

PLM Liberate Our Elders Panel Webinar AUG 4-6



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CALIFORNIA Prison Focus/KAGE Universal will be co-hosting the tri-city, 3-day, nationally televised Liberate our Elders/Prison Lives Matter webinar to advocate for the release of our Elders who are being held as Political Prisoners, and were the architects of the Historic California Hunger Strikes (2011-2013) and the Agreement to End Hostilities that ended decades of torture and indefinite solitary confinement and rampant prison-system fomented race wars within CDCr. We are stoked to be a part of this powerful – and growing – collaboration with Spirit of Mandela, Love Not PHEAR Free Mumia , Free Ruchell Magee , and many other national orgs and individuals in Chicago and New York who, on August 4, 5 and 6th of 2023, will be marking a historical - moment of solidarity speaking on issues of ending legal slavery, addressing the ongoing genocide of Black, Brown and Indigenous people, the need to build a People’s Senate and more, overstanding this can only be done with inside and outside unity and Revolutionary love. New Afrikan Elder Freedom Fighter, Brother Sangu, who spent 52 years in California’s prison plantations, and 30+ years in the SHU (Security Housing Unit), solitary confinement meant to break the Revolutionary mind, body and spirit states: “i stand firmly, my Sistās and Brothās, to help our caged people share their experiences and to amplify their tortured voices. i stand to support and trust that building can only be strengthened by collaborating with others with shared interests in our community’s benefit, when like-minded organizations support each other. Come together and STAND.

Dear Incarcerated Worker

WE do not identify you as a prisoner, convict, an inmate or any other imposed designation that misidentifies your current station in life. You are a worker, from the working class of society, and in the Penal Slave System you are compelled to labor (work) for pennies on a dollar. According to the 13th Amendment of the U.S. Constitution, and pursuant to the case of *Ruffin v. Commonwealth* and *Jones v. North Carolina Prisoners Union*, the Court (the law) has designated you a Slave of the State.

In other words, when in 1865 this country promulgated with 13th Amendment abolishing chattel slavery, as the same time this government instituted penal slavery. For the last 150 years, New York State (NYS) has been engaged in penal slavery, and it is NOW time for that practice to come to an end, to utterly abolish and remove penal slavery from all legal designation and enforcement.

There are two bills pending in the New York State legislature, the End Compulsory Labor Act and the Fair and Opportunity for Incarcerated Workers Act. The passage of these two specific bills will effectively end penal slavery in NYS. However, to ensure the passage of these two bills it is necessary to organize a statewide campaign with the help of the family and friends of incarcerated workers. Citizen Action of New York, in a coalition of dozens of prison reform activists and concerned citizens are taking the necessary steps to abolish penal slavery in all of its forms and manifestations pursuant to the Declaration on Human Rights, Article 4, which specifically states: “No one shall be held in slavery or servitude; slavery and the slave trade shall be prohibited in all their forms.” Therefore, it is a human rights issue to abolish penal servitude and slavery, to have it removed from all Constitutional or legal documents that enforce any form of compulsory labor.

We, ask that you bring this statewide campaign to the attention of your family and friends and encourage them to join us in this legislative campaign.

-Jalil Muntaqim



Call for Newsletter Submissions

We are currently accepting Newsletter submissions from behind the wall: PLM members only. We are asking for one paragraph max, giving updates on ROCs. We can not fit all updates on our newsletter, those who are field Marshalls will have priority. We are also not able to respond to everyone, don't take it personally. We are also accepting art and short poems.

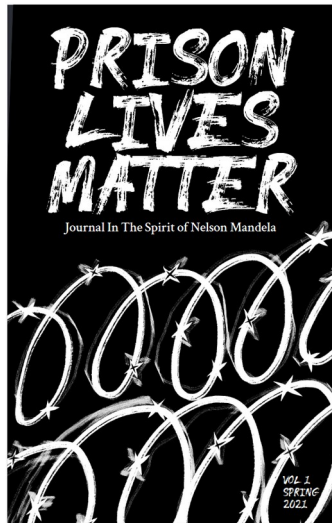
Write submissions to PLM PO Box 134 Arvon VA 23004.
On the top of the page write: for newsletter consideration.

Call for Outside Supporters

We need y'all's help growing our membership on the outside and for those people to take on more responsibilities! Are you part of PLM? Do you have family, a spouse, friends, or any outside support people? Have them connect with us, join our meetings, and get involved! Especially needed in Washington and Texas areas
Our email is prisonlivesmatter@protonmail.com

Committee Updates: Outreach

PLM will not be distributing the next two newsletters so that we can focus on the follow up to the PLM JOURNAL focusing on our "Liberate Our Elders" campaign. It will be a larger zine type format that requires more work, time and funding. This journal will include writings and art by incarcerated elders. As with our last journal, this it will be a guide to understanding the current struggle with a focus on sharing wisdom.



If you would like to help us get this Journal out to you with ease please feel free to send us stamps or funding to [cashapp\\$SocialDevelopment74](mailto:cashapp$SocialDevelopment74) (write in for: PLM JOURNAL)

Social Media

THE social media committee has been focused on getting all of our social media platforms active to gain a larger following and working closely with the financial/fundraising and outreach committee to generate funding for the organization. Please help us by sharing our PLM postings on your personal social media pages. We invite anyone to share any content with us that is in alignment with the PLM mission so that we can share it on our socials. New content is being added frequently to the website as well, be sure to check it out and share! This committee meets every other Wednesday from 5:00PM-6:00PM EST, the next meeting will take place May 10 and May 24th (2nd and 4th Wednesday).

Instagram: [@PLMnational](https://www.instagram.com/PLMnational)
Facebook: [Prison Lives Matter NCC](https://www.facebook.com/PrisonLivesMatterNCC)
Twitter: [@PLMnational](https://twitter.com/PLMnational)
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Lawful

THE Lawful Committee Is Currently Developing A Program To Challenge The Unlawfulness Of Imprisoning The People In Prison Industrial Slave Complexes For Alleged Crimes That Are Victimless. Where Charges Are Brought Against The People In Instances Where No Wrong Has Been Committed Against Another Person, The "State" Has No Lawful Standing To Pursue Criminal Charges. This Is Knowledge That Has Been Hidden And Disguised In The Labyrinth Of The Incompetent "Judicial System".

Furthermore, The Lawful Committee Is Constructing A Curriculum That Will Make It Easier For The People To Understand Their Human And Birthrights, As Well As Identify The Nature Of The Violations Committed Against Them By The American Colonial/ Imperial Government. Through Education, The People Can And Will Be Armed With The Knowledge To Protect Themselves Against This U.S. Lawlessness.

While The Primary Goal Of The Lawful Committee Is Abolishing Legalized Slavery, Attention Is Also Being Given To Inhumane Conditions Faced In Prisons. As We Strive To End This Systematic & Genocidal Oppression, We Are Also Working To Better The Conditions Behind Enemy Lines Until We Can Achieve Our Goals Of Abolition.

By Working With Law Students And Attorneys Nationwide, The Lawful Committee Is Building A Network Of Individuals Dedicated To Changing The Way We View And Approach The Law.

"I have often reflected upon the new vistas that reading has opened to me. I knew right there in prison that reading had changed forever the course of my life. As I see it today, the ability to read awoke inside me some long dormant craving to be mentally alive."

-Malcolm X

