

“Prison Lives Matter is a United Front for Political Prisoners, Prisoners of War, Politicized individuals behind enemy lines and their organizations, as well as any outside formations in unison to abolish legalized slavery. Our goal is the connect all the abolition networks together to create an organized body to be a force to be reckoned with. This requires much organization, communication, and education.”

PLM will be sending monthly updates on our organization. The first couple months we will clarify who we are, what are capacity is, and what we need to continue to grow. When we have firmly established a foundation of knowledge we will begin to send meeting minutes & updates on our progress.



Social and Community Development – The People’s Program

For our movement to gain momentum we need the physical infrastructure to effect a national strategy for cadre development to raise the class conscience in our communities. We are following the lead of Abbas Muntaqim with The People’s Program in Oakland, California and Jalil Muntaqim with the People’s Liberation Program in Rochester, NY. By having infrastructure and tangible institutions on the East and West coast, and now in the Mid West, we hope that this class struggle for national unity will set an example for revolutionaries around the nation who struggle along these same political lines.

This community center will be able to host political education programs , a food pantry and free breakfast on the weekends as a part of a Feed the People Program, and an after-school childcare program.

WHO ARE WE?

“Abolitionist who are working towards pushing education, coordinating actions, creating structure, and broadening the struggle, connecting the dots between community oppression (capitalism/colonialism) and the Prison Industrial/Slave Complex, understanding that this is all one struggle.”

General membership (GM) is someone who can connect the dots and understands this is all one struggle.

A Field Marshall is similar to cadre: someone who has the ability to educate, recruit ,& help implement structure in their prison, community, state, or region

Regional Organizing Committee individuals who overstand the line and work with the field marshall to implement structure, as active roles in regional sub-committees.

WHO MANAGES MEMBERSHIP?

National Coordinating Committee (NCC) & Head Field Marshall’s talk @ monthly meetings accepting new general members, ROC members, & Field Marshall’s.

Field Marshall’s and NCC members have space at the monthly meeting to update on new members in their region, etc (general membership & ROC membership doesn’t necessarily need to be voted on).

NCC members vote on Head Field Marshall’s in monthly meetings, with consensus style voting.

A NCC member or Head Field Marshall can propose a Regional Field Marshall to the group on the monthly call and folks vote on them. Each State ideally has one Head Field Marshall and they can appoint other Field Marshall’s throughout the state (bringing it to the NCC when possible).

If you are interested in becoming a Field Marshall (and therefore participating in inside/outside organization and organizing) we require you to send in your PSI (Pre Sentence Investigation Report) & Probably Cause Affidavit. Screening observation & approval evaluation is mandatory & a necessary part of infrastructure/movement building.

HOW ARE WE ORGANIZED?

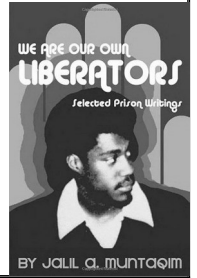
The following is a list of our current sub committees. These committees meet bi-weekly & report back to monthly NCC meetings. As your ROC’s grows have members connect with & join the necessary committees.

- ◆ **Social Media Committee:** run our social media platforms & Create Content
- ◆ **Outreach/In reach Committee:** Folk’s who run the PO Box’s/mail, create Newsletters, journals, & expand the collective
- ◆ **Lawful Committee:** deliberate on possible cases, work on chosend cases & advocate for incarcerated people
- ◆ **Financial/Fundraising Committee:** create fundraising strategies, distribute funding, & keep track of finances
- ◆ **Political Education Committee:** create & collect educational content, as well as, host educational classes
- ◆ **ROC’s / Individual State Committees:** run regional PLM groups (these groups also have their own set of subcommittees)

