

**THE NATIONAL JERICHO MOVEMENT NEWSLETTER
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Revolutionary Greetings.

Welcome to our National Jericho Movement Newsletter. Thank you to all of our members and affiliations who contribute critical information regarding our Political Prisoner's/Prisoner's of War as well as updates on activities, events and actions.

As we reflect upon the Jericho Movement's 20th Anniversary event which took place on March 24th in NYC, we stand in appreciation and gratitude for all those who stepped up to make this such a successful and memorable event. Our Chair former PP/POW, Jihad Abdulmumit wrote a heartfelt and powerful letter in summary of our event.

**“Dear Sisters and Brothers!
As-salaamu ‘alaykum!
Greetings of Peace!**

The Jericho 20th Anniversary celebration was held on Saturday, March 24, 2018 at the Holyrood Episcopal Church in New York. The celebration was a tremendous success for a lot of reasons. Sisters and brothers, young and old, and from a host of social political movements of the 60s and 70s, as well as present day, joined together to celebrate Jericho's 20 years of continued, sustained struggle and movement building to free all political prisoners. Many former political prisoners were present.

Orie Lumumba and Sister Gail Walker MC'd the program, starting off with righteous acknowledgments of soldiers passed and present, and honoring the founders of the Jericho Movement itself – the late Safiya Bukhari and Baba Herman Ferguson, and Political Prisoner Jalil Abdul Muntaqim. Recognition and respect was also given to the New York Chapter of the Jericho Movement, viz. Anne Lamb, Frank Velgara, Jorge Chang, Benjamin Ramos, Ann Jaffe, Joe Catron, Ralph Poynter and Betty Davis. The NY Chapter of Jericho is the largest Jericho Chapter and is responsible for a lot of work, organizing, and giving direct support not just to the Political Prisoners in New York, but all across the country.

Reverend Luis Barrios gave a warm and embracing welcoming and in return everyone gave him a heart-felt applause and salutations for opening the doors of his church to Jericho and the community. Indeed, the Holyrood Episcopal Church is the bedrock of this community and the home of Jericho.

Next, the audience watched a video of the seminal 1998 March on Washington with Safiya Bukhari and Baba Herman Ferguson speaking to thousands of people from dozens of organizations and communities who had come to join together to demand the release of all Political Prisoners and to establish the Movement that we are celebrating today.

Jihad Abdulmumit, Chairperson of Jericho, spoke about the mission of Jericho and the need for real functional unity; otherwise our efforts will not be enough to effectively challenge the system and gain release of the remaining Political Prisoners. Jihad led everyone in standing to make a commitment to do more in supporting our imprisoned freedom fighters. Benjamin Ramos gave a rallying introduction to Comrade Brother Oscar López Rivera, who had traveled from Puerto Rico with Comrade Laura Coss Guzman. Oscar's presence electrified the audience with his message of unity and solidarity between all Movements! He made it explicitly clear: "We have no other option!" Pam Africa of the International Concerned Family and Friends of Mumia Abu-Jamal (ICFFMAJ) and the MOVE Organization moved the people with her strong message and demand to free all Political Prisoners. Then we got to hear Mumia's wonderful anniversary statement.

We were culturally and politically entertained by the incredible Baba Ngoma Osayemi and the astounding Mahina Movement. A fabulous dinner was prepared and served by the MOVE Organization. Many Political Prisoners sent in and called direct messages of solidarity and conviction! Jericho also set the much needed precedent in acknowledging and awarding many other organizations, attorneys, doctors, and individuals who work tirelessly to care for, support, and free Political Prisoners. They included Attorney Jill Soffiyah Elijah, the Malcolm X Commemoration Committee, the Abolitionist Law Center in Pittsburgh, Pa., Ralph Poynter for the Lynne Stewart Organization, Bonnie Kerness, Attorney Standish Willis from Chicago, Critical Resistance, the Malcolm X Grassroots Movement, Attorney Eve Rosahn, Dr. Lana Habash, Dr. Barbara Zeller, The MOVE Organization, the Anarchist Black Cross, the Civil Liberties Defense Center, the International Leonard Peltier Defense Committee, the Boricua Human Rights Network, James Tarik Haskins, Sophia Dawson, Pam Hanna, Hajji Mauri Saalakhan for the Dr. Aafia Foundation and Peace Through Justice, and Robert Boyle, who also gave a critical update on the situation with Herman Bell.

The crown and glory of Jericho's 20th Anniversary was the coming together of so many

people and organizations in a dynamic show of strength, love and unity for what we have accomplished and maintained together and also, to recommit to the serious task before us. It was truly awesome!

**All praise to the One and Only Higher Power!
Love and Respect to All!
Free the Land!
Free All Political Prisoners!!!!**

**Jihad Abdulmumit
National Jericho Movement**

Aisha Mohammed of Oakland Jericho has already uploaded various videos to YouTube. Here are the links:

<https://youtu.be/uJraiQBSIR8>
<https://youtu.be/ehPI3bkLQvM>
<https://youtu.be/t2ntoS1yXKk>
<https://youtu.be/rMB7N3sTz3M>
<https://youtu.be/FnFtVxa1OSc>
<https://youtu.be/WAYqHrviPaE>
<https://youtu.be/sCvNPAtGavw>

Be sure to check out jerichony.org in the coming days. We will be posting photos and statements from our comrades behind the walls."

