



**SOUTHERN MOVEMENT ASSEMBLY**

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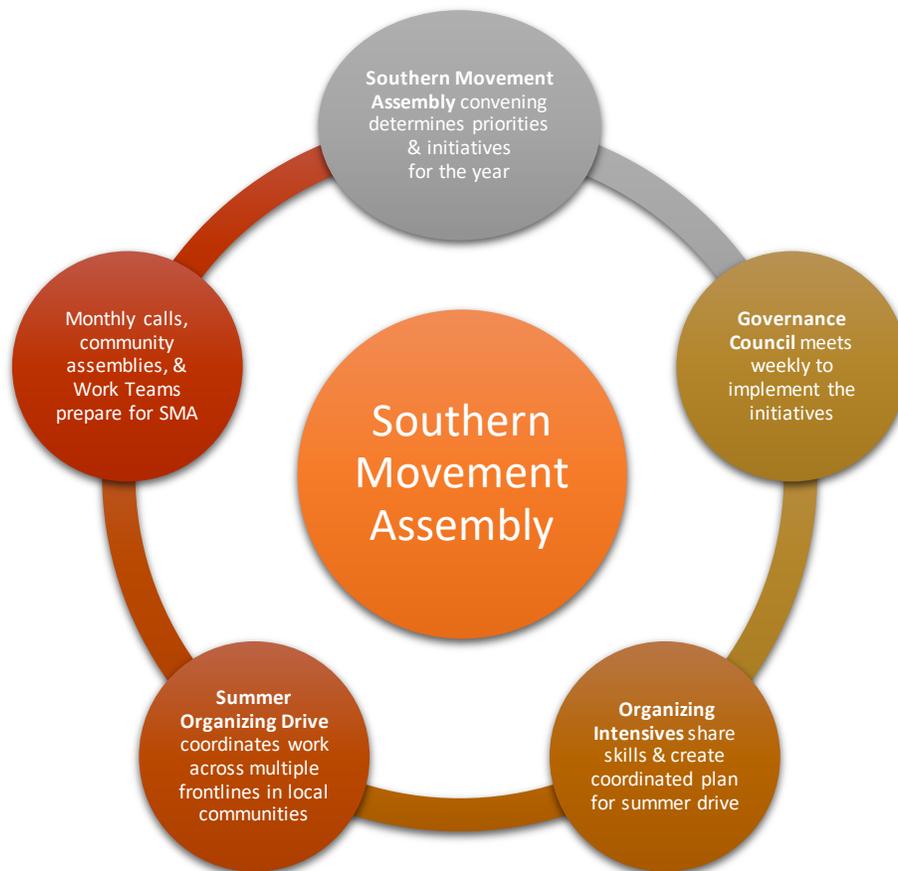
# **SMA 7 Guide 2017**

**Oct 27-29, 2017 - Whitakers, NC**

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# WHAT is the Southern Movement Assembly?

The Southern Movement Assembly is an organizing strategy for community and movement governance based on the political commitment that ‘Nobody is Free until Everybody is Free.’ The assembly brings people together to determine shared action plans on multiple frontlines.



The Southern Movement Assembly supports a broad base of Southern-based leaders and communities who live and fight on many frontlines. We believe that we are stronger together, and we participate in grassroots democracy to exercise political power at the community, city, state, and regional levels.

# WHAT is our agenda this weekend?

## Overview

*More details on following pages*

### THURSDAY October 26

2:00pm-6:00pm Preparation  
6:00pm DINNER  
7:00pm Welcome Session & Introductions

### FRIDAY October 27

8:00am BREAKFAST  
9:00am **Opening Session:** *Welcome to the Southern Movement Village!*  
10:45am-12:30pm **Movement Building Skill Sessions:** *Preparing the Ground*  
12:45pm LUNCH  
2:00-6:00pm **Frontline Assemblies**  
6:30pm: DINNER  
8pm **Collective Sun: ReShape the Mo(u)rning**

### SATURDAY October 28

8:00am BREAKFAST  
9:00am **Re-Opening:** *Southern People's Initiative & Blueprint*  
9:30am-12:00pm **Movement Building Skill Sessions:** *Constructing the New*  
12:00pm LUNCH  
2:00-6:00pm **Full Peoples Movement Assembly**  
6:00pm DINNER  
8:00pm **Dance Party!**

