

Updates for March 28<sup>th</sup>

# 12 Mar - Condolences and Memories of Lynne Stewart

We remain saddened by the loss of former political prisoner and people's lawyer Lynne Stewart and art including writings about her below.

#### MORE:

# March 12<sup>th</sup> - In memory of Lynne, from political prisoner David Gilbert

To me, Lynne Stewart was warmth and courage, all wrapped in one.

When four of us were arrested in 1981 in Nyack, NY, the court limited attorney Susan Tipograph to representing just one, and we couldn't find a lawyer to take my case. It wasn't just that the case seemed "unwinnable" legally and that I had no way to pay an attorney. It was more that we were surrounded by a roaring inferno of anger and hatred. An effort to take funds for the struggle from a Brinks truck had gone terribly wrong, and a guard and two police officers had been killed. Three days later, our own Mtayari Sundiata was killed by police.

Any lawyer who represented me would face intense disdain and hatred.

Yet Lynne stepped into the breach, protecting us from further physical attacks from jailers and helping us find a way to have a voice to discuss the underlying political issues that had led up to that costly confrontation.

She was amazing: unflappable, down-to-earth, sensible, and a great personal as well as legal counselor. She was like a sturdy tree for me to hold onto amidst the hurricane. Even her righteous history as a librarian in the 1968 Ocean Hill-Brownsville struggle for community control of schools didn't prepare me for how staunch Lynne turned out to be. She was a magnificent example of full-hearted solidarity with the Black liberation struggle, which blazes the way toward freedom for all humankind.

I always revered Lynne for the way she stood by me, and even more, for her colossal contributions to our common struggle. I send deep condolences to Lynne's immediate and wider families—to our community as a whole. Our loss is profound.

# March 20<sup>th</sup> - Financial Appeal for April 22 Lynne Stewart MEMORIAL "Financial Appeal Lynne Stewart MEMORIAL - April 22. Saturday,

"Financial Appeal Lynne Stewart MEMORIAL - April 22. Saturday, Saint Peters Church at Lex. Av & 54<sup>th</sup> Street Time to be announced There are a few ways to help:

- 1. Donate Everything helps. Even small donations have a big impact.
- 2. Post to Facebook The more people who hear about us, the more likely we are to meet our target.

3. Share with your community - Call your friends, tell your co-workers, make an announcement at your organization's event to spread the word.

Generosity has zero platform fees, so your donation goes farther to help us reach our goal. Thank you!

https://generosity.com/emergencies-fundraising/financial-appeal-lynne-stewart-memorial-april-22

March 23<sup>rd</sup> - Community sends abolitionist attorney Lynne Stewart home

(New York Amsterdam News)

A multi-ethnic audience of supporters attended two days of memorial services a couple of weeks ago to commemorate the life and legacy of "The People's Lawyer," Lynne Stewart. After a lengthy, courageous battle against cancer, she eventually succumbed to its debilitating effects at her Brooklyn home March 7, at age 77.

First, Friday, March 10, at Scotto's Funeral Home in downtown Brooklyn (106 First Place), a host of her admirers, comrades from the legal arena, longtime friends, past clients and a few relatives reflected on Stewart's tireless work with the poor, under-represented community she loved so dearly.

"Don't mourn me, organize!" her husband Ralph Poynter recalled Lynne suggesting to him, as well as advocating to her supporters, upon her impending passing, as her health deteriorated during her last days. "She stood with the people and fought against the system."

He said her cause of death was complications from cancer and a series of strokes she recently suffered.

During the services, "Sister Lynne" as she was affectionately called, was compared with the Argentinean rebel, Che Guevara, who assisted Fidel Castro during the Cuban Revolution, because both "were motivated by the love of the people," and also for taking on the task of representing several clients that the mainstream media often considered to be "radicals and revolutionaries." It was noted how Stewart often times provided her legal services based primarily on principles, and many times, for little or no pay.