Also, The Jericho Movement's Co-Founder Jalil Muntaqim (PP/POW) wrote a wonderful letter for Jericho and Supporters for the 20th anniversary.

**TO: NYC Jericho / Jericho Chapters and Supporters
FROM: JALIL A. MUNTAQIM
RE: Jericho 20th Anniversary Celebration
DATE: March 25, 2018**

Revolutionary Greetings Comrades:

I would like to thank each and every one of you for all of your hard work in building the Jericho 20th Anniversary Celebration. From all reports it was a very successful event, well coordinated and comprehensive in establishing Jericho's position representing U.S. political prisoners.

It is this kind of disciplined and dedicated work that will set you apart from those who have yet to recognize the importance of organizational discipline. To believe in a cause, and recognize your own self-realization in that cause makes it a labor of love. That is the principle that many people felt and understood by your accomplishment. They recognize and felt your love for our captured revolutionaries and your love for freedom. Hence, how can we truly love our freedom without fighting for the freedom of those we love? That is the test of our human spirit and our capacity to manifest our love and humanity, despite all opposing forces seeking to derail, distort, and deny our very existence.

I am proud of all of you for what you've done in substantiating Jericho's existence in the progressive community of New York City. Now, we need to further strengthen our determination by recruiting and training others in this noble work. That must be the task on the local level, and we need to share this determination with Jericho chapters across the country.

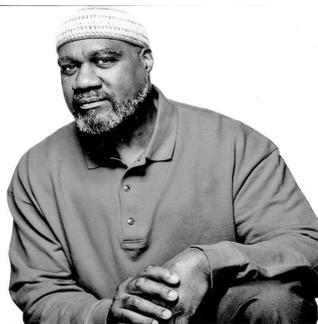
As you move forward with the In the Spirit of Nelson Mandela International Jurists campaign, we need to extend this love of our comrades and struggle into the international community. The international community must come to recognize and respect our fight for freedom of our political prisoners. When we gain this recognition and respect, we will be honored by progressive peoples of the world. This is especially true for the world's peoples who are anti-imperialist and anti-racist; they are the target community to bring our cause. I am grateful to all of you, and believe we will win!

Thank you for your hard work and sacrifices.

Jericho FORWARD!!!

Revolutionary Love and Unity,

Jalil



Moving forward, we stand in fierce determination and solidarity to free our beloved Political Prisoner's and Prisoner's of War. With 20 years behind us and much work ahead, Jericho is growing and as we take on new projects and missives our goal is to be obsolete within a few years. It is not our vision to keep Jericho going, but it is our vision that we will reach a time in this country (and others) wherein there will be no more Political Prisoner's/Prisoner's of War. We envision the day when they will walk free and into their families arms-who have been waiting for decades. We hope you join us in making this a reality.

PAROLE GRANTED

“A respected elder, **Herman Bell**, was granted parole as of April 17, 2018, having met all the criteria for release according to his sentence. The parole commissioners recognized his progress after serving nearly 45 years in prison and granted his parole application. He is looking forward to being reunited with his family and friends. We welcome him home.”

<https://freedomarchives.org/>

As we all are extremely happy with the news that our Comrade will be coming home, but we also wait cautiously as **BECAUSE PAROLE HAS BEEN RESCINDED IN THE PAST** -further actions and initiatives were done throughout the month of March to show support for Herman's release as

well as to the parole board who was under extreme and threatening pressure from Cuomo, de Blasio, the PBA and others. CBC conducted a poll as to whether Herman should be released or not and the poll closed at 84% in Herman's favor. On 3/23 a Press Conference was held in Support of Herman Bell. Please see the Press Conference here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=htfzv5Gz5CU&feature=youtu.be>



Image by Sophia Dawson

Political Prisoner's/Prisoner's of War

1-Medical

-Seth Hayes- The clinic at Sullivan ran out of the necessary sensors for Seth's insulin pump on February 23, 2018. The new sensors arrived on March 8, 2018, and the process of hooking up the sensor and the pump was carried out. However, the sensor and the pump never were able to complete their electronic "handshake", so Seth has been relying on his four daily fingersticks for his blood glucose levels ever since. Seth called today, March 16, 2018. He reports there is an entire box of sensors in the clinic at Sullivan, but Dr. Wolf refuses to change the defective sensor, says that Seth is "wasting" them, and threatens to take the pump away completely. The defective sensor is still inserted under Seth's skin, which could lead to an infection.

Update: Robert Seth Hayes called NYC Jericho twice today, Sunday, April 1, 2018, to report that his situation has actually worsened in the infirmary. He was given his high blood pressure medication at 8:30 pm on Saturday night instead of 3 pm. Seth always takes this medication at 3 pm. This caused him to awaken in the middle of the night completely disoriented and dizzy. He fell twice and another inmate helped him get back into bed. Seth would like to go to Albany Medical Center to see the endocrinologist, which was supposed to happen earlier this month. He says medical staff at Albany Med are professional and concerned about their patients, something that is certainly not true at Sullivan.