### SUNDAY October 29

8:00am BREAKFAST  
9:00am **Closing Assembly:** *Synthesis & Commitments to Action*  
12:00pm Final close - Bag Lunches available

**LOCATIONS WILL BE AVAILABLE ON-SITE**

## FRIDAY 10:45am-12:45pm

<b>Movement Skill-Building Sessions: Preparing the Ground</b> <i>How-to Sessions; Tools to take home; Basic Training</i>	
<b>Facilitating Freedom:</b> <i>Basic elements of popular education, tips for guiding group processes, developing collective culture, and identifying your facilitation style</i>	Rhiana Anthony Black Lives Matter - Nashville
<b>Grassroots Organizing:</b> <i>Fighting deportations &amp; Islamophobia from the Ground Up</i>	Manzoor Cheema & James Perry Project South & Muslims for Social Justice
<b>Know Your Rights:</b> <i>Building skills to protect &amp; defend ourselves</i>	Glory Kilanko & Preye Cobham Women Watch Afrika
<b>Political Education &amp; Philosophy of Liberation:</b> <i>Decolonizing the Struggle, how to dismantle the old &amp; build the new</i>	Ruben Solis & Nicolle Ramos University Sin Fronteras
<b>Static Analysis on our Frontlines:</b> <i>Examining Justice Department advances &amp; potential advances against SMA frontlines</i>	Trap Bonner Crescent City Media Group
<b>Fighting State Repression:</b> <i>Trump-era state repression and the fight against white supremacy</i>	Triangle Peoples Assembly

## SATURDAY 9:30am-12:00pm

<b>Movement Skill-Building Sessions: Constructing the New</b> <i>Building what we need to implement the Southern Peoples Initiative</i>	
<b>Mutual Aid Liberation Centers:</b> <i>Building Sanctuaries, Peoples Democracy, and Local Economies</i>	Georgia Citizens' Coalition on Hunger & Project South
<b>Beautiful Solutions:</b> <i>Sharing Examples of Cooperative Economics &amp; Democratic Governance</i>	Highlander Research & Education Center
<b>Peoples Movement Assemblies:</b> <i>How to Organize Assemblies</i>	Project South & USHRN
<b>Electoral Justice:</b> <i>Civic Engagement for Power</i>	Movement 4 Black Lives
<b>Strategies &amp; Tactics to Fight White Supremacy:</b> <i>Skills to develop response to upsurge in violent white nationalism</i>	Suzanne Pharr, Serena Sebring, Mab Segrest, Glory Kilanko NCOE, SONG, WWA
<b>Movement Journalism:</b> <i>Communication in the 21<sup>st</sup> century South</i>	Project South & the Laura Flanders Show
<b>Future Visions of the South:</b> <i>Making our Way, Cultural Work</i>	Ron Ragin, Maria Cherry Rangel
<b>Love &amp; Protect Each Other:</b> <i>From our Neighborhoods to our Demonstrations</i>	Ready the Ground & SpiritHouse

# FRONTLINE ASSEMBLY Descriptions

**FRIDAY 2:30am-6:30pm**

*Frontline Assemblies are spaces for people living & fighting on these frontlines to assess the landscape, identify threats and opportunities, name existing work that advances the Southern Peoples Initiative, and generate new ideas, new projects, new visions, and powerful strategies.*

## **National Student Bill of Rights Assembly**

*Youth-led assembly to build vision & strategy for education justice*

## **Decarceration Assembly**

*Ending social control, building Harm Free Zones, and creating a South without surveillance or prisons*

## **Climate Disaster Assembly**

*Envisioning & planning immediate response & long-term Southern recovery related to climate crises*

## **Growing Peoples Democracy Assembly**

*Building & defending public infrastructure in education, work, community governance, & the press.*

## **Workers Justice Assembly**

*Growing a new social economy: Mapping unionization in the South and building a strategy to fight for economic and social justice in the workplace*

