



W.L. NOLEN
MENTORSHIP
PROGRAM

Student
GUIDE MANUAL

2020 - Focused on Staying in Touch, Rebuilding



When a prisoner transforms their commonsense mentality into a revolutionary mentality, and then commits themselves to fighting racism, fascism, oppression, imperialism, pig brutality, etc. and they are persecuted for these political activities/ beliefs, placed in solitary confinement, and/ or denied parole they become a legal COMBATANT for their political beliefs, thus a “political prisoner.”

This criteria is supported by the United Nations and global community. And every time the Jericho Movement and other PP/POW support organizations fail to support us and recognize our status as “political prisoners” it only facilitates our political torture, persecution, and isolation, and ultimately fortifies our suffering!!

The W.L. Nolen Mentorship Program



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The W.L. Nolen Mentorship Program (W.L.N.M.P.) is a revolutionary Black/New Afrikan political education initiative that aims to foster peer-mentorship, spiritually nourishing connections, and build political community across prison walls. The Program was conceived by incarcerated New Afrikan revolutionary Kijana Tashiri Askari, over the course of his twenty-plus year period of captivity in California's Pelican Bay Security Housing Unit. Many of you have seen references to his writing and art in various published scholarly and activist texts.

History of the WLNMP

Brother Askari started the WLNMP in 2012, and since that time it has gone through a number of different iterations. Most recently, it has been in the process of restructuring at an organizational and administrative level. They are currently recruiting outside members to help on an administrative level. If this is something you are interested in please reach out to comrade "C" at PO Box 408197, Chicago IL 60640 for info how to plug in.

For those who are not familiar with the name, W.L. Nolen was one of the founders of the Black Liberation Movement in the California Prison System, along with Comrade George Jackson. Comrade Nolen was instrumental in shaping and molding the exemplary model of undaunting resistance that many of Black/New Afrikan prisoners emulate today.

Unique to the WLNMP is the way it serves as a bridge not only between imprisoned folk and correspondents on the so-called “outside,” but also between incarcerated people in different places. The program enables life sustaining connections from different social positions, while simultaneously fostering a network (and the infrastructure) for incarcerated people to organize among themselves.

If you have access to the web, more information on the program’s past iterations can be found at the following links:

<https://sfbayview.com/2013/03/the-w-l-nolen-mentorship-program/>

<https://kijanatashiriaskari.wordpress.com/category/w-l-nolen-mentorship-program/>

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Mission Statement

The W.L. Nolen Mentorship Program (W.L.N.M.P.) is a community-based abolition organization that been constructed in order to provide the people of our communities with an opportunity to connect with, and engage the current class and generation of New Afrikan Black revolutionaries on several fronts. There are many within our communities who have unfortunately succumbed to an incorrect level of understanding, that the Black and Afrikan Black Liberation Movement, as it was once constructed under the tutelage and guidance of such beautiful and courageous New Afrikan Black brothas like W.L. Nolen, William Christmas, James McClain, Cleveland Edwards, Alvin “Sweet Jugs” Miller, Jeffrey “Khatari” Gaulden, comrade George Jackson, and countless others – has somehow ended. Unfortunately this is a myth manufactured by the state and corporate media. In reality these brothas were murdered by the fascist goons of tis police state!!

Thus, there is an urgent need for this level of false consciousness to be corrected, as the New Afrikan Black Liberation Movement as it existed in the 60’s and 70’s, is still being propagated today, as predicated upon the continuum of the same ideological struggle of New Afrikan revolutionary nationalism (N.A.R.N.), which entails resisting the litany of human rights abuses, such as:



genocide that is based upon systemic cultural deprivation and social isolation; torture by way of indefinite solitary confinement; institutional racism; police brutality; arbitrary parole board denials that is based upon our political beliefs/activities; inadequate food and nutrition; inadequate medical and mental health care; being deprived of our First Amendment Constitutional (e.g. “Human Rights”) freedoms of speech, expression, and association; falsely labeling prisoners as gang members, etc.

Objectives

The W.L.N.M.P. will serve as a medium to negate the level of false consciousness amongst the people, by providing the people of our communities with a correct understanding of today’s New Afrikan Black Liberation Movement via the social principles of **“each one – teach one”** (e.g. “communal-cooperative work”) where the people will have the opportunity to learn and educate themselves on various issues by corresponding with New Afrikan Black revolutionaries.

