

The Organizer

NEWSLETTER OF THE SOCIALIST PARTY USA NATIONAL OFFICE

MAY 2014

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.

the Socialist

The official publication of the Socialist Party USA
webzine and on-line/printable magazine

www.thesocialist.org

The Organizer is the newsletter of the Socialist Party USA National Office. Subscriptions are free to members and sustainers. For bulk copies contact the SPUSA National Office at 339 Lafayette St. #303 New York, NY 10012. The Editor is Greg Pason, National Secretary.

MAY DAY 2014



On **May Day 2014**, we reaffirm our commitment to building a world without bosses and building a socialist transformation from below.

No oppressed group has ever been liberated except by its own organized efforts to overthrow its oppressors. On May Day we join with tens of thousands of working people who will hold marches, rallies and public events.

For events and materials check out the SPUSA May Day webpage www.socialistparty-usa.net/may-day-2014.html

SPUSA Endorses the Global Day of Action to Close Guantanamo and End Indefinite Detention

The Socialist Party has joined the call for a **Global Day of Action to Close Guantanamo on May 23, 2014**.

We encourage members and locals to organize or take part in actions in your area.

From the Witness Against Torture website:

On May 23rd of last year, President Obama again promised to close the detention facility at Guantánamo. His pledge came in response to the mass hunger strike by men protesting their indefinite detention and to the renewed, global condemnation of the prison. One year later, far too little has changed: few detained men have left the prison and hunger strikes and forced feeding continue. Join us in Washington DC, across the US, and around the world to urge President Obama and Congress to end indefinite detention and close the detention facility at Guantánamo.

May 23rd actions will be posted on the Party's Anti-War Campaign website at:

www.socialistparty-usa.net/anti-war-campaign.html

Activist Campaigns

The Party's activist campaigns are coordinated through Party commissions. All members are encouraged to join a Commission and help build our movement work.

Anti-War Campaign

The Anti-War campaign is organized through two Party bodies, the Anti-Imperialism Committee and the Anti-War Commission. The Anti-War Committee is made up of one rep from each Party local or state organization. The Anti-War Commission is made up of any Party member in good standing who wants to get involved.

Brandon Collins Chairs the Anti-Imperialism Committee and Greg Pason Chairs the Anti-War Commission.

For more info check out the campaign website at:
www.socialistparty-usa.net/anti-war-campaign.html

Ecosocialism Campaign

The Ecosocialist campaign is organized through the Party's Ecosocialist Commission. The Ecosocialist Commission strives to provide Party membership with the educational materials and organizational assistance needed to further the understanding of the current ecological crisis from a socialist perspective with a long-term focus on assuring our membership is prepared to make a sustained contribution to the ecosocialist movement. Mimi Soltysik Chairs the Ecosocialist Commission

For more info check out the campaign website at:
www.socialistparty-usa.net/ecosocialist-campaign.html

Campaign to End the Prison Industrial Complex

The Campaign to End the Prison Industrial Complex is coordinated through the Prison Industrial Complex Commission. Jose Cordova Chairs the Prison Industrial Complex Commission

For more info check out the campaign website at:
www.socialistparty-usa.net/end-the-prison-industrial-complex.html

Labor/Living Wage Campaign

The Labor Commission is organized to help coordinate the Party's Labor/Living Wage. The Commission promotes the views of progressive and radical labor organizing and support within the Socialist Party USA.

John Strinka Chairs the Labor Commission.

For more info e-mail [hoosiersocialist @ gmail.com](mailto:hoosiersocialist@gmail.com)

The Organizer

c/o Socialist Party USA
339 Lafayette St. #303
New York, NY 10012

Party News

New Locals

The National Office is happy to announce two new Socialist Party Locals!

The Socialist Party of Michigan chartered the **Socialist Party of Marquette** and the National Action Committee chartered the **Socialist Party USA- St. Louis**.

Welcome comrades!

Eugene V Debs Service Awards

The Socialist Party USA appreciates the work of all Party activists and organizers and believes it is important to recognize all the work that is done in the movement and our communities to build the Party.



Congratulations to **First Quarter 2014 Eugene V Debs Service Award** recipients,
Sam Williams of St. Louis, MO and **Tina Phillips** of Oakland, CA!

More information on these comrades can be found on the Award website at:
www.socialistparty-usa.net/eugene-v-debs-service-award.html

New Merch

The Party has new bumperstickers available.



3 3/4" x 8 1/2" vinyl

\$4 each or 10 for \$25(price includes postage). Send payment to SPUSA 339 Lafayette St. #303 NY, NY 10012

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Aug. 1- 3 SPUSA National Organizing Conference
Chicago, IL * More info soon!