## **Decolonizing Borders & Migration Assembly**

*Protecting & defending our communities from ICE, police & detention: Building immigrant, refugee, and migration justice*

## **Agroecology & Economies for Survival Assembly**

*Food sovereignty, sustainability in a new social economy and taking back the land, water, and culture to regenerate our communities for liberation*

*Representatives from each assembly will work together to synthesize and present to the Full Assembly on Saturday afternoon.*

# HOW do we work together?

## Southern Movement Assembly Principles of Unity

*The principles that connect the members of the Southern Movement Assembly reflect many years of organizational partnerships and a synthesis of ideas based in collective practice and historical example. The principles serve to name who we are, what we believe, and our purpose for working together to regenerate and advance the Southern Freedom Movement in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. Affirming these principles affirms the foundational belief that we are stronger together, and we do not want to do this alone. To work and be together is a political decision; we are not doing it for either comfort or practicality. These principles should be evaluated and evolved periodically as the Assembly shifts to meet the moment.*

1. We believe remembering and regenerating our movement history is critical. We recognize the long-term legacies and the most recent work that led to this moment.
2. We value and practice transparency. We strive to distinguish between perception and reality.
3. We respect and support locally-based leadership. Place & space matter, and we recognize the unique histories of the South and local sites.
4. We create spaces to assemble so that people can voice our truths and bring our whole selves. We stand against criminalizing our people in any way.
5. We recognize and respect the self-determination of each organization and strive to engage in principled dialogue when disagreement or conflict is a barrier to collective action.
6. We believe political direction is determined by big picture analysis grounded in struggle to dismantle white supremacy, economic exploitation, and colonialism while simultaneously building decolonization processes for liberation of all people.
7. We believe no one should be excluded from any form of governance that makes decisions about their lives.
8. We believe in and respect the diversity of tactics and strategies as we are working for liberation. We believe there are many ways to do this work. We respect the different organizing choices and traditions of our member organizations.
9. We recognize and value the skills, contributions, and resources that each community, individual and organization brings and will prioritize collective accessibility in how and where we assemble and share information. We commit to maximizing those contributions for our collective goals.
10. We will defend the ground we have gained through struggle, and we will create and practice new forms of participation and governance that include and serve all of us.

## **SYNTHESIS of Syntheses: The Southern Movement Assembly from 2012-2017**

The depth and breadth of the Southern Movement Assembly extends beyond the six Assemblies which have laid the groundwork for SMA VII being held October 26-29, 2017 in Whitakers, North Carolina. This is because each SMA has moved our struggle forward, and the whole is greater than the sum of the parts. The extended impact of our work can be found in the vision and practice of the collective commitments and actions of frontline struggles, communities, and individuals joined in the SMA organizing process. Since the first Southern Movement Assembly in 2012 in Lowndes County, Alabama, over 140 organizations and more than 1000 people have participated in the organizing process of building for liberation through the SMA.

The SMA draws people in movement over the U.S. South, the Global South and beyond, linking through local actions, PMAs, and shared governance to address the multiple crises of white supremacy, state violence, and economic inequality. This means organizations, communities, and individuals have come together across the South to build infrastructure, governance, and coordinated actions in the legacy of the Southern Freedom Movement and the Black Radical Traditions.

**The Threads Running Through:** *Over the years SMA praxis has expressed common threads and political principles running through the work and commitments. These are:*

1. That Enough is Enough and those most impacted by the crisis will insert themselves in history and change the course of our history through consciousness, vision, and strategy.
2. That through the tool of the Peoples Movement Assembly, as a gathering of people making decisions for collective action & power, we are stronger together. The questions we answer are: 1.) What are the problems we face? 2) What are the solutions? 3) What are we going to do about it?
3. That deep democracy, a people's democracy, is built "through a constellation of social movement organizations and people that seek to govern themselves."
4. That we are building the new society within the old. We will work collectively and together strategically and tactically to bring into existence the world we want over the long haul.
5. That all the work of the Southern Movement Assembly is centered in a set of Principles of Unity. These principles name who we are, what we believe, & our shared purpose for working together to regenerate the Southern Freedom Movement in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. These principles were developed by the Southern Movement Assembly participants.
6. That the Southern Movement Assembly is rooted in a structure built on Anchor Organizations, a Governance Council, and work teams.
7. That the Southern Movement Blueprint, produced in 2016, is the result of the critical, shared, circular process of coming together and distilling our practice from the early Assemblies to now to produce a strategic vision for change.
8. That SMA VII will capture the centrality of culture, the power of organizing throughout--before, during, and after--and the significance of synthesis for propelling our movement forward in these dangerous times.