Please call, fax and email Dr. Koenigsmann:
Carl J. Koenigsmann M.D.
Deputy Commissioner/Chief Medical Officer
NYS DOCCS Division of Health Services
Harriman State Campus, [Building #2](#)
[1220 Washington Avenue](#)
Albany, New York 12226-2050
Phone: [518-457-7073](tel:518-457-7073)
Fax: [518-445-7553](tel:518-445-7553)
Carl.Koenigsmann@doccs.ny.gov

Also call Superintendent Keyser:

Superintendent Keyser
Sullivan Correctional Facility
325 Riverside Drive
Fallsburg, New York 12733
[\(845\) 434-2080](tel:(845)434-2080)

Demand that Robert Seth Hayes #74A2280 be taken immediately to Albany Medical Center on an emergency basis. DOCCS is violating Seth's constitutional rights by not providing adequate medical care.



-Mumia Abu-Jamal-Mumia is in ill health due to cirrhosis of the liver, causing unrelenting itching on most of his body, loss of weight, swollen ankles and other symptoms. His steadily decreasing health will eventually threaten his life. It is more urgent than ever that he finally be freed after 36 years in prison. **Sign the Petition Make a donation** at: <https://mobilization4mumia.com/donate/> to help cover costs of local support work for Mumia as well as contributions to his prison commissary account to cover the cost of daily Vaseline treatments for his itching.

-Veronza Bowers- His hair is growing back and will probably be moved back to Atlanta soon.

-Maumin Khabir- Maumin has COPD and is also wheelchair bound. It is reported that he has an infection. Jericho to contact him to find out particulars and needs.

2-Legal

-Veronza Bowers-Veronza has a hearing in August and is still waiting to hear back from a panel. He might have a new parole hearing.

-Ruchell Magee-'longest held political prisoner in the world, heads to parole hearing-' Ruchell Cinque Magee, gravely wounded, was the sole survivor of the Marin Courthouse Slave Rebellion on Aug. 7, 1970, led by George Jackson's little brother Jonathan. That incident is still, a lifetime later, the Parole Board's excuse for denying him parole. He's almost 79. Give him freedom for his birthday. "On Jan. 26, 2018, I was served papers informing me that the California Board of Parole Hearings granted my application for hearing to determine if it meets the standards for release in accordance with the federal three-judge order requiring release of elderly prisoners who are 60 years of age or older and have served 25 years or more."by Ruchell Cinque Magee" For more information please see: <http://sfbayview.com/2018/03/ruchell-magee-longest-held-political-prisoner-in-the-world-heads-to-parole-hearing/>

Please sent letters and cards of encouragement to comrade Ruchell at: **Ruchell Cinque Magee, A-92051, B3-270, P.O. Box 8101, San Luis Obispo, CA 93409.**

-Jalil Muntaqim: [Sign the online petition for Jalil's parole in 2018!](#)

"We want to bring **Anthony Jalil Bottom** back to his family and community. Mr. Bottom has been in prison since 1971, possibly for a crime he did not commit. Despite the fact that Mr. Bottom has an exemplary record, has mentored youth both inside and outside, has earned two degrees and written two books, he has been turned down for parole nine times. In June 2018, Mr. Bottom will be facing the Parole Board for the tenth time. It is way past time for Mr. Bottom to come home, as he should have been released in 2002, having served his full twenty-five year minimum. It will take the power of the people to free Mr. Bottom, as the PBA and the FOP are constantly waging a campaign for his continued imprisonment. You can find out more about Jalil Muntaqim (Anthony Bottom) on his website: <http://www.freejalil.com/> Share with your family, friends, coworkers, religious community, etc. Let's bring Jalil home this year! 46+ years is way too long to keep our beloved Freedom Fighter locked away from the world! "

-Mutulu Shakur: "Please keep in mind, I have a parole hearing scheduled in April 2018, we are all aware of the time that goes into preparing for such a hearing, and I will be more than likely requesting some form of support to re-enforce my re-entry to our community. I would like to thank all the supports who have supported me over the years and have been steady in the support for my basic survival".

<http://mutulushakur.com/site/2018/01/new-years-letter/>

Update: Mutulu Shakur has filed a lawsuit against the government of the United States earlier this week, claiming his Constitutional First Amendment rights are being used against him, to prevent his release.

<http://thesource.com/2018/03/29/tupacs-father-mutulu-shakur-files-lawsuit-against-the-u-s-government-for-illegally-holding-him-in-prison/>

-Seth Hayes: was denied Medical Parole on March 27th. More details to come.

-Mumia Abu-Jamal: After an International Letter for Mumia drew hundreds of signatures from around the world, a coalition of Mumia support organizations have created a new **petition** calling for the District Attorney to release all DA & police files on Mumia to the public and to release Mumia because he's factually innocent. <https://mobilization4mumia.com/actions/>

On April 30, there will be a final court hearing for the former Black Panther activist. The testimony Judge Leon Tucker hears will determine whether Castille violated Abu-Jamal's constitutional rights and whether to reinstate Mr. Abu-Jamal's rights to appeal his conviction to the PA Supreme Court.

MUMIA

TOWN HALL GATHERING TO FREE MUMIA
2-5PM, SUNDAY MARCH 25
THE PEOPLES SANCTUARY 5507 GERMANTOWN AVE

Mumia Abu-Jamal, an innocent Black man fighting for his freedom, needs your support in court on March 27 and April 30. Pack the court to free Mumia!

