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Reviving Rev. Dr. King's 1968 Poor People's Campaign

By Rev. Robert K. Hoggard

Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. worked very hard tackling institutional racism and capitalism during his short but very effective life. Toward the end of his life, King focused on the nuances between race and class. King said in a 1967 sermon, "The unfortunate thing about [the slogan] Black Power is that it gives priority to race precisely at a time when the impact of automation and other forces have made the economic question fundamental for blacks and whites alike. In this context a slogan 'Power for Poor People' would be much more appropriate than the slogan 'Black Power.'"

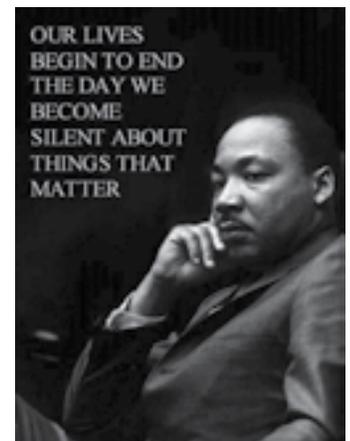
One could tell from this statement that King believed

race was important because people of color happen to be impacted by poverty very deeply. However, we need to have a multi-racial united coalition on tackling capitalism. This coalition must place people out front who are daily impacted by the negligence of capitalism and other connected social issues. We must understand this. When we aren't directly impacted by the issues that we fight on we have to search for those who are deeply impacted and empower them to lead the struggle for social justice.

Capitalism and institutional racism are gateway issues of sorts. The greed that fuels capitalism seeks

to take advantage of students who are victims of poorly funded schools. The greed that drives capitalism does not care that we believe healthcare is a human right. The greed that flies the jet plane named capitalism does not care about the stagnation wages that tipped-wage workers or fast-food workers have to see every pay period. Capitalism is what keeps our New York State prisons full. It's not crime. It's capitalism.

As our friends at Just Leadership USA teach us, nearly 70% of people in New York's jails have not been convicted. These citizens are legally innocent; however, they are harbored in jail because of our state's conser-



vative bail, speedy-trial and discovery laws. The municipal greed we see in this country seeks to use policing to drive revenue streams for cities and has nothing

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Founded in 1965, Metro Justice, an affiliate of Citizen Action of New York, is Rochester's leading grassroots, member-driven, progressive organization working for social and economic justice, and racial change. When we join together to demand a more fair and just society, our individual voices are louder, our efforts more effective, our power greater.

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Metro Justice Council meets on the third Monday of the month at 7pm. Meetings are open to the public. If you would like to speak, please phone Andrew Thomas, andrew@metrojustice.org, 585-397-3535 or info@metrojustice.org.

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to do with making us safer. In fact, it's no secret that many people of color feel unsafe around law enforcement -- people who are public servants and depend on taxpayers to pay their salaries. Institutional racism intersects with these issues because these issues deeply impact people of color and are interwoven into the fabric of institutions.

The Civil Rights Movement was magnificent because it dismantled upfront racism. However, the greatness of the Civil Rights Era brought us to the doorstep of another problem. The actors of racism grew smarter and worked to institutionalize racism because outward racism like forcing Blacks to drink at separate water fountains was challenged by courageous activists. When we look around, we see institutional racism in fraudulent public school funding. We see institutional racism in the way cities police in communities of color. We see institutional racism in the criminal justice system.

As an NAACP fact sheet says, "African Americans are incarcerated at more than five times the rate of whites... The imprisonment rate for African American women is twice that of white women."

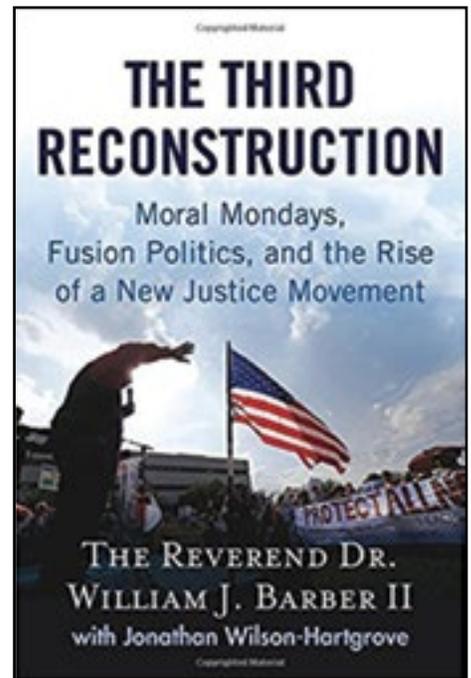
The Census Bureau released the following information: "8.5 million people reported deep poverty, which means a household income below 50 percent of their 2016 poverty threshold. These individuals represented an estimated 5.8 percent of all Americans and 45.6 percent of those in poverty." We can definitely see that institutional racism is built into our capitalist society.