Every Assembly moves the organizing further, sharpens the governance process, educates more deeply, and builds more clearly for our collective liberation.

## **A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE SMA**

SMA I, the initiating Southern Movement Assembly, was held in Lowndes County, Alabama in 2012. In the spirit of the Black Freedom struggle fifty years earlier, the gathering was historic and laid the groundwork to regenerate the Southern Freedom Movement in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

### **DECISION & ACTIONS: The Peoples First 100 Days Campaign launched**

SMA II was held in Jacksonville, Florida. By April of 2013, the George Zimmerman acquittal for the murder of Trayvon Martin was pushing the peoples' resistance. The state violence of this decision propelled the Walk for Dignity in July 2013.

### **DECISION & ACTIONS: Walk for Dignity from Jacksonville to Sanford, Florida**

SMA III occurred in Dothan, Alabama in August 2013. The Ordinary Peoples Society (TOPS) led the way, centering the leadership of the formerly incarcerated and the issue of the Prison Industrial Complex and mass incarceration.

SMA IV in Atlanta, Georgia in 2014, participants participated in Frontline Assemblies, enabling those working on the same issues to learn from each other and plan for future collaboration.

### **DECISION & ACTIONS: Building the Southern Movement Initiatives**

SMA V was held in August 2015 in New Orleans, Louisiana on Congo Square during the commemoration of 10 years of resistance since Hurricane Katrina. The Assembly was led by those who had been most impacted by state violence of neglect when confronting the unnatural disasters of Hurricanes Katrina, Rita, and the BP oil spill.

### **DECISION & ACTIONS: Launching the Southern Peoples Initiatives**

SMA V was organized in Chattanooga, Tennessee in October 2016 and a theme was Practicing Liberation. Groups deepened strategies within the work of the Southern Peoples Initiative to build a New Economy, Peoples Democracy, and Protect & Defend communities.

### **DECISION & ACTIONS: Southern Movement Blueprint: a Plan of Action in a Time of Crisis**

**The crux of the Blueprint includes an interconnected set of strategies:**

- **We Build Sanctuary Spaces, Gather Our People and Tear Down Walls through which we will develop strategies to practice liberation and strategies to dismantle oppression.**
- **We are building movement power and infrastructure through coordinated actions to build a New Social Economy, Peoples Democracy, & Protected and Defended Communities.**

# WELCOME to Whitakers!

Nestled in rural Whitakers, N.C., Franklinton Center at Bricks is a former plantation that was transformed into one of the first accredited schools for African Americans in the South. Today, it is a conference, retreat, and educational facility focusing on justice advocacy and leadership development. Franklinton Center also serves the local community through various partner projects, including food justice and literacy outreach and programming.

The Southern Movement Assembly is grateful to the incredible leaders of Bricks for working with us to create a powerful Southern Movement Village on these sacred grounds.

Check out the walking tours and historic information throughout the site!

**HISTORIC WALKING TOUR with Elly Mendez Angulo on Saturday at 9:30am**

## WHO is the Southern Movement Assembly?

**Anchor Organizations** align with the Principles of Unity, meet weekly and provide strategic direction, accumulate political analysis, initiate rapid response when needed, and coordinate the annual SMA, Organizing Intensive, and Work Teams. *(18 active anchors as of June 2017)*

**Participating Organizations** align with the Principles of Unity, participate in Southern Movement Assemblies, the annual Organizing Intensive, and participate in Work Teams that facilitate Community and Frontline Assemblies and support the overall organizing efforts. *(Over 100 organizations have participated in SMAs and have signed on to Southern Peoples Initiative as of June 2017)*

### Anchor Organizations in 2017

**Alternate ROOTS, Atlanta GA** - Regionally-based arts and cultural organizing network that supports artists in the South to work directly with community members to enhance organizing efforts. Coordinates regional and annual retreats for over 500 artists and community workers to share and develop their work.