Mumia, like thousands of other elderly PA prisoners, is suffering from illnesses that the Department of Corrections refuses to treat adequately. His poor health is a threat to his life and he should be released now!

- Come find out why you should support Mumia's freedom.
- Learn about Mumia's current legal struggle that could win his release from prison after 36 years.
- Hear about Mumia's serious health problems.
- Participate in discussions on how to free Mumia.

Uncle Bobbies Coffee & Books; International Concerned Family & Friends of Mumia Abu-Jamal; International Action Center; Free Mumia Abu-Jamal (NYC); Campaign to Bring Mumia Home; Educators for Mumia; Food Not Bombs Solidarity

215-724-1618; www.freemumia.com ; Facebook/Mobilization4Mumia ; Mobilization4Mumia@gmail.com
Donate at: <https://mobilization4mumia.com/donate-1/>

-Ahed Tamini: “Palestinian teen activist [Ahed Tamimi](#), 17, was sentenced by an Israeli military court on Tuesday, 21 March to eight months in Israeli prison. The sentencing came after a [plea bargain was reached](#) in the case and confirmed by the military court; the majority of the original 12-count indictment was dropped by the Israeli military prosecution. Nariman Tamimi will also serve an eight-month prison sentence alongside her daughter and a three-year suspended sentence; she was fined 6,000 NIS (\$1,780 USD) for filming Ahed’s confrontation with an occupying soldier and livestreaming it on Facebook. Nour was sentenced to her time served and fined 2,000 NIS (\$500 USD). Ahed’s struggle and sacrifice has helped to grow and build a global movement for Palestinian freedom and continues to do so. From letter-writing evenings at schools and community centers to art exhibitions to protests marching through the streets of New York, Berlin and Brussels, this is the time to honor the steadfastness of Ahed and her fellow Palestinian prisoners with increased struggle to demand all of their freedom and to make it clear that the popular movements of the world stand with the Palestinian prisoners and the Palestinian people”. <http://samidoun.net/2018/03/the-sentencing-of-ahed-nariman-and-nour-tamimi-the-struggle-continues/>



3-Family/Community/Supporters & Calls for Action

-Lynne Stewart Foundation: SAVE WBAI---SAVE MUMIA - HONOR THE MEMORY OF LYNNE ON THE ANNIVERSARY OF HER TRANSITION On the first anniversary of her transition, March 7, 2018, we must honor her charge to us and free them all. Therefore, **The Lynne Stewart Organization** is sponsoring a historical event at 80 St. Marks Theatre on March 30, 2018 from 5-8pm to rally support to save WBAI. We will also give updates and strategies to support the International Free Mumia Campaign.



-Leonard Peltier-"PLEASE support the International Leonard Peltier Defense Committee Delegation of board members to the 17th Session of United Nations Forum on Indigenous Issues in April 2018. The board members will reignite support and create new ALLIES in our fight for justice and freedom! Leonard Peltier, 73 years old, is a political prisoner who suffers tremendous PAIN inside the prison! He NEEDS YOUR HELP!! Leonard Peltier said:"The FBI files are full of information that proves my innocence, yet many of those files are still being withheld from my legal team. During my appeal before the 8th Circuit, the former Prosecuting Attorney Lynn Crooks said to Judge Heaney, 'Your honor, we do not know who killed our agents. Further, we don't know what participation, if any, Mr. Peltier had in it'. That statement alone exonerates me and I should have been released, but here I sit, 43 years later still struggling for my Freedom! I have pleaded my innocence for so long now, in so many courts of law, in so many public statements issued through the International Leonard Peltier Defense Committee, that I will not argue it here. But I will say again, I DID NOT KILL THOSE AGENTS!" Leonard Peltier has been in PRISON for over 43 YEARS. With "good time" he's served over 62 years behind bars. He is an ELDER with numerous health problems; in the summer of 2017 had triple bypass heart surgery. He was diagnosed two and a half years ago with a Prostate problem, the doctor told him he needed surgery, but the Warden of Coleman Federal Prison in Florida has not allowed the surgery. In January 2016, Leonard was diagnosed with an aortic abdominal aneurysm; on his last health check it was 4.7 cm in size and will be operable after it is 5 cm in size. So why is he still in a maximum prison at his age and poor health? He has served more than 4 life sentences according to 1976 laws that were in place when Leonard Peltier was sentenced? The list of Constitutional Violations committed against Leonard Peltier is long proving his continued illegal imprisonment. For a list of the violations please click the link;"

<https://www.whoisleonardpeltier.info/download/ConstitutionalViolations.pdf>



-MOVE 9: March 13th 2018 will mark 20 years since MOVE political prisoner Merle Africa died under mysterious circumstances at The State Correctional Institution in Cambridge Springs Pennsylvania. This is a piece written in dedication to Merle by MOVE political prisoner Mike Africa. On March 13th we are asking people to circulate and collect signatures for our petition aimed at the United States Justice Department for The Move 9. People can sign the petition at <https://www.causes.com/campaigns/92454-free-the-move-9> In a day of remembrance for Merle and her work, let's push this petition and collect more signatures.