Longtime friend Betty Davis reflected on Stewart's last few weeks on this physical plateau. "It was hard seeing her like that, but she's not suffering anymore," Davis said. "She wants us to continue fighting for what's right."

At times, some have referred to Stewart as a modern-day female John Brown, after the 19th century Caucasian slave abolitionist, for daring to stand up against a racist system many say is slanted against people of color.

Shams de Barron recalled how significant Stewart was in helping his childhood friend earn a very unlikely acquittal in one of the city's most notorious and high-profiled, criminal cases.

"[Attorney William] Kunstler gets the credit, but Lynne was very instrumental in Larry Davis beating the attempted-murder charges of six NYPD cops," he explained, referring to the infamous Nov. 19, 1986, Bronx conflict that had the city on edge for several weeks. "She's the one who went to the house where the shootout happened, noticed the door was still there with bullet holes, and that is how it was proved that the cops shot first. Larry is the only person in NYC's history to shoot police and get off on grounds of self-defense."

The following morning at St. Marks in the Bowery, on Manhattan's Lower East Side, her funeral was conducted as mourners paid their respects to one of society's true unsung sheroes. Those in attendance chanted Stewart's name as her casket was hoisted up in the air and carried from the church to a waiting hearse, at the funeral's conclusion.

Stewart's body was interred at Brooklyn's Greenwood Cemetery later that afternoon.

## 13 Mar - Help with Marius' cats vet bills

Of the many things that we tend to not think about when supporting imprisoned comrades and what's taken from them when they get locked up is non-human animal companions. When Marius went to prison, five cats were left behind.

#### MORE:

Peace is the sweetest of the five cats Marius had to leave behind. He was born with a neurological problem, most likely caused by an infection his mother contracted while pregnant. Sadly, many of Peace's siblings did not survive long after birth and it was suggested by a couple of Marius' friends that Peace was a lost cause. We are so glad he decided to stick by Peace and support him through his many eccentricities because he is one of the kindest, most generous people I know.

Darryl had been coming around Marius' house a couple times in Detroit as a stray when Marius decided to put out some food for him. At the time Marius had several other companion animals and didn't feel he could take any more in, but Darryl had different ideas. The first day Marius went to give him food, Darryl walked right by the meal and into Marius' house. When Marius went to grab him, before he started trouble, Darryl turned around, put his paws around Marius neck and gave him a big hug. Darryl still hugs us every day.

Both Peace and Darryl are senior kitties. Peace is around 14-years-old and Darryl is 20-22-years-old. Both were diagnosed with overactive thyroid conditions, which is common in older cats. It would be wonderful if we could set aside some money for their remaining years and not have to dip into Marius' general support funds that he needs for day-to-day survival.

#### https://supportmariusmason.org/donate

## March 20<sup>th</sup> - RIP Darryl

When Marius was arrested 9 years ago he was not only taken away from human friends and family but also one dog, one iguana, and five cats. During his incarceration Marius has endured hearing second hand about the death of his loved ones, including his mother two years ago and most recently his cat Darryl who died this past weekend.

Darryl came into Marius' life in 1996 as a stray. For years he moved from one city to another with Marius. He was a constant companion and devoted friend to the very end.

Every day is a good day to write Marius Mason but in the coming days he could really use a short card or letter of condolences. Also consider donating to support Marius' remaining cats. Money you donate go to their vet bills and ease the pain Marius has in knowing he can not provide for them himself.

