

Southern Movement Assembly

Lowndes County AL, September 2012

Over 250 community leaders gathered on the historic grounds of Tent City in Lowndes County, Alabama to regenerate our southern movement history and reinvigorate how we work together to shape the world in which we live. Tent City, operated from 1965-1967 by the Lowndes County Freedom Organization was ground zero for the voting rights movement as part of the radical southern freedom movement.

On September 22nd 2012 the Southern Movement Assembly in Lowndes County made up of poor and working class people representing Black, queer, youth, elder, and migrant communities, declared:

The southern freedom movement is alive! We are many, and we fight on frontlines of violence, incarceration, poverty, and displacement.

We believe in liberating our resources – our land, bodies, economies, and political power - for the dignity and safety 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 will create a balance of power with greater responsibility and respect for each other, our cultures, and our environments.

Our shared plan is to launch a Peoples First Hundred Days (P-100D) beginning the day after the national elections, from November 7 through February 15, 2013.

During the Peoples First 100 Days Campaign the Southern Freedom Movement will connect and share with each other, advance our local struggles as part of this larger movement, and coordinate five major actions throughout the Southeast: N7, Community Assemblies, MLK Day, February 14th, and the National Student Bill of Rights youth-led actions.

These actions further our local struggles and connect us all to a larger Southern Freedom Movement, under the banner Nobody is Free Until Everybody is Free.