4-Writings/Statements/Interviews:

-Jalil Muntagim-Black Panther: A Movie

"Having read many reviews and critiques of the Marvel/Disney "Black Panther" movie, I am excited about what the movie brings to the overall struggle. Indeed, the cultural value of Black nationalism is inestimable, especially if it leads to inspire young people to (re)discover our collective Afrikan heritage. Most recently, I posted [MY ANCESTRY](#), sharing some of my known lineage/heritage from Jamaica's Maroon struggles, and ancestral survival of Texas slavery. Hopefully, this will inspire others to research their lineage, and take pride in

how we've collectively evolved in spite of the onslaught of white racist oppression/repression. The critiques of the movie have led to a broad range of debate of its significance and value going forward. The Christopher Lebron analysis was poignant and insightful, especially his condemnation of the ostracizing of Black American malehood. However, beyond delineating the strained difference between an Afrikan and a Black American, the issue for me raised the question of class divisions. In my recent essay, [The Unpragmatic Debate](#), on the debate between Cornell West and Ta Nehisi Coates, I argued that the Black intelligentsia needs to take great lengths to forge an analysis of class divisions of the Black nation-body. Similarly, that argument extends to this movie". Please see the full article at: <http://www.freejalil.com/blog52.html>

5-Requests:

-The Jericho Movement: is seeking doctors or nurses to volunteer a few hours of their time.

-Release Aging People in Prison/RAPP Campaign will host its monthly coalition meeting March 7th. We will also hear from Michelle Lewin, Executive Director of the Parole Preparation Project about how to support individuals serving life in NYS prisons as they prepare for the Parole Board. **ACTION ALERT:** In addition to attending our coalition meeting, please take a moment today to call Governor Cuomo and other NYS political leaders to demand the restoration of the free prison visiting bus program.

-THE NEW FORGOTTEN MEN AND WOMEN—ELDERLY PRISONERS APPEAL FOR HELP!

“On behalf of all the Elderly Members of the General Population” Major Tillery asked for “humanistic consideration for health reasons” to implement some commonsensical, little or no cost changes: housing unit adjustments for the elderly; modifying shower times; providing additional blankets and cold-weather clothing items like gloves and long-johns; virtual visitation with even older parents. He also suggested a pilot program that combined seniors mentoring younger prisoners while getting their help in escorting the elderly in the prison. This program would “bridge the gap between the elderly and youth, create meaningful interaction—now and in the future with family and friends—and educate about diversity of true ethnic cultural differences.” Pennsylvania has the second highest percentage of elderly prisoners in the U.S., related to the fact that it is one of six states that have prison sentences of life without the possibility of parole. In 1980 there were 370 elderly people in PA’s state prisons, as of 2014 there were 8000, which was 16% of PA prisoners over the age of 55. As of January 1, 2018, the DOC reported 10,442 inmates over the age of 50. The consequences of lack of adequate health care for any and all prisoners is exacerbated when it comes to elderly prisoners; years of prison life, including the food and quality of the water. The leading causes of death in the state’s prisons are heart disease, cancer, and liver disease. Studies establish that the elderly prison population is at higher risk for self-harm, suicide and victimization by staff and other prisoners. On January 3, 2018, Major Tillery re-submitted his proposals to Sup. Brittain, the Office of Legal Counsel to the Department of Corrections (DOC) and the Deputy Secty for the Eastern Region stating the denial of accommodations for elderly prisoners is a violation of the American Disabilities Act as applied to the Elderly. He said, “It is cruel and unusual punishment for the elderly to be abused and mistreated by correctional staff, our primary caretakers.... Medical and elderly care is part of reasonable care, custody and control [by the DOC] under color of law.” Please see: <https://www.justiceformajortillery.org/elderly-prisoners-appeal-for-help.html> **TELL PRISON OFFICIALS:** Elderly Prisoners Need Respect and Additional Care Implement Major Tillery’s Proposals, including an elderly housing unit and a mentoring program

with younger prisoners; more medical attention; and appropriate clothing and additional blankets in cold weather

CALL: SCI Frackville Superintendent Kathy Brittain [570 874-4516](tel:5708744516)

Dep. Secretary, DOC Eastern Region Michael Wenerowicz [717 728 4122](tel:7177284122) or 4123

EMAIL: Ra-contactdoc@pa.gov

-Call for Art and Article Submissions: Health/Care

What: A call for art and article submissions on Health/Care for the 2019 Certain Days: Freedom for Political Prisoners Calendar.

Deadline: May 18, 2018

The Certain Days: Freedom for Political Prisoners Calendar collective (www.certaindays.org) is releasing its 18th calendar this coming fall. The theme for 2019 is 'Health/Care,' reflecting on the overlapping topics of health, care/caring, and healthcare.

We are looking for 12 works of art and 12 short articles to feature in the calendar, which hangs in more than 3,000 homes, workplaces, prison cells, and community spaces around the world.

We encourage contributors to submit both new and existing work. We also seek submissions from prisoners – please forward to any prison-based artists and writers. Please see:

<https://www.certaindays.org/contact/callout/>

-Unheard Voices O.T.C.J. Youth Campaign-2018 School Supply Campaign for children of incarcerated parent (s). <https://www.gofundme.com/58nqirs>

BIRTHDAYS IN APRIL:

Please send a card to let our Freedom Fighters know they are not forgotten!