## 15 Mar - The Context for the Trump Phenomenon

"I'm sending this to you with the thought that NYC ABC Update might want to print it. I don't usually put something out with no feedback, but the point here is to respond to the moment, and i think its pretty good. I thought of you all, because, to my surprise, you printed my Marxism piece. Naturally I'm interested in whatever feedback, if any, that you get." —David Gilbert

#### MORE:

#### by David Gilbert (NYC ABC Update)

The bizarre and dangerous rise of Donald Trump did not just pop up out of the thin air. The very foundation of the U.S. is white supremacy. This country is, at its core, imperialist, patriarchal and based in a range of ways human beings are delimited and demeaned. Nor are the specific and terribly virulent politics of racial scapegoating brand new. Always a part of U.S. culture, that approach became more central in mainstream

politics, with various ups and downs in the rhetoric, since the end of the 1960s. A stable imperialism prefers to rule by keeping the population passive, with large sectors at home placated by relative prosperity. But when the system is in crisis, those running the economy often resort to diverting anger by scapegoating the racial "other." The sectors of the population who buy into that get the "satisfaction" of stomping on their "inferiors," which is a lot easier than confronting the mega-powerful ruling class.

The eruption of mass protest against Trump has been exciting, and so far it's been sustained. People seem to have a feel for the critical need for ongoing education, organizing, and mobilization. The movement also has to be prepared, both psychologically and in terms of legal and support networks, for greater repression, both state and extralegal.

The Democrats in blaming "those damn Russkies" are deflecting attention away from the real reason they lost: they represented the prevailing global capitalism and all the associated frustrations of the decline of U.S. manufacturing and the erosion of job security. Trump spoke to those anxieties – in a totally demagogic and dishonest way. For example, during the campaign he railed against Goldman Sachs as the prime example of how Wall Street banks screw the working man; then, as president he selected seven of his top economic appointments from the ranks of Goldman Sachs. The Democrats could not provide a compelling alternative to this racist scam artist because they too are fully based in the long bipartisan history of white supremacy, capitalism, and wars of aggression.

Regardless of these questionable charges, Russia can't hold a candle to the U.S. when it comes to interfering in other countries' elections, let alone more intrusive and violent means of regime change. The big push by the Democrats and allied sectors of the security apparatus for confronting Russia is not only unjustified bat also runs the risk of leading to a horribly destructive war. As much as we're scandalized, and rightly so, by Trump's more blatant racism and misogyny, we need to look at the continuities as well as the departures.

President Obama, with his kinder and more inclusive rhetoric, provided trillions of dollars to bail out Wall Street at the expense of Main Street. He presided over seven wars (drone strikes have killed hundreds of civilians and are acts of war under international law). His administration deported a record number of immigrants. In his last year, Obama sought to burnish his legacy around climate change and mass incarceration. He issued a record number of clemencies, but earlier took legal action to keep far more in prison. After Congress passed a law somewhat reducing what had been draconian sentences for crack cocaine, the Justice Department went to court to prevent any retroactive application, and thus kept some 6,000 people behind bars. Similarly, Obama issued a number of executive orders, most of which can be readily reversed, to modestly rein in greenhouse gases. But earlier his administration played a key role in sabotaging the 2009 Copenhagen Conference of Parties, which was the best chance to get a binding international treaty with some teeth in it, at a time when Democrats held a majority in Congress.

Recalling these dire problems is a reminder of how much the most basic issue is the very nature of the system. Nonetheless, there is something new and particularly threatening about Trump's election: the way he has enlarged, energized and emboldened an active and aggressive base for white supremacy. Immigrants, Muslims, Native American water protectors, Black Lives Matter activists, women who've faced sexual assault, LGBTQ folks, those who can't afford health insurance, and more all feel under the gun. The prospect of an unbridled pouring of more greenhouse gases into the atmosphere is terrifying.

We can't forget that an imperialism in crisis will turn to racist mobilizations to supersede obstacles to continued domination and expansion. The U.S. hasn't yet reached that dramatic turning point, but it has been teetering in and out of economic and political crises since 1971. And on top of that, we now are on the brink of environmental disasters that can't be resolved under capitalism.