**Black Belt Citizens Fighting for Health & Justice, Uniontown AL** – Black Belt Citizens organizes community members in rural Alabama to fight against toxic waste, water pollution, and the harmful effects of coal ash on people’s health & well-being. BBC hosted the 2015 Southern Peoples Organizing Intensive.

**Black Workers for Justice, Raleigh NC** - Organizes to build the strength and leadership of Black workers in the labor movement and the Southern Freedom movement. An anchor organization of the Southern Workers Assembly, BWFJ organizes against race, gender,

and religious discrimination in the workplace and for self-determination of all working & oppressed people.

**Crescent City Media Group, New Orleans LA** - Organizes with young people to teach video advocacy and filmmaking skills. Produces civic engagement media to support movement work. Challenges re-districting and the de-population patterns that have decimated the culture and people of the Gulf Coast since 2005.

**Concerned Citizens for Justice, Chattanooga TN** - CCJ organizes families to change policies that affect low income and working class people. CCJ anchored the sixth Southern Movement Assembly in 2016 and is working to establish a Freedom Center at Eastdale Community Church as part of implementing the Southern Movement Blueprint.

**Georgia Citizens' Coalition on Hunger, Georgia Statewide** - Organizes unemployed people to develop income alternatives, cultivate urban farm projects, and challenge voter suppression. The Coalition provides over 5,000 families with food and basic need assistance annually, and co-anchored the fourth Southern Movement Assembly in 2014.

**National Council of Elders, Southern regional** – The Council of Elders is an organized group of movement veterans who work to support emerging leaders. They create intergenerational spaces to connect the lessons of the 20<sup>th</sup> century movements to today's political moment.

**National Nurses Organizing Committee/ National Nurses United, national & Florida** – NNOC/NNU is a national union of Registered Nurses representing 150,000 RNs in collective bargaining including 10,000 RNs in southern states. NNOC/NNU is committed to social and economic justice including high quality health care for all, climate justice and the equitable distribution of wealth and income.

**New Jim Crow Movement, Jacksonville Florida** - Grassroots organization, won a victory in 2015 to reverse the guilty verdict of Marissa Alexander, a domestic violence survivor sentenced 20 years for firing a warning shot. Anchored the second Southern Movement Assembly in 2013 and called for the Walk for Dignity after the acquittal of Trayvon Martin's murderer.

**Project South, Atlanta & Regional** - Organizes with Black youth in Atlanta to advance the 10Mil4Real campaign. In addition to regional organizing and legal advocacy efforts to eliminate social control and poverty, Project South develops and provides comprehensive political education and acts as facilitative anchor to the Southern Movement Assembly.

**SpiritHouse, Durham North Carolina** - Works with low-wealth families and community members to uncover and uproot the systemic barriers that prevent people from gaining the resources, leverage, and capacity for long-term self-sufficiency. Organizes Harm Free Zones towards community autonomy and reducing reliance on law enforcement.

**STAY (Stay Together Appalachian Youth) Project, Central Appalachia** – A regional network of young people working together to develop an economically and environmentally sustainable Central Appalachia where young people have power to build and participate in their communities.

**The Ordinary Peoples Society, Dothan Alabama** - Organizes across Alabama with formerly incarcerated people, families, and young people to challenge disproportionate sentencing and to ensure fair voting practices. TOPS anchored the third Southern Movement Assembly in 2013 and multiple assemblies for Formerly Incarcerated People since 2007.

**University Sin Fronteras, multi-site campuses** - Facilitates education for community members on nine anchor campuses, as a vehicle for social movement development. Emancipatory education is informed by the wisdom of our communities to which we are accountable and ensures continuity of histories, cultural traditions, and legacies.

**U.S. Human Rights Network, National & Atlanta** – A national network of organizations and individuals who are working to build and strengthen a people-centered human rights movement in the U.S. led by people most impacted by climate change, racism, and poverty.