1. Mumia Abu-Jamal Birthday-April 24th 1954



Black Panther Party – Move

Contact Information

Prison Address

#AM 8335 SCI- Mahanoy

Frackville, PA 17932

United States

Affiliation: Black Panther Party, MOVE

Captured: 1981-Life without parole

36 YEARS IN PRISON

"Very few people in prison have voices that go beyond the wall. It's my job to do the work for them because they have no one."

FreeMumia.com

Author

U.S. Prisoner

2. CHARLES SIMS AFRICA -Birthday: April 2nd, 1956



MOVE POLITICAL PRISONER

Contact Information

Prison Address

#AM4975--SCI Dallas

1000 Follies Road, Drawer K

Dallas, PA 18612-0286

United States

Affiliation: MOVE

Captured 1978: sentenced to 30 to 100 years

40 YEARS IN PRISON

I meet MOVE in 1973, and the things that I heard stayed with me for the rest of my life. My introduction to JOHN AFRICA'S GUIDELINES, opened my mind up to actually use it and question the nor, the constraints of every day life, the lies, the hidden truths in a world of constant dishonesty."

U.S. Prisoner

For more information on the MOVE 9 see:

<http://onamove.com> and <http://move9parole.blogspot.com>

3.DELBERT ORR AFRICA-Birthday: April 2nd 1956



MOVE POLITICAL PRISONER

Contact Information

Prison Address

#AM4985--SCI Dallas
1000 Follies Road, Drawer K
Dallas, PA 18612-0286
United States

Affiliation: MOVE

Captured: 1978.

IN PRISON 40 YEARS

“ I would like to put one thing out there about the need for everybody to join this revolution. We always speak of JOHN AFRICA’S revolution, we speak of that only in terms of people knowing that this impetus for giving US the direction the drive to carry on this, but the main thing we always stress is THIS IS FOR EVERYBODY! ...So what we’re doing is necessary for everybody to do on what ever level they can do it on!”

U.S. Prisoner

For more information on the MOVE 9 see <http://onamove.com> and <http://move9parole.blogspot.com>

4. JANET HOLLOWAY AFRICA-Birthday: April 13, 1951



MOVE POLITICAL PRISONER

Contact information: Prison Address:

AFRICA, JANET HOLLOWAY
#006308--451 Fullerton Ave,
Cambridge Springs, PA 16403-1238

Affiliation: MOVE

Captured: 1978.

IN PRISON 40 YEARS

“ I would like to put one thing out there about the need for everybody to join this revolution. We always speak of JOHN AFRICA’S revolution, we speak of that only in terms of people knowing that this impetus for giving US the direction the drive to carry on this, but the main thing we always stress is THIS IS FOR EVERYBODY! ...So what we’re doing is necessary for everybody to do on what ever level they can do it on!”

U.S. Prisoner

For more information on the MOVE 9 see <http://onamove.com> and <http://move9parole.blogspot.com>

5. JANINE PHILLIPS AFRICA-Birthday April 25th, 1956
MOVE POLITICAL PRISONER



Contact Information

Prison Address

#006309--451 Fullerton Ave

Cambridge Springs, PA 16403-1238

United States

Captured: 1978. In Prison 40 Years

“On the MOVE! I’m Janine Africa, Minister of Education for the MOVE Organization. I’ve been in MOVE since 1973. I’m one of the MOVE Nine. We all were sentenced to 30-100 years for a crime we didn’t commit. This system gave us these life sentences to try to stop MOVE. Since they didn’t kill us when they attacked us August 8th, 1978, they figured they could stop MOVE by putting us in prison for the rest of our lives. But just like this system’s guns, bombs, police, tear gas, deluge guns haven’t stopped MOVE people from being committed to our belief, to JOHN AFRICA’s Teaching, neither will this system’s prisons. If I have to be in prison for the rest of my life, I will still stay committed to JOHN AFRICA’s Teaching because of all JOHN AFRICA is doing for me. I met MOVE people when I was 17 years old. They were having a demonstration and I just happened to be passing by. I stopped to see what was going on, I listened to them speak and what really caught my attention was the strength, confidence, and assertiveness of the MOVE women. They were everything I wasn’t and all I could think about was that I wanted to be like them. After the demonstration, I approached some of the MOVE women and asked who they were. They told me they were the MOVE Organization and explained to me what the organization’s belief is. They invited me to come to their weekly study sessions they held to teach people about JOHN AFRICA’s Teaching. I started going to these study sessions regularly and listening to the information from MOVE’s Guidelines and I could hear that what JOHN AFRICA teach is the truth, is right. JOHN AFRICA’s Teaching is what I’ve been looking for because I was just like everybody else in the system, unhappy, riddled with problems, and desperately looking elsewhere for the solution to these problems. My search stopped with JOHN AFRICA.

I had a baby and got married when I was very young. I didn’t know how to be a mother or a wife and trying to be both was driving me to a nervous breakdown. I developed a condition where my throat would close up on me and I couldn’t eat. I went from doctor to doctor, hospital to hospital and none of them could do anything for me. I was at the end of my rope until I met MOVE. I joined MOVE and started living JOHN AFRICA’s Teaching. JOHN AFRICA cured the condition with my throat and made me a good loving mother and wife, and made me a loyal sister to my MOVE family. JOHN AFRICA gave me strength, health, security and confidence that I’ve never had! LONG LIVE JOHN AFRICA FOREVER! I will never leave MOVE and give up all that JOHN AFRICA as given me, even if it means being in prison for 30-100 years!