As of this writing (February 2017) major sectors of the ruling class are still wary of Trump as too much of a loose cannon. They are making an effort at least to rein him in if not bring him down, although leading with the very dangerous push toward greater confrontation with Russia. It remains to be seen if Trump's amalgam of billionaire businessmen and ultra-Right white nationalists can provide a coherent program or even hold together. Whatever happens with his presidency, we likely are in for a burgeoning of white supremacist movements. If Trump's economic policies appear to be successful (possible in the short run of a couple of years but, if so, with giant dislocations and problems in the longer run), he's a hero to those embittered sectors of the white working and middle classes who voted for him. On the other hand, if his administration implodes, millions of his fervent supporters will see it as the "elites" bringing down their champion. In either case our job, our challenge, is to build a strong movement that can articulate the real issues and clearly present humane, international and sustainable alternatives.

There's been an outpouring of Left analysis on who voted for Trump and why. Some of it is very helpful about race, class, and the economy. From what I've seen there's been very little that puts all that in the global context, with the U.S. as the premier imperial power but in decline. Nor has there been enough that has rooted Trump's rise in the developments of the past 45 years. This is the challenge for our ongoing project of analysis and activism.

## 16 Mar - Jailed Water Protectors Update

Krow is in need of your support! Her extradition hearing was just moved—it will take place on April 5 at 2:00 PM at the Morton County Courthouse, 210 2nd Ave NW, Mandan, North Dakota.

#### MORE:

At the hearing they will try to prove that Krow is on probation in Wisconsin, after which she can waive or continue to fight extradition.

Though Krow has been released from jail since her arrest, this hearing will have a large impact on her future legal standing in North Dakota and potentially Wisconsin. Typically, those arrested in resistance movements receive a lot of support shortly after their arrest, but support tapers off after their case stops making headlines. Please continue to send your support to all water protectors who have been and are being held by the state for their involvement with the No DAPL struggle, including Rattler, Red Fawn, and Charles "Scorch" Jordan.

On that note, one piece of good news: Charles "Scorch" Jordan, who has been in jail since November, was just released from Burleigh City Jail in Bismarck, North Dakota! This release was largely due to continued outside support, so thank you to everyone who helped make that happen.

You can donate to Krow's support fund at supportkrow.org/donate (or click the link below). Contact supportkrow[at]riseup[dot]net if you have questions about the hearing, how to support Krow, or other No DAPL prisoners.

## March 16<sup>th</sup> - Charles "Scorch" Jordan Released

Water Protector Anti-Repression Crew reports that veteran Charles "Scorch" Jordan who has been in Burleigh County, North Dakota custody since November was released on conditions. Jordan was arrested trying to give a flower to a cop outside of a Wells Fargo in a DAPL related demonstration in Bismarck, ND and charged with several felonies.

## March 24<sup>th</sup> - Water Protector Rattler Released

NoDAPL water protector, Michael Markus aka Rattler, was conditionally released on Monday, March 20. Rattler had been held pre-trial facing 15 years from charges stemming from October 27 eviction of Frontline/Sacred Grounds Camp.

### 20 Mar - Jalil Muntaqim now at Shawangunk

When Jalil was previously at Shawangunk, an incident occurred. A CO named Van Felt killed an inmate in 1994.

#### MORE:

A comrade from the Jericho Movement saw him on Sunday and had a good visit despite the current circumstances.

In 1994, Jalil was the prisoner grievances coordinator. He had previously advised the admin to take some action about all the complaints, because things could reach a boiling point and something could happen.

So, when the inmate was killed, the prisoners went on strike, refusing to leave their cells. Admin at Shawangunk claimed Jalil was the strike leader and sent him to the hole. He was then transferred to Auburn. Following an investigation that proved Jalil was only another participant in the strike, the charges were dropped and Jalil was released from the hole.

When Jalil was moved last Monday, he was taken out on a medical for a stress test, then instead of taking him back to Southport, they took him to Shawangunk. He asked to make a phone call to his lawyer, but was not allowed to do so. So he sent a legal letter to his attorney (for which DOCCS has to provide the stamp). That's why we didn't find out he was moved until last Friday.

Jalil doesn't know if he has any of his stuff. He was upset because he wanted to send birthday greetings to his daughter, but he doesn't even have a stamp.

