

AMENDED WEST COAST PROPOSAL FOR NATIONAL CAMPAIGN STRUCTURE

We basically are in agreement with FOR proposal but with some minor differences. Our original proposal (which was very close to FOR but not as detailed) stands as is but with the following changes.

- We strongly support the continuation of commissions as they were established at the initial meeting. It is our opinion that certain constituencies such as women, clergy, professionals, etc. require separate commissions due to:

- the differences in character of the constituencies themselves
- the programmatic differences in organizing them
- the relevance of the particular issues/problems that these commissions will bring to the campaign, i.e. health professionals researching and developing work around access to health care, or the women's commission dealing with the specific conditions of women in prison, etc.
- the coordinating body will be enriched by the participation of representatives with a variety of perspectives and information.

We have seen this model work successfully in the Lex Campaign.

We suggest that the establishment of commissions based on constituencies/issues be based on the work that is being done.

- We support the establishment of a Fund-raising Commission to focus on proposals etc., for funds. We recognize the need for every commission and/or region to participate in this effort.

- We agree that the Coordinating Body be composed of representatives from the various commissions and that the composition of the coordinating body be balanced, racially, sexually, and regionally. In reference to regional representation, we STRONGLY urge consideration. FOR has addressed this issue in his call for maximum democratic participation, which is the only way the campaign will grow.

- In regards to the Administrative Staff, we agreed that due to logistical considerations the office and staff would most likely be on the East Coast. There should be designated administrative contacts in the different regions. The staff will deal with the daily business of the organization. We also suggest that certain individuals be specifically designated to serve as ombudspersons for the prisoners. They will be the primary contact for the prisoners in relation to the organization, transmitting and receiving all relevant information to and from the prisoners and to appropriate commissions. Designation of these individuals does not preclude prisoner contact with members of any of the commissions as relates to the work of the organization, but all information directed to a commission will

then be forwarded to the ombudspersons so as to maintain an organized and documented file of all correspondence or to facilitate ongoing work.

OTHER ITEMS OF CONCERN:

- In order to maximize West Coast participation in the meeting of December 9, we are requesting funds for three tickets to travel to New York (\$900.) It is very costly to travel from California to NY as frequently as is necessary to be active members of the Campaign and without a commitment on the part of the organization to help us out, we won't be. So, we need a response by Sunday, November 20, BY THE LATEST as fares go up on Tuesday. Leave a message on Marilyn's machine (415) 285-1340.

We are suggesting the following funds be allocated as below:

- \$2,000 for the General Campaign brochure
- \$1,000 for the Marianna piece
- In order to produce a Newsletter in the past it has cost between \$200 - \$175 for 2,000.

- In regards to a name; instead of an acronym we suggest a word or two which synthesizes the spirit and theme of the campaign. For example: LIBERTAD, CONCIENCIA, LA LUZ, etc.

- Recently, on the West Coast, we have been contacted by a Health Care specialist who was involved with the Lex campaign and who raised some serious concerns about the new campaign similar to Richard Korn. Although we may not be politically aligned with them, we have relied on them in the past as they have made substantial contributions to the HR struggle. We feel that Richard Korn deserves a thoughtful response and urge someone there to respond.

love and kisses!