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National Conference Nov. 14-15

***Celebrate 50 years of revolutionary theory and practice
Analyzing the global class struggle and
the capitalist economic crisis
Only Socialism can end exploitation, racism and war***

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Dear Friends,

This is a time when revolutionary forces that have been in the forefront of the struggle against the capitalist crisis urgently need to find time to analyze, review and strategize on how to approach this period of growing hardship and great potential.

Workers World Party urges you to join us on Nov. 14-15 at our national conference in New York City.

We have real contributions to make to this much-needed discussion, based on our 50 years of consistent revolutionary theory and practice. We are proud to be celebrating Workers World Party's 50th anniversary at this year's conference.

We are witnessing the biggest worldwide economic crisis of the capitalist system since the Great Depression of the 1930s. The tumultuous turn of events over the past year is unlike any that most of us have experienced in our lifetime.

In this global crisis, critical questions have been catapulted to the fore:

*What is the next stage of the crisis? What is the meaning of a 'Jobless Recovery'?

*Will the working class and oppressed peoples, in the U.S. and around the world, be able to mount a real struggle in their own defense?

*With Barack Obama, as the first African-American president of the U.S. imperialist government, what are the unique challenges for Black workers, immigrant workers, the whole working class and the anti-imperialist movements?

This two-day conference will help us evaluate our experiences in organizing in many cities against foreclosures, evictions, layoffs and plant closings, and the united efforts to mobilize against the multi-billion dollar bank bailout. It is an opportunity to assess our organizing in Pittsburgh, before and during the G-20 Summit and to consider the experiences of the workers' struggles at Republic Windows and Doors in Chicago and Stella D'Oro in New York.

Considering the enormous opposition within Honduras to a U.S.-backed coup, we will take up what Marxists in the United States can do to aid the popular resistance. We will discuss international mass movements in solidarity with Palestine. We will talk about how the anti-imperialist movement can intervene in the increasingly contentious debate within the ruling class, and raise independent demands to end the occupation of the Middle East and Central Asia?

We want to thoughtfully consider how the deepening capitalist economic crisis, the endless wars and occupations, and the development of the class struggle, can contribute to forging greater unity against national oppression, women's oppression and LGBT oppression in the United States.

The conference will feature plenaries, discussion groups, and strategy sessions with activists from across the country representing many different struggles. There will be music and spoken-word performances, too.

We are excited by the large number of youth and student activists who plan to attend the conference. We are encouraged by the serious union and community activists--who have been with us in the streets--who are taking the time to join us in our deliberations.

Plan now to join us on the weekend of November 14-15 in New York City; we need your participation in this important political and strategic discussion.

We are confident that a revolutionary, multinational working-class party tested by decades of experience, will help the struggle for socialism to re-emerge stronger, with advanced prospects, in the new political world environment.

Hope to see you on Nov. 14-15. On to a great conference!

In Solidarity and Struggle,

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P.S. We encourage you to use the enclosed coupon to register for the conference and to make a generous donation to help with costs of hall rental, sound, childcare, food, and more—which are needed to hold a gathering of this magnitude. Go to workersworld.net for up-to-date information on the schedule, pre-registration, and logistics—including the conference venue—and any political orientations.

HOW ELSE CAN YOU HELP?

*As we strategize about how to reach out and organize like never before, we are planning to step up our visibility with street meetings and with a determined effort to get Workers World newspaper to working and oppressed people across the country. **We need your help to do this!***

Fall Fund Drive--Whether you come to the conference or not, we encourage you to participate in our Fall Fund Drive to help us cover the higher costs of publishing our newspaper, and to help us organize in the growing fight back. We don't take our request lightly since we know that we ALL are facing rising living expenses. However, as the economic crisis deepens, an independent, working-class newspaper and organizing center will be crucial in providing political clarity and a struggle-oriented perspective.

Whatever you can donate to the Fall Fund Drive will be greatly appreciated—this has to be a collective effort. **Our goal is to raise \$60,000:** Use the enclosed coupon or contribute online at workers.org.

Supporter Program—the Workers World Supporter Program raises funds for our activist paper and sustains the popular website workers.org. Join by using the coupon or online at workers.org. (See "Support WW.")

Books—Order and help get out our groundbreaking analytical and struggle-oriented literature, including those on the economic crisis: **Low-Wage Capitalism and High Tech, Low Pay**. See literature brochure to order books at special discount for 50th anniversary.

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