Anyway, now-Lieutenant Gardner (Sarge in 1994) and another CO (possibly now a Sarge) named North are still at Shawangunk and have been harassing Jalil since he arrived. He says a lot of white shirts have been passing in and out of SHU (not usual at all, and other SHU inmates have commented on it as well). Also, Jalil reports that CO North stood outside of his cell at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday night and tried to engage him in conversation, saying things like: "Wow, you got old!" and "How does it feel to be back?" Of course, Jalil refused to be baited into conversation, and North eventually left.

Then, the CO who brought Jalil downstairs on Sunday was singing "Bottom's back, Bottom's back" while bringing him to the visiting room.

Jalil would like to request a transfer due to this situation. It's really important that Jalil receive correspondence at this time.

#### March 22<sup>nd</sup> - Update from Political Prisoner Jalil Muntaqim

I'm out of SHU, however, phones, commissary and packages won't be restored until March 29, 2017.

They released me from SHU and placed me in the "Close Supervision Unit" (CSU) absent any notice or due process procedure. At the surface, prisoners are treated like all other prisoners, go to school, programs, recreation, etc., as all other prisoners. But they are scrutinized more closely, searched more often, and, I imagine, reported on more frequently.

I intend to file a FOIL request for all documents regarding the unit and the arbitrary and capricious decision to place me in the CSU. Once I get the documents, I'll file a grievance to exhaust administrative remedies and proceed with a petition in the Court.

Still haven't received my property, hopefully by the end of the week at the latest.

## 21 Mar - "One Day" a Poem by Eric King

We are happy to share a new poem from Eric King.

#### MORE:

One day the sun will hug me welcome me back to earth Love will cauterize my wounded limbs I will have time to walk and no boundaries to walk within I can touch the grass Because I'm free to explore or to ignore anything that I will so chose Most of all though, I will be free to play with all the silly bugs

## 22 Mar - Tyler Lang released from halfway house, done with probation!

A year ago, Tyler Lang was sentenced to three months time served, six months home imprisonment, six months in a halfway house, and a year of supervised release, along with restitution.

#### MORE:

Today, he was released from the halfway house and his term of supervised release ended!

Tyler was sentenced under the Animal Enterprise Terrorism Act for freeing 2,000 mink from a fur farm and spray-painting "Liberation is Love" on the side of a barn with his codefendant Kevin Johnson. The fur farm closed down as a result of their action — saving generations of animals from being tortured and killed there.

Tyler has been eagerly awaiting this day and is excited to keep moving on with his life. He is grateful for all the support that people have shown him and Kevin since their arrest — so thank you to everyone who wrote to him, made a donation, spread awareness about their case, and turned an AETA indictment into a time of showing solidarity.

Celebrate this day with Tyler, and also take time to support people who are still imprisoned and to work for animals who are still in cages.

#### 23 Mar - CALL FOR ART AND ARTICLE SUBMISSIONS: Awakening Resistance

A call for art & article submissions on Awakening Resistance for the 2018 Certain Days: Freedom for Political Prisoners Calendar.

#### MORE:

Deadline: May 15, 2017 (Prisoner deadline: June 1, 2017)

The *Certain Days: Freedom for Political Prisoners Calendar* collective (www.certaindays.org) is releasing its 17th calendar this coming fall. The theme for 2018 is 'Awakening Resistance,' reflecting on organizing in the current political climate.

We are looking for 12 works of art and 12 short articles to feature in the calendar, which hangs in more than 2,500 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.

#### THEME GUIDELINES

The current political moment changes the landscape for radical organizing. Beyond the White House, communities worldwide are facing a climate that is more openly white supremacist, misogynist, and Islamophobic. Trump's election, specifically, has woken up many elements on the left as well as the right, both north and south of the U.S.-Canadian border.