Curriculum

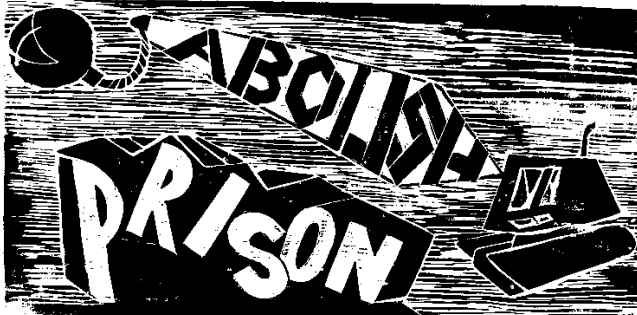
Prison Lives Matter is a collective in which we come together as a like-minded politically oriented community to strategize on how to obtain collective liberation from an oppressive state. Currently we are focusing on cadre development, to educate ourselves on the current political climate and use our critical thinking to find ways to combat oppression. With a focus on POW Journal Book 9 cadre development section to get a better idea on how to move forward. If you would like a copy of this journal please write to us to request it.

- "New Afrikan POW Journals #1-12" (emphasize on 1, 9, &12) (contact us for copies of these journals)
- *Settlers: The Mythology of the White Proletariat* by J Sakai
- *We Are Our Own Liberators* by, Jalil Muntaqim
- *Stand Up, Struggle Forward* by Sanyika Shakur
- *Lumpen Ed Mead*
- *Cages of Steal* by Ward Churchill
- *Meditations on Frantz Fanon's Wretched of the Earth* by, James Yaki Sayles
- *Captive Genders: Trans Embodiment and the Prison Industrial Complex* Edited by Eric A. Stanley and Nat Smith



Current Capacity & Needs of PLM

Prison Lives Matter is in its "Infrastructure Building Stage," this means we don't have the capacity of our long term mission statement & goal. We need people to take on more responsibilities and network inside & outside of prison walls to grow our movement and capacity. We are asking comrades who have been actively organizing & conducting political education classes to step up and help build Regional Organizing Committees (ROCs). Currently we have one main PO BOX that answers all the mail we receive personally, the other PLM PO BOX only sends out content. We would like to see PO BOX's in each region to take on the role of responding to the surplus of mail we receive. The following is a step by step guide on how to create ROC's.



How to Build Regional Organizing Committee's

Step 1: Study & Find folks who wanna study with you
Study material should focus on establishing structure/programs, understanding the political line that we are focused on & more importantly how to maintain that line and keep those politics in command.

*See "Curriculum" above

Step 2: Focus on Cadre Development

Building individuals up to the point that they overstand the political line & programs, they are able to educate and train others, turning theory into practice. We can have all the theory and programs in writing but we need cadre in action or there is nothing. This includes enacting Decolonization Programs. Part of colonization is that we depend on the oppressor/establishment for education, food, clothing, housing, employment, and security. Decolonization means establishing self determination in all of these spheres. (Contact PLM for more details on roles etc...)

Step 3: Establish inside-out contact, coordination, & comradeship

Finding the committed individuals inside & out that are willing to correspond and network to help build the chapters/statewide structure/infrastructure through the roles of ROC (if it does not already exist in your region) Connect with National Coordinating Committee to learn more about creating this infrastructure. Once you've established a list of individuals inside-out set up conference calls to strategize what decolonization looks like and how to actualize it. Network with existing formations; share resources & collaborate on tactics, and form spokes-councils to move ideas forward & maintain communication between formations.

Step 4: Political Steering Committee

Selecting cadre within the collective who are able to strategize and move things forward through sharing collective ideas and finding new ways to turn those ideas and theory into concrete plans of action, that's most suitable for the collective. Doing these things with a focus on what the desires of the collective are and meeting their needs as they move forward.

Step 5: Extend your Network

When you have social media; link up with our FB: "Prison Lives Matter NCC" and lets collectively share each others struggles. Follow us on IG @PLMnational. Have your outside support system check out www.supportprisonlives.org & join our emailing list.

To request a more in-depth break down of PLM Infrastructure Building or to JOIN our mailing list write a request to:

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OR EMAIL PrisonLivesMatter@protonmail.com

We Can

- ✓ Print/send educational materials, a resource guide, relevant news articles
- ✓ Send you information on joining PLM as a GM, Field Marshall, ROC or NCC member.
- ✓ Connect you with folks in your region

We Can't

- ✗ Be individuals
- ✗ Pen Pals
- ✗ Take on legal cases
- ✗ Take on personal individual requests