

GGJ Key Decisions from Membership Assembly

SUMMARY:

Affirmed:

- 20 year vision; 5 year goals (through 2013); in GGJ's strategic plan.
- 3 strategic priorities: 1) Build & consolidate GGJ's base of grassroots organizations to contribute vision, inspiration and leadership to the broader social justice movements - within the US, and globally; 2) Build strategic partnerships within the US and globally, to expand our capacity to achieve global justice and global well-being; 3) Engage in key battles that shift public consciousness and defeat neoliberal globalization, ecological destruction, and US-led imperialism.

Approved:

- 2010 -2011 workplan areas, including:
 - Priority issue areas for GGJ work: Globalization/Trade, Migration, Anti-war/militarism; Global Well-Being.
 - Week of Action in October 2010, with 1 day to be prioritized for joint actions
 - New leadership development process/program
- Structural changes to increase coordination/integration/impact of work; address capacity realities; and decrease fragmentation
 - Maintain GGJ committees on: Globalization/Trade (this committee will also integrate analysis related to migration; work related to migration will be taken up only if there is capacity/commitment from groups in the committee); Anti-war/militarism; Global Well-Being; Popular & Political Education. Intent is to engage in key battles in these areas.
 - The following committees will be closed. GGJ work relevant to the 20 year vision/5 year strategic plan goals for these areas will be coordinated by the Coordinating Committee: Social Forums; Inter-Alliance Dialogues; Resource Mobilization. [Note: Some movement-wide resource mobilization goals will be integrated into IAD's work. Migration work outside of what the Globalization/Trade/Migration committee commits to will be coordinated through the IAD (e.g. campaign re 287g).

- 32 solidarity statements: World March of Women, MWC's campaign to protect the heart of Liberty City

Prioritized:

- Which convergences to prioritize for possible GGJ delegations (as part of new Leadership Development program)

Elected:

- 4 new Coordinating Committee members: Vermont Workers Center; CAAAV Organizing Asian Communities; Just Cause/Causa Justa; Labor Community Strategy Center

Friday February 26, 2010

Decisions:

- ✓ Opportunities GGJ should take advantage of to have unique impact this year?
 - Really need to hone down and focus, need to more acutely define GGJ's role not based on any issue, but more as a vehicle to move this coalition forward
 - Unique in being able to build a common message of the left, set left pole on issues, integrate issues, expose root causes, project alternative vision
 - Connection between war and basic human needs, try to frame campaigns/silos into a broader, international context
 - Continue our contribution to the building of the Social Forum to move forward our collective work
 - This period of crises is an opportunity to deepen critical consciousness about the need for alternatives and militancy in our organizations and communities.

Engage in Key Battles

- ✓ GGJ should maintain these priority issue areas:

- Globalization/Trade &
- Migration (migration pending interests/commitments of groups that join this committee)
- Anti-War and Militarization
- Global Well-Being
- ✓ Build and consolidate GGJ's base

Saturday, February 27, 2010

Decisions:

- GGJ should maintain the following committees
 - ✓ Political and Popular Education
 - PPE will continue coordinate political and popular education work for the alliance
 - ✓ Globalization and Migration
 - Move coordinated work on immigration to IAD, keep migration lens within name
 - ✓ Anti-War and Militarization
 - Need to rebuild working group and strategize with allies in the Anti-War movement
 - ✓ Global Well-Being
 - Popular education key; integrate into overall frame of ggj
- GGJ will close the following committees
 - ✓ Resource Mobilization (move to IAD space)
 - ✓ Inter-Alliance dialogue committee (should integrate with other work groups)
 - ✓ Social Forums (discussions and decisions will be in the CC as a whole to see how we engage in our national and international work)

Sunday, February 28, 2010

Election Results (by acclamation)

Newly Elected CC Members –

- Vermont Workers Center
- CAAAV
- Just Cause/Causa Justa
- Labor Community Strategy Center

Decisions:

- ✓ GGJ Joint Activity - Week of Action w/1 prioritized day (October 7-17)
 - Members want all Alliance members to participate in joint action to build unity, practice acting together as an alliance, and as a way to promote our integrated analysis of the multi-dimensional crises and its impact on our communities locally and internationally.
 - CC will develop deeper proposal to bring to membership.
 - ✓ 7th day of decent work
 - ✓ 12th IEN unplugged campaign
 - ✓ 17th intl. day to eradicate poverty

- ✓ USSF Workshop Proposal from GGJ (refer to options page)
 - Create an Ad Hoc committee to made up of PPE members, CC members and members at large to help plan our workshop, PMA participation, our party, and other work with the IAD
 - Our registered activity will be a large plenary type discussion with international allies on building a global movement. We will discuss challenges, opportunities and ways to build broad social movements and discuss alternatives economic and governing models being developed around the world.
 - Our Peoples' Movement Assembly event will focus on the Day of Action planned for October.
 - Hotel – we will move forward with securing rooms in Rac Center (Marriot) with the other IAD alliances.