Some questions to consider: What can other periods of history teach us about what brought us to this moment, and what we can anticipate in the next few years? How do we bring in/work with newly politicized people, or those who could become politicized? How do we openly and decisively oppose fascist organizing? What does this moment look like, uniquely, within the Canadian state and in other global contexts? What does resistance look like for radical movements of all kinds — ecological, anti-colonial, migrant justice. queer- and trans-liberation struggles?

We would like Certain Days 2018 to contribute to our collective answer to these and other questions that the current political moment presents for social justice movements.

For some more inspiration, we invite you to read "The Context for the Trump Phenomenon" by political prisoner and calendar co-editor David Gilbert: https://4strugglemag.org/2017/03/18/the-context-for-the-trump-phenomenon/

"There's been an outpouring of Left analysis on who voted for Trump and why. Some of it is very helpful about race, class, and the economy. From what I've seen there's been very little that puts all that in the global context, with the U.S. as the premier imperial power but in decline. Nor has there been enough that has rooted Trump's rise in the developments of the past 45 years. This is the challenge for our ongoing project of analysis and activism." - David Gilbert

#### FORMAT GUIDELINES

#### **ARTICLES**:

• 500 words max. If you submit a longer piece, we will have to edit for length.

• Please include a suggested title.

#### ART:

1. The calendar is 11" tall by 8.5" wide, so art with a 'portrait' is preferred. Some pieces may be printed with a border, so it need not fit those dimensions exactly.

2. We are interested in a diversity of media (paintings, drawings, photographs, prints, computer-designed graphics, collage, etc).

3. The calendar is printed in colour and we prefer colour images.

#### SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

Send your submissions by May 15, 2017 to info@certaindays.org and prisoner submissions are due June
1, 2017 and can be mailed to:
Certain Days c/o QPIRG Concordia
1455 de Maisonneuve Blvd. O.
Montreal, QC H3G 1M8, Canada
or
Certain Days, c/o NYC ABC, Post Office Box 110034, Brooklyn, New York 11211
2. ARTISTS: Please send images smaller than 10 MB. You can send a low-res file as a submission, but if

2. ARTISTS: Please send images smaller than 10 MB. You can send a low-res file as a submission, but your piece is chosen, we will need a high-res version of it to print (600 dpi).3. You may send as many submissions as you like.

Chosen artists and authors will receive a free copy of the calendar and promotional postcards. Because the calendar is a fundraiser, we cannot offer money to contributors.

#### ABOUT THE CALENDAR

The Certain Days: Freedom for Political Prisoners Calendar is a joint fundraising and educational project between outside organizers in Montreal, Toronto, and New York, in partnership with three political prisoners being held in maximum-security prisons in New York State: David Gilbert, Robert Seth Hayes and Herman Bell. We are committed to doing work grounded in an anti-imperialist and anti-racist perspective. We work in solidarity with anti-colonial struggles, Political Prisoners and the rights of undocumented citizens and migrants. We are queer- and trans-liberationist. We raise awareness of Political Prisoners and Prisoners of War in the United States and abroad, many of whom are now in their fourth decade of imprisonment. People on the streets should understand the history of today's social justice movements and how that history is linked to solidarity for PPs/POWs. In addition to building that historical awareness, we emphasize the ongoing involvement and continued commitment of PPs/POWs in these same movements.

Proceeds from the calendar will be used for direct support work for Political Prisoners and anti-colonialist and anti-imperialist struggles in the U.S. and Canada.

## 25 Mar - Fight Toxic Prisons 2017 National Convergence in Texas

This year's convergence will include speakers, panels, workshops, protests and cultural activities, including an art show and hip-hop performances.

#### MORE:

Some proposed topics:

- Mapping Toxic Prisons
- The History and Future of June 11
- Building Multi-Racial Alliances Against Incarceration
- EJ Lessons from the Pipeline struggles
- Next Steps to Free Leonard Peltier
- Reports from the Sept 9 Prison Strikes & the upcoming Aug 19 Mobilization to End Prison Slavery
- Queer and Trans Prison Resistance (J22)
- Prison Abolition under Trump
- Updates on the Letcher County BOP plan
- Long-term Support for Eco/Animal Prisoners
- International Movements against Prison Expansion

The convergence will occur in both Denton and the neighboring city of Fort Worth.

