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Religious leaders work to end the Marion Prison lockdown

On Saturday, Nov. 1, the Committee to End the Marion Lockdown is sponsoring a day-long "Conference for Education and Action on the Third Anniversary of the Marion Prison Lockdown." The event will be held at Wellington Avenue United Church of Christ at 615 W. Wellington Ave., Chicago, beginning at 1:30 p.m. There will be workshops, a video tape presentation by Puerto Rican women prisoners, dinner and a panel discussion about Marion.

The Committee to End the Marion Lockdown, made up of religious and progressive Chicago area persons, has been active for well over a year now, having sponsored a conference last October on Marion and a demonstration at the Marion and Lexington prisons in April, 1986.

Marion Federal Prison in Illinois is the most maximum security prison in the United States. The entire prison is a control unit where the Bureau of Prisons experiments with behavior modification through isolation and sensory depriva-

tion. Marion, which will be on lockdown for three years as of Oct. 27, with the men caged in small cells for 23 hours a day, is the brutal trendsetter in the U.S. Following the control unit model, the Bureau of Prisons has just opened its Marion for women in Lexington, Kentucky.

U.S. prisons hold a vast number of people of color. Black people are incarcerated at six times the rate for white people in this country and almost twice the rate for Black people in South Africa! This is the highest in the world. Such a large number of incarcerated people constitutes a well-defined system of population control. In fact, it is predicted that U.S. prisons will hold over 1,000,000 people by the year 2000, and that more than half will be people of color.

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