.org/)

## SPUSA CHARTERS THE PEOPLE OF COLOR COMMISSION

The Socialist Party is proud to announce that we have chartered the People of Color Commission (POCC)!

The Commission will be co-chaired by Jose Cordova of the Los Angeles Local and Brooke Shannon of the Memphis Local.

From the People of Color Commission "The purpose of this commission is to bring to the Socialist Party-USA the many diverse views and perspectives of people of color in order to better understand the intersectional struggles we face, and to bring people of color together with solidarity to help organize for radical change and social justice issues within our communities and beyond."

You can contact and join the Commission by e-mailing Jose or Brooke at [pocc@socialistparty-usa.org](mailto:pocc@socialistparty-usa.org)

# MAY DAY

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## MAY DAY 2015

### Let's Build a Future Worthy of Our Dreams!

On May 1<sup>st</sup> we celebrate International Workers' Day and hope you will join us at actions across the US in solidarity with actions across the globe.

The Party will have a listing of May Day events and actions that have been sponsored, cosponsored or endorsed by SP Locals as well as other actions where at-large members are attending as a contingent. Events will be listed on the Party's May Day website at:

[www.socialistparty-usa.net/may-day-2015.html](http://www.socialistparty-usa.net/may-day-2015.html)

We'll also have posters and literature on the page soon!

Remember to send reports and photos of your May Day actions to [natsec@socialistparty-usa.org](mailto:natsec@socialistparty-usa.org) so we can post them on the "Locals in Action" Blog.

**Have a great May Day!**

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## Socialist Party USA Points of Agreement

*The following points represent the key ideas of agreement of the Socialist Party USA.*

- 1) The Socialist Party is a democratic socialist organization. We see socialism as a new social and economic order in which workers and consumers control production and community residents control their neighborhoods, homes and school and the production of society is used for the benefit of all humanity, not the private profit of a few..
- 2) We see the working class as in a key and central position to fight back against the ruling class and its power. The working class is the major force worldwide that can lead the way to a socialist future – to a real radical democracy from below.
- 3) We stand in opposition to all forms of oppression including but not limited to racism, sexism and homophobia.
- 4) We are a “multi-tendency” organization. We orient ourselves around our principles and develop a common program, but our members have various underlying philosophies and views of the world. Therefore we reject vanguardism and democratic centralism.
- 5) We advocate for independent political action outside the Democratic and Republican parties.
- 6) Our tactics in the struggle for radical democratic change reflects our ultimate goal of a society founded on principles of egalitarian, non-exploitative and non-violent relations among all people and between all peoples.

## JOIN US AT THE US SOCIAL FORUM!



The USSF will be held in three locations this year:  
**Philadelphia, Pennsylvania** - June 25 through 28, 2015  
**Jackson, Mississippi** - June 24 through 28, 2015  
**San Jose, California** - June 24 through 27, 2015

We'll be holding regional organizing/coordinating meetings soon. E-mail [natsec@socialistparty-usa.org](mailto:natsec@socialistparty-usa.org) if you'd like to help the Party organize and table at one of these locations.

### SPUSA ACTIVIST CAMPAIGN WORK

All SPUSA members are encouraged to take part in the Party's Action/Priorities campaigns.

Each campaign; anti-war, ecosocialism, labor/living wage and prison industrial complex are coordinated by a Party Commission made up of rank-n-file members.

**Anti-War Commission-** [anti-war@socialistparty-usa.org](mailto:anti-war@socialistparty-usa.org)  
[www.socialistparty-usa.net/anti-war-campaign.html](http://www.socialistparty-usa.net/anti-war-campaign.html)

**Ecosocialist Commission** - [zestysession@gmail.com](mailto:zestysession@gmail.com)  
[www.socialistparty-usa.net/ecosocialist-campaign.html](http://www.socialistparty-usa.net/ecosocialist-campaign.html)

**Labor/Living Wage Commission** - [stlouissocialist@gmail.com](mailto:stlouissocialist@gmail.com)  
[www.socialistparty-usa.net/labor-and-living-wage-campaign.html](http://www.socialistparty-usa.net/labor-and-living-wage-campaign.html)

**Prison Industrial Complex** – [aj.segneri@gmail.com](mailto:aj.segneri@gmail.com)  
[www.endprisonindustrialcomplex.wordpress.com](http://www.endprisonindustrialcomplex.wordpress.com)

### General Commission Work

All SPUSA members are also encouraged to take part in the Party's non-Action/Priorities commission. These Commissions serve as our voice in movement work.

**Faith & Socialism Commission** –  
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**People of Color Commission** –  
**Co-Chairs:** Brooke Shannon and Jose Cordova  
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**Women's Commission** -  
**Chair:** Stephanie Cholensky **E-Mail:** [cholensky.s@gmail.com](mailto:cholensky.s@gmail.com)

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