**Women Watch Afrika, Clarkston Georgia** - Organizes African immigrants to navigate legal and social services. Coordinates and facilitates community assemblies and spaces with youth, elders, and Latino immigrants to bridge cultural divides and advocate for progressive immigration reforms across the South. Anchor of 2017 Organizing Intensive.

## **HOW do we join the SMA?**

You are already a part of the Southern Movement Assembly!

Organizations, projects, or community groups sign on to advance the Southern Peoples Initiative which means coordinating our existing work, launching new campaigns, learning from each other, and deepening our collective impact.

To become a participating organization, **join the Southern Movement Assembly by committing to the Principles of Unity and signing up online:**

<http://southernmovement.nationbuilder.com/>

# LOCAL ANCHORS

## Who is SpiritHouse?

SpiritHouse uses culture, art and media to support the empowerment and transformation of communities most impacted by poverty, racism, gender inequity, criminalization and mass incarceration; through grassroots programs, cultural organizing and community collaborations.

### ***What We Believe***

We believe that grassroots leadership is directly and organically linked to community. We believe in the strength and ingenuity of the Black family, in all its configurations. We prioritize the leadership of people most impacted by systemic racism and oppression. We value intergenerational leadership that recognizes the genius of Black youth and the lived experience and wisdom of our elders. We believe that it is essential to take care of our communities as we take care of ourselves. We believe in internal and external participatory governance and democratic decision making. Lastly, we believe in our need and our ability to give and receive deep transformative collective healing, rooted in resilience, cultural practices and historical analysis.

## Who is Black Workers For Justice?

The BWFJ is an organization of Black workers formed in 1981 out of a struggle led by Black women workers at a K-mart store in Rocky Mount, North Carolina against race and gender discrimination. After organizing a boycott of the local K-mart store and reaching out to workers at other workplaces and communities, Black workers and community activists from 10 counties met at the First Missionary Baptist Church in Fremont, NC in June 1982 to form BWFJ as a statewide organization.

### ***Our Mission Statement***

BWFJ believes that African American workers need self organization to help empower ourselves at the workplace, in communities and throughout the whole of US society to organize, educate, mobilize and struggle for power, justice, self-determination and human rights for African Americans, other oppressed nationalities, women and all working class people whether employed or unemployed, union workers or unorganized. We work to build the strength and leadership of Black workers in the Black Freedom and labor movements.



# WHAT IS A PEOPLES MOVEMENT ASSEMBLY?

The Peoples Movement Assembly is a gathering of people to make decisions for collective action & power.

*The assembly collectively answers:*

- 1 **What are the problems we face?**
- 2 **What are the solutions?**
- 3 **What are we going to do about it?**

The assembly is a constellation of social movement organizations and people that seek to govern themselves.

It is not a network, not a coalition, not an alliance, and not a political party. It is inclusive and not exclusive to one ideology.

At the heart of the assembly process is a project to dismantle patriarchy, racism, poverty, capitalism, oppression, exploitation, and violence while replacing those systems with movement governance and liberated institutions.

The assembly creates an open space for people to enter social movements and become active participants and leaders. The assembly is facilitated to encourage maximum participation at the community level, on particular frontlines, and across social movements.

The assembly is a decolonizing process that is based on a theory of change that people can create processes that dismantle colonial, neocolonial, and neoliberal systems while at the same time creating a new society.

The assembly is multiracial, multigenerational, multi-ideological, and multi-gendered. The assembly brings all voices together in order to synthesize and collectively agree on action steps.

**DOWNLOAD the Peoples Movement Assembly Organizing Handbook [HERE at www.peoplesmovementassembly.org](http://www.peoplesmovementassembly.org)**

## **SYNTHESIS is the process we use to make decisions & commit to action**

- **The totality of matter, body, mind, soul and spirit (universal synthesis)**
- **Collective thinking in a multi-disciplinary convergence that fuses large amounts of information into a single integrated body of knowledge (new knowledge)**
- **A combination of ideas that form a pattern, theory, or (new) system**
- **A 'benchmark' of qualitative development and impact in the process of systemic change**