Closest airport is Dallas/Ft. Worth

Venue and schedule TBA

More info: FightToxicPrisons.org

# <mark>25 Mar - Arkansas Governor Signs "Ag-gag" Into Law</mark>

Earlier this week, Governor Asa Hutchinson betrayed Arkansans and the American public by signing an "ag-gag" law into effect.

#### MORE:

This dangerous law, which was rushed through the Arkansas General Assembly over the past few weeks, will help corporations break the law with impunity by giving them power to sue whistleblowers and undercover investigators who expose evidence of abuse and wrongdoing in factory farms, slaughterhouses, and other big businesses across the state.

Arkansas is now the sixth state to enact an ag-gag law in recent years (if you count the one in Idaho that was declared unconstitutional in 2015). While these laws take different forms, they have the common goal of preventing the public from learning about factory farm abuse by intimidating and punishing animal industry whistleblowers.

The laws are a direct response to the progress being made by Mercy For Animals and other animal protection groups. Recent MFA undercover investigations of suppliers to Walmart and Tyson Foods, each headquartered in Arkansas, have uncovered sickening animal abuse and resulted in criminal convictions of factory farm workers and owners who were caught on camera kicking and beating animals or impaling them with spiked clubs. These investigations also led the nation's largest food retailer to adopt a sweeping animal welfare commitment designed to help end some of the worst factory farm cruelty.

Arkansas's ag-gag law aims to stop this progress by preventing undercover investigations and sweeping evidence of animal abuse and other crimes under the rug. It's also written so broadly that it could be used to sue whistleblowers in almost any workplace. Clearly lawmakers in Arkansas know the state's factory farmers have a lot to hide if they are willing to go to such extreme lengths to conceal their cruel and abusive practices.

## 1 Apr - Culinary For Commissary (C4C) #1

WHAT: Dinner/Fundraiser WHEN: 4:00-7:00pm, Saturday, April 1 WHERE: All Souls Church – 1157 Lexington Avenue 10075 COST: \$20

#### MORE:

I'm reaching out to you to ask a big favor. We are putting together a series of dinners titled Culinary 4 Commissary (C4C) to raise awareness around Maroon's case, prison abolition, eco-justice, and other prison issues. We would like for you to be a sponsor or to make a donation.

These events will be promoted over the next six months, streamed live regionally with an anticipated audience of 2 to 300,000. Sponsors will be named at the dinners on promo materials and websites/social media outlets.

Free tickets to each dinner, Bio and update on latest work. Outreach/promotional materials about your org. with orientation table available and a full buffet including vegan, raw food, gluten-free & desserts.

We have a great list of talent with more confirming... On April 1st Asha Bandele & Chuck Jigsaw Cremur (AllHipHop.com) Hosted by Izac Sorenson (Blu Magazine) Kick off the C4C dinners...

Then on April 15th (Lynne Stewart Tribute/Surprise Guest) & Vee Bravo (Tribeca Film Institute).

Then on May 6th Yusef Salaam (Central Park 5) & Liza Jesse Peterson (Actor 13 Doc).

Then JLove Calderon & Sekou Oding.

Then Robert Hillary King & the Free Alabama Gumbo/Prison Candy special... Just to name a few...

The amount a sponsor may contribute is flexible. You could assist through one of the options listed below or make a blind donation of your own abilities.

Plz SHARE fwd Twt Ig Sc the C4C Vol.1 Flyer & tell friends & family

\$1000 – Your name, description, and logo
\$500 – Your name and description
\$100 – Your name and logo
\$50 – Your name

If you are interested in sponsoring, please get back to me at rshoatz@gmail.com or you can paypal @ musahendersonfund@gmail

Thanking you in advance the Shoatz Family...