- ✓ Priority Delegations for Year
 - World People's Conference on Climate Change and the Rights of Mother Earth in Cochabamba
 - COP 16 in Mexico
 - Global Forum on Migration and Development(Puerto Vallarta)
 - World Social Forum on Economic Crisis and Alternatives from Below (Mexico) (Connected to IC meeting of WSF)

- Americas Social Forum (Paraguay)
 - ✓ CC to flush out how these happen given new leadership development proposal.

NEXT STEPS:

By March 5	Members send dues
March 19	Summary Report of Assembly sent to members (in Power Point format)
By March 26	First calls of Working Groups and Coordinating Committee will take place
March 15 – April 1	Members send feedback/participate in online discussion on GGJ messaging
April 2-4	AWAM Strategy Meeting in Bay Area
April 9-11	PPE face to face meeting NYC
By April 15	New Co-leads will be elected for each Working Group
By May 1	<p>Work plans from Working Groups and CC are due. Members should review the 5 year goals and benchmarks in the GGJ Strategic Plan of 2008, and include the following in their plans:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ 1-2 objectives through June, 2011 ✓ Strategies/activities during that time period ✓ Timeline
By May 15?	<p>First face-to-face CC meeting? If not possible, then will convene conference calls and wait on face-to-face till after social forum</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Transition meeting with new and outgoing CC members. ✓ Will include GGJ framing discussion.
After Social Forum	<p>Include analysis of priority issue areas in living workplan document</p> <p>Committees will create 1 page overviews with talking points and updates to share with rest of membership, quarterly? TBD</p>
Spring 2011?	Next GGJ Membership Assembly (after this continue with

	Assemblies every 2 years)
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WORKING GROUPS AND MEMBERS

Anti-War and Militarism

- CAAAV
- Chinese Progressive Association
- Labor Community Strategy Center (at least for strategy session)
- Malcolm X Grassroots Movement
- Miami Workers Center
- People Organized to Win Employment Rights
- Maybes
 - Black Workers for Justice
 - Direct Action for Rights and Equality
 - Portland Jobs with Justice

Global Well Being

- Afro Eco
- Black Mesa Water Coalition
- Communities for a Better Environment
- Indigenous Environmental Network
- Labor Community Strategy Center
- National Network for Immigrant and Refugee Rights

Globalization and Trade

- Farm Labor Organizing Committee
- Jobs with Justice
- Mujeres Unidas y Activas
- National Network for Immigrant and Refugee Rights
- Portland Central America Solidarity Committee
- Portland Jobs with Justice
- Southwest Workers Union
- United Electrical Radio and Machine Workers of America
- Maybes:
 - Causa Justa/Just Cause
 - Make the Road New York (maybe)
 - United Students Against Sweatshops

Political/Popular Education

- Afro Eco

- Black Workers for Justice
- Causa Justa/Just Cause
- Community Voices Heard
- Direct Action for Rights and Equality
- Domestic Workers United
- Environmental Health Coalition
- Indigenous Environmental Network
- Miami Workers Center
- Vermont Workers Center
- Maybes
 - People Organized to Win Employment Rights
 - Portland Central America Solidarity Committee

Coordinating Committee

- Black Workers for Justice
- CAAAV
- Causa Justa/Just Cause
- Desis Rising Up and Moving
- Indigenous Environmental Network
- People Organized to Win Employment Rights
- Labor/Community Strategy Center
- Vermont Workers Center

PROPOSED NEW MEMBERS

Organization Contact	Possible Committee	
Coalition for Justice in the Maquiladoras	GAT	Jorge (EHC)
Campaign to Organize Graduate Students	PPE	Jake (UE)
Iowa Citizens for Community Improvement	GAT, GWB	Jake (UE)
Iraq Veterans Against the War	AWAM	Paige (PCASC)
Oregon New Sanctuary Movement	GAT	Paige (PCASC)
Center for Intercultural Organizing	GAT	Paige (PCASC)
VOZ – Workers Education/Day Labor Ctr	GAT	Paige (PCASC)
Oregon Fair Trade Campaign	GAT	Chris (Portland JwJ)
Comité de Solidaridad y Apoyo Mutuo	GAT	Paige (PCASC)
United We Dream	GAT	Frida (FLIC)
Dream Activist	GAT	Frida (FLIC)
Nodutdol	AWAM	CAA AV?