

## Revolutionary Greetings!

I fervently pray this communication will find you in good health and spirits, and, equally important, open-minded. As for myself, I'm still in the trenches and remain committed to the struggle to fight against oppression, persecution and economic exploitation.

As you already know, all around the globe people are fighting for their liberation and to remove the shackles of economic, political and social oppression/exploitation that they've been experiencing at the hands of the 1%: **the powers that be.** This year is expected to be an explosive one- in fact, some recognizable groups and persons have already went as far as calling for a revolution in the United States, while others only want the economic situation to go back to where it was prior to the recession. If there's going to be a real revolution, then come what may and let the wind blow wherever. However, I wish to remind you, myself and all concerned that, **for there to be a revolution, there must be revolutionary consciousness.** Yes, revolution is a conscious, scientifically planned process used by oppressed and exploited Peoples to change their political, economic, social condition. And from what I've been reading, seeing and debating with others, the masses are waking up and smelling the coffee. The real issue or question becomes, where do prisoners stand on this important development in our history? Over the decades I've heard many prisoners say "they're revolutionaries"; however, I've often had to remind them that to be a revolutionary is to be an agent of change, which is virtually impossible if one doesn't know what needs to be changed. I think we all can agree that the prison-industrial complex (PIC) needs to be changed. Personally, I think it needs to be abolished, plain and simple.

In case you was not aware, February 20, 2012, was Occupy for Prisoners Day, i.e., a National Day of Action called by Occupy Oakland. All across the United States people were protesting the draconian conditions that effect prisoners. Occupy Columbus supported prisoners at OSP and throughout Ohio.

In protest against the corruption of the worldwide marketplace, which has led to illegal foreclosures, mass unemployment, low wages, high taxes and a penalization of all those who do not own the '99%' of the world's resources, on December 19, 2011, Occupy Los Angeles General Assembly consented upon the following statement:

Occupy LA [OLA] supports in principle a General Strike on May 1, 2012, for migrant rights, jobs for all, a moratorium on foreclosures, and peace--and to recognize housing, education and health care as human rights, and calls for the building of a broad coalition to make that a reality.

While nothing in this statement mentions anything about prisoners or PIC, I have asked two of my outside connections to see can they convince OLA to champion prisoners' cause/struggle in the General Strike.

Finally, it appears that on the anniversary of Occupy Wall Street (September 17, 2012), a call will be nationally issued for prisoners to engage in an indefinite work stoppage and boycott of the commissary until their issues can be equally resolved. Keep in mind that our struggle and that of those on the outside is one and the same--that is, the same government that is exploiting/oppressing them is also doing the same thing to us. Thus, we have to lift up our voices and join forces with our counterparts in society.

Stiff resistance,

