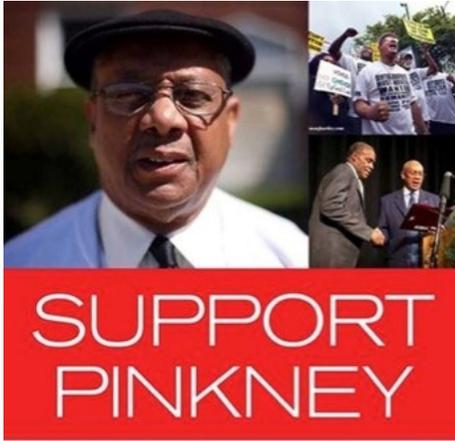


“Corporate Dictatorship, Austerity, & Criminalization: What Will It Take To Win!”

The Women’s Economic Agenda Project Teach-In & Dialogue



BENTON HARBOR, MI IS GROUND ZERO
IN THE FIGHT AGAINST FASCISM!

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Welcome and Introductions

- Women’s Economic Agenda Project, Allies and Presenters

Class Rights Under Attack

- Water Shutoffs and privatization of public resources
- Criminalization and police attacks
- Emergency Manager = Corporate Dictatorship

Guest Speakers

- Reverend Edward Pinkney - Benton Harbor
- Claire McClinton, Retiree UAW - Flint
- Sylvia Orduno - Michigan Welfare Rights Union - Detroit

FIGHTING TO WIN - The Value of Class Solutions Going Forward

- Proposed Solutions going forward from WEAP and other Leaders

Sharing of Class Tools

- Resolutions of Action, WEAP Fact Sheets, Articles and Videos

Round Table Discussion

- Small Group Breakouts: Sharing & feedback

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WEAP is excited to continue our **2014 Teach-In series** that advance the **Resolutions of Action** that came out of the **World Courts of Women in 2012**. As we move from an economy based on human labor to production by computer-controlled machines, we are seeing dramatic and troubling shifts in society. Massive displacement is pushing families in every direction but up. The wealth/poverty gap is wider than it has ever been in history, and it's only getting wider. WEAP will be hosting an ongoing educational series exploring these and other issues, providing critical opportunities for leadership through dialogue and education with the overall goal of rejecting austerity and proposing solutions going forward.

Did you know that in July 1917, a white mob ransacked and massacred the black community in East St Louis, across the Mississippi River from St. Louis, burning homes and killing men, women and children indiscriminately. From the Web: "Official figures count 39 black and nine white dead, but other estimates count upwards of 100 African-American deaths. It was one of the deadliest race riots in US history, its dramatic horror highlighted by the purposeful pen of WEB Dubois:"

'So hell flamed in East St Louis! The white men drove even black union men out of their unions and when the black men, beaten by night and assaulted, flew to arms and shot back at the marauders, five thousand rioters arose and surged like a crested stormwave, from noonday until midnight; they killed and beat and murdered; they drove victims into the flames and hanged the helpless to the lighting poles. Fathers were killed before the faces of mothers; children were burned; thieves went through houses and firebrands followed; bodies were thrown from bridges; and rocks and bricks flew through the air.'

We are seeing the same attacks today! When leaders stand up to fight they are being attacked and punished as in the case of Reverend Pinkney of Benton Harbor. We're honored to bring Reverend Pinkney and other leaders from Michigan to share their lessons and the way these struggles connect to what's happening here in the Bay area. This special moment of solidarity comes in light of the mass water shutoffs imposed by the City of Detroit despite evidence that residents can't pay these rising utility costs as well as the movement building across the nation in response to the increased police attacks in communities of color.

WEAP's Teach-ins provide a platform for working and poor families to begin to recognize the situation we face, explore common themes of oppression and continue to build a transformative movement to guarantee human rights and end poverty in the richest country in the world. Only by building a broad transformative movement aimed at protecting worker's rights as human rights and securing collective control over the necessities of life can we fulfill the dream of the ages and the demands of the movement on all fronts of today's struggles.