# SOUTHERN PEOPLES INITIATIVES

## A plan of action in a time of crisis

### Enough is Enough

## WHAT is the work we DO together?

*Six Southern Movement Assemblies have convened 1000s of people since 2012, and we synthesized our bold visions into a strategic framework called the **Southern Peoples Initiative**, represented by the **Southern Movement Blueprint**. We use multiple strategies including: Grassroots Organizing; Political Education; Direct Action; and Policy & Legal Initiatives to accomplish our goals. The full Blueprint can be downloaded at [www.southtosouth.org](http://www.southtosouth.org)*

We recognize that our communities are the source of our strength in times of crisis. We are proud to be part of movements that refuse to be divided, movements that are lifting the voices of Muslims, immigrants, Black, indigenous, LGBTQ communities, and all movements that work to protect our people. We are building decolonization strategies to free our minds, free our bodies, and free our people. We believe in a liberated South that honors the culture, dignity and safety for all. This includes the liberation of the land, bodies, economies, and political power of all oppressed people. We are committed to shaping our world for the common good, out of a deep love for our people and the land. We assume all our people are of worth and deserve everything we need to reach our full potential. We can win.

### WE BUILD NEW SOCIAL ECONOMIES

The Southern Movement Assembly coordinates just transition strategies that interrupt and confront extractive and exploitative economies and builds new institutions like community-controlled funds and practices of community-based agriculture, land trusts, and participatory budgeting. Organizations develop education and organizing to generate knowledge and strategies for a people's economy.

### WE PRACTICE PEOPLES DEMOCRACY

Southern Movement Assembly organizations build coordinated local community governance for movement power. We challenge legal barriers to political participation, expand civic engagement beyond the vote, and organize political education and voter mobilization campaigns. We also practice local and neighborhood assemblies that deepen our public and civic engagement year-round.

### WE PROTECT & DEFEND COMMUNITIES

The Southern Movement Assembly works to eliminate state violence in all its forms, including incarceration, social control, medical violence, and military violence that displaces people globally and locally. These strategies and projects coordinate community resistance to violence, rapid response to crisis, disaster preparedness.

## Quick Glossary of Terms

*What we mean when we say:*

- **White Supremacy** - is a systemic structure within our institutions, our prisons, our schools, our hospitals, & our government, based in legacies and histories of enslavement and colonialism that advance the notion that Black lives, culture, lived experiences, etc., are not as valuable as those of white people.
- **Economic Exploitation** - a persistent social relationship in which certain persons are being mistreated or unfairly used for the material benefit of others. In other words, when one group of people profits off another group of people's work.
- **LGBTQ** - lesbian, gay, bi-sexual, transgender and queer people. Term describes people's sexuality and communities of people who do not conform to gender or sexual norms.
- **Black** - People of African origin. Using this term assures that we include all Black people, not just those whose lineage is tied to North America. This term also connects us to the political and communal power of Black people from all over the world who have fought for the liberation of people of African origin.
- **State Violence**- State violence is harm caused to people in communities by agents of the state or laws and actions of the state. Cases of police brutality and murders are often clear examples of state violence, but the term also refers to long-term harm caused by disinvestment and structural poverty, mass incarceration, gentrification and displacement. These represent some of the primary root causes of violence and crime in the community.
- **Capital/Capitalism** - Capital simply means privately owned land, money, equipment, buildings, or resources that can be used to invest or make products or services. Capitalism is the economic system we live under where people who own capital use other people's labor to benefit a few. Capitalism has to constantly grow and exploit people, by design, so it not only fails to meet the basic needs of communities and people, but harms our environment and our health in the process and fuels wars with other countries for control of land and resources.
- **Gentrification** - A process through which historically neglected and disinvested communities are 'revitalized' to attract and benefit middle and upper-class predominantly white people. This is driven by public land and tax policies and heavy investment in urban real estate. Over time, middle and upper class people move into these communities, increase their wealth through increasing property values, and drive up the cost of living and very often forces out or displaces long-time residents.

**CHECK OUT WEBSITES FOR  
MORE INFORMATION, HISTORY, & RESOURCES:**

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[WWW.PEOPLESMOVEMENTASSEMBLY.ORG](http://WWW.PEOPLESMOVEMENTASSEMBLY.ORG)**