For those individuals who are not familiar with the social concept of **“each one – teach one”** (e.g. “communal-cooperative”) it essentially entails, replacing **“individualism”** with **“collectivism,”** where the problems of the **“individual”** become the problems of the **“community,”** by speaking with one voice via our collective struggles of unified activity, that is geared

towards finding and developing community-based solutions that will protect the health of our communities. Hence, participants of the W.L.N.M.P. are encouraged to discuss and write about any personal issue that they need mentorship with, as we New Afrikan Black revolutionaries can provide tutelage and guidance in a number of areas such as: 1) violence-prevention and intervention; 2) how to develop critical thinking skills; 3) cultural tolerance and sensitivity; 4) nurturing and supportive neighborhood groups ; 5) support for single mothas; 6) economic empowerment; 7) how to overcome alcohol; 8) domestic violence conflict resolution; 9) how to avoid negative peer-pressure; 10) providing tools to help develop community responsibility and awareness.

A study guide will be provided to the people, as a part of the W.L.N.M.P., so the people will have additional tools to raise their level of understanding of the New Afrikan Black Liberation Movement as it is presently constructed in today's slave kamps (e.g. "prisons"). The issue of being right or wrong as it pertains to the material in the study guide is of no real significance, as freedom is a constant struggle!!



Land of the Free, Home of the slave



Q: When was Amerika ever
great? During the slave trade?
The Jim Crow Era? Watergate?
Contra? Vietnam? ...



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GREAT AGAIN!



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Communique from True Leap Press

True Leap Press is a radical publishing collective currently based in Chicago. We distribute political education materials free-of-charge through social media and our blog, and sell our books throughout the city and at various events to support our various projects.

Over the last two years we slowly—and not without growing pains—have begun building different networks and infrastructure for circulating such educational materials at no cost to imprisoned people throughout the country. In the following catalog you'll find a variety of different subjects and topics, as well as some more specific authors and titles that we offer for mail order. All that is required is a written letter noting interest in any of the listings of the catalog. If possible donations are always welcome. (We only accept stamps as donation at this time.) (We also are open for inside volunteers to run literature, if that's something you're into, just let me know.)

In several states, we have been building relationships with inside activists who are leading reading and study groups in the gulags of California, Pennsylvania, Illinois, and South Carolina. Our journal *Propter Nos* has already been used for two years as a tool for building connections between different tendencies of the prisons struggle, with receipt of its inclusion in rotation amongst prisoners in over a dozen states.

Our new catalog offers a variety of options for folks to choose from and use in self-organized study groups. There is a wide diversity in terms of both content and opinion, but all of our materials are shared with the intention of revolutionary consciousness raising and *grassroots* abolitionist movement-building. We are fundamentally anti-racist, anti-capitalist, and anti-patriarchy. As an organization we are committed to supporting the intellectual flourishing of global insurrections against anti-Blackness, white supremacy, heteropatriarchy, colonialism, and racial capitalism. Primarily we do this by providing high quality Black and radical anti-racist critical theory and analysis for organizers and all

interested readers, primarily in the form of our flag-ship journal, our new catalog/newsletter, our digital platforms, public events (such as convenings and talks), and the distribution of DIY zines.

Any inquiries or requests for reading materials can be directed to the following addresses:

True Leap Press & Distribution
P.O. Box 408197
Chicago IL, 60640

Our catalog and several other original works can also be requested free of charge from:

South Chicago ABC Zine Distro
P.O. Box 721
Homewood IL, 60430

Chicago Books to Women in
Prison
4511 N. Hermitage Ave.
Chicago IL, 60640

To order zines please send us a letter stating either of the following:

*Choose a topic from the “TOPICS” listings that you wish to learn more about and we will send you related zines.... OR
...list the title or numbers from the “Zines & Other Works” list that you would like to read and we will mail you them.*

TOPICS

*Black Studies
Ethnic Studies
Native Studies
Marxism
Feminism
Gender, Sexuality, & Queer Politics
Disability Justice
Prison Abolition
Radical Prisoner Activism*

*Self-Care
Accountability
Community Organizing
Black and Brown Solidarity
History of the Prison-Industrial
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*the Real U.S. imperialist
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