LONG LIVE JOHN AFRICA'S REVOLUTION!

On the MOVE!

Hear insightful audio essays by Janine Africa on Prison Radio”

For more information on the MOVE 9 see <http://onamove.com> and

<http://move9parole.blogspot.com>

6. ROMAINE "CHIP" FITZGERALD-Birthday: April 11, 1949



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Birthday: April 11, 1949

Affiliation: Black Panther Party- Longest held Black Panther Political Prisoner

Captured: 1969 - Life

IN PRISON 49 YEARS

“The prison administrators and their advocates within the state want to create fear in the minds of the public in an effort to persuade the people to give state authorities carte blanche in the inhumane treatment of convicts, and allow the prison administrators to operate without oversight and accountability.”

U.S. Prisoner

<http://www.freechip.org>

BIRTHDAYS THAT WERE IN MARCH

(Please send a card, a belated birthday wish would be so appreciated!!)

1. Reverend Joy Powell-Birthday: March 5th

#07G0632

Bedford Hills CF

PO Box 1000

Bedford Hills, New York 10507-2499

As a pastor and a consistent activist against police brutality, violence and oppression in her community, Rev. Joy Powell was warned by the Rochester Police department that she was a target because of her speaking out against corruption. Shortly after Rev. Joy was accused and convicted of 1st Degree Burglary and Assault. An all white jury tried her; the state provided no evidence and no eyewitnesses. She was convicted and given 16 years and seven years concurrent.

freejoypowell.org

2. Jaan K. Laaman, Birthday: March 21st, 1948

#10372-016

USP Tucson

Box 24550

Tucson, AZ 85734

Jaan Karl Laaman grew up in Roxbury, MA and Buffalo, NY. His family emigrated to the US from Estonia when he was a child. Jaan is considered a prisoner of war. He is currently serving a 53 year prison sentence for his role in the bombings of United States government buildings while a member of the United Freedom Front, an American leftist group which robbed banks, bombed buildings, and attacked law enforcement officers in the 1980s in solidarity with the struggle in South Africa.

freejaan.blogspot.com

3. Ruchell Cinque Magee, Birthday: March 17th

#A92051

CSP Corcoran

3A-02-131L

Box 3461

Corcoran, California 93212

“Ruchell Cinque Magee has been locked up since 1963. Politicized in prison, he later participated in the Marin County Courthouse Rebellion, the attempted liberation of political prisoner George Jackson. He has worked tirelessly as a jailhouse lawyer, working on his own case and helping many other prisoners win their freedom. He had been in L.A. for 6 months when he and his cousin Leroy got in a fight over a \$10 bag of marijuana. In court, the two ended up with trumped up charges of kidnapping and robbery and he was given life in prison.”

denverabc.wordpress.com

Jericho Movement's Current Work and Progress

Jericho is actively maintaining direct connection with each political prisoner by visiting and writing them monthly. Financial assistance was provided in March to Political Prisoner's to cover needs. Jericho actively advocated for medical and legal needs in March given the dire situations with Herman's parole status, Seth, Maumin, Mumia, and Leonard's health issues, and our PP's/POW's either going to parole hearings or those filing legal papers.

Jericho meetings occurred during the month of March across the nation to discuss the campaign "in the Spirit of Nelson Mandela, for political education classes, prisoner letter writing, organizing for various events as well as supporting affiliates and other organizations in shared missives. Jericho members participated in many forums this month as well as were keynote speakers at events.

Highlights:

The Jericho Movement has initiated as well as supported and participated in many events and calls to action this month, which include: MARCH 2, 2018: Black Love, Black Womyn & Black Resistance: A "FREE" Community Conversation With 4 Veteran Sistahs of the Black Liberation Movement , MARCH 3, 2018: Combating & Surviving Police Terror Attacks.... A 'Free' Community Mini-Workshop On How To Stay Alive & Fight The Pigs On Another Day!; Emergency Action in Support of Okinawa Anti-Bases Activists, March 12th; FRIDAY, MARCH 16: HEAR LEADERS OF CUBAN WOMEN'S FEDERATION AND CUBAN UNION OF JURISTS, RAPP Potluck, March 20th, Aunti France's Anti-Eviction Campaign-Jan-March (Former BPP; Self Help Hunger Program, Community Organizer/Oakland, CA), Offensive to Free Mumia and ALL Political Prisoners March 25th & 27th, SAVE WBAI---SAVE MUMIA - HONOR THE MEMORY OF LYNNE ON THE ANNIVERSARY OF HER TRANSITION-March 30th, Freedom March for Puerto Rican Women Political Prisoners! (March, 31st), the International Campaign for the Release of Simon Trinidad, Unheard Voices O.T.C.J. Youth Campaign (<https://www.gofundme.com/58nqirs>)

In the Spirit of Nelson Mandela Campaign

Jericho is spearheading the "In the Spirit of Nelson Mandela" campaign proposed by political prisoner and co-founder of the National Jericho Movement Jalil Abdul Muntaqim. This initiative appeals to the international community, including the International Commission of Jurists, to call for special hearings within the United Nations to review the cases of Political Prisoners. Several meetings have already occurred in collaboration with interested others, and much headway is being made regarding organizing efforts. **An April meeting is planned.** Please contact: nycjericho@gmail.com if you are interested in becoming involved.

As we prepare to launch the In the Spirit of Nelson Mandela, Bring Back the International Jurists Campaign, we are providing links to some important documents. One of these is the United Nations Mandela Rules, unanimously passed by the Security Counsel in December of 2015. Another important document is Jalil Muntaqim's essay regarding the United Nations Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination and the International Jurists. Please see links and Docs at:

<http://www.freejalil.com/2017juristsUN.html>

[Click here to read the Report of International Jurists—Visit with Human Rights Petitioners in the United States, August 3-20, 1979.](#)

Political Prisoner/Prisoner of War, Jalil Muntaqim states in his blog “recently the Jericho Amnesty Movement embarked on a new national and international campaign to persuade the U.N. International Jurists to initiate a formal investigation on human rights abuses of U.S. political prisoners. To further demand the U.S. Corporate Government implement the U.N. Minimum Standards on the Treatment of Prisoners, and for the immediate release of our political prisoners. This especially calls for the release of those with COINTELPRO convictions who have languished in prison for 30 to 50 years. These political prisoners were contemporaries of Nelson Mandela; when he was fighting against Apartheid in South Afrika, they were fighting against Jim Crow segregation and second-class citizenship in the U.S. This Jericho campaign motto is “In the Spirit of Nelson Mandela” and activists across the country are urged to join and support in whatever way they are able in political solidarity toward the building of the National Coalition for the Human Rights of Political Prisoners”. (<http://www.freejalil.com/blog47.html>).

As we move forward into 2018, we seek to continue to form new alliances, to help build a more unified front both nationally and internationally. We look forward to expanding our scope of services as well as increasing our dedicated members, especially reaching out to the youth to carry on the torch of justice for not only our beloved freedom fighter's who are now elders **still** in these dungeons, but also for those Political Prisoner's who are to come in the future-and surely they will, given the escalating oppression and fascism that is swiftly seeping through every “right” in this country. Unless a sudden change permeates the power structures, the number of political prisoner's will grow. COINTELPRO is still alive and running many missives in which to entrap those who oppose the tyrannical, oppressive & racism regime. In the many decades of their operations they have become even more cunning and sophisticated. Our hope is to unify the people who truly want to move forward towards a better future for all, **not just some**-and to use the power of unified numbers to stand as strong as a spider web against those who have chosen a destructive path to abolish human rights.

As our Political Prisoner's/Prisoner's of War are aging and too many have already died behind these dungeon walls, it is imperative that we as a collective, continue to go even harder in the quest for their freedom. They have been waiting patiently... for 30, 40, 50 years. “For to be free is not merely to cast off one's chains, but to live in a way that respects and enhances the freedom of others.”—**Nelson Mandela** As Jericho has withstood many obstacles in the past 20 years, we are still here, and we will not fall back. We are relentless in bringing our beloved freedom fighters home.

Gratitude and Appreciation

It is with great gratitude that we express our sincere appreciation to you-our supporters. Without your help, we could not accomplish all that we do for our Political Prisoner's/prisoner's of war. From helping their families visit them, to assisting with legal and medical needs, to putting monies in their commissary as well as providing forums wherein we can hold events to educate others about our political prisoners/Prisoner's of war, your support helps make this possible. We know it, and our Political Prisoner's/Prisoner's of war know it as well. There is power in the people, and this is where their freedom lies. It is because of people such as yourselves, who so graciously give of your time, your donations as well as your thoughts towards this cause that brings us closer to the day when we can finally say-They are Home at Last....Can you imagine? After sacrificing for the community-the community is the one who brings them home. After languishing in a steel dungeon waiting for freedom for decades, when that door finally swings open and they finally step into their families arms for good, it will be a powerful day indeed. We are all links that join together as one. No act, no deed is too small. Together we are strong, powerful. We just have to keep going-as they did back in the days when they were fighting the same old oppressive, racist regime. “Freedom can never be taken for granted. Each generation must safeguard it and extend it. Your parents and elders sacrificed much so that you should have freedom without suffering what they did. Use this precious right to ensure that the darkness of the past never return.”—**Nelson Mandela**. Thank you-for safeguarding and extending the fight for justice, freedom and human rights. There is a light down the way, it is called our children's eyes. May they know a better world.

As you know, the obstacles to helping free our political prisoners are immense. It is to challenge the super power and its many facets. It is to fight repression through education, organizing, mobilizing, and creating a movement that embraces freedom and dignity for all people and freedom for all political prisoners.

Your financial support at this time is needed for Jericho's continued work and effectiveness. If you cannot support financially, please do continue to read our newsletters, share them widely, tell others about our Political Prisoner's/Prisoner's of War-volunteer to help us if you can, for everything matters and no sincere deed is left unnoticed. We are the ones, for a prisoner's options are limited, we have the key, we just have to figure out together, how to unlock those doors.

Free all Political Prisoners!

In struggle and gratitude, The National Jericho Movement

Your generous contributions help us provide real Support to our Political Prisoners!

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