We must applaud our organization, Metro Justice, for building coalitions around tackling these prevalent issues in our society. We have to pick-up where King left off and courageously challenge our political leaders to respond to the issues we see in a transformative way.

The New Poor People's Campaign is already off the ground and will be holding actions. If you feel passionately about racial justice in general or this new national campaign you must join the resistance in the streets.

Rev. Dr. William J. Barber II said, "As our social fabric is stretched thin by widening income inequality, politicians criminalize the poor, fan the flames of racism and xenophobia to divide the poor, and steal from the poor to get tax breaks to the rich and budget increases to a bloated military."

We are at an important crossroad that will shape how we will move forward in this country to address the



Metro Justice is organizing a book club to read and discuss Rev. Dr. William Barber's book, *The Third Reconstruction*. Contact andrew@metrojustice.org for more information.

issues the Poor People's Campaign brought up in the 1960's.

Moving forward we must grapple with the following questions: How long will we make excuses for political leaders managing century-old problems? How long will organizational leaders find all the right reasons to promise so much and serve so little?

If we're going to win today, we need to get ready to fight until we get what we want. We need to be willing to shut down the greed of the state capital, the inhumane conditions of restaurants, the false sense of community at Wegmans and the self-indulgence of the healthcare industry. As we always say: When we fight, we win!

Now Forming Membership & Fundraising Committee

Be part of growing the organization and building the movement.
Open to all members.

Interested?
Contact Andrew Thomas at
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Racial Justice: It's up to Us

By Pat Mannix

It seems the subject of racism grows larger and louder every day. As more people become aware of the history and extent of this structural evil in our country and home communities, they are angry and want to push back. But often it just seems too overwhelming.

Racial justice with true equity needs to be pursued in three ways: legislation, education and disruption. In the last election we witnessed two suburban towns, Henrietta and Pittsford, elect their first black board members ever. Brighton also elected a black woman, their second only. These voter choices all followed incidents of racism in the respective towns. In Brighton and Pittsford it was racist flyers that were distributed, and in Henrietta it was racist remarks by the Town Supervisor as well as a discrimination suit brought by town employees. So disruption contributed to legislation.

The Racial Justice Initiative has been working for equity for almost 11 years. Mostly it has been in the form of education. We recently underwent a reorgani-

zation of how we operate, brought about by a desire to spend less time at meetings talking and more time actually working on racial injustice. We now have formed four ad hoc committees. Two will focus on education: the workshop committee and the film series committee. Two will work directly on issues: the bail reform committee and the RTS bus terminal security committee. We will also be involved with the Police Accountability Alliance, working to change the way police behavior is monitored in Rochester.

We invite anyone interested in any of these areas to come and join us. Each group will work independently as they see fit to get the job done. If you would be interested in learning more or coming to a work meeting, or if you have another issue and idea for consideration, contact Judy Sternberg at jssternberg3b@gmail.com.

There is always something you can contribute to make things better. President Obama stated a large truth when he once said, "The best way not to feel hopeless is to get up and do something."

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~ President, Barack Obama**



Restaurant workers and community supporters hold a press conference calling attention to and speaking out against the Trump Administrations efforts to empower restaurant owners to to garner the server's tips, effectively legalizing tip theft.



Education Organizer, Mercedes Phelan Mike address this years Women's March about the importance of intersectionality in progressive organizing.



Outgoing President, Denise Young addresses new and prospective members our first New Member orientation at the end of January.

THE ROCHESTER COMMITTEE ON LATIN AMERICA INVITES YOU TO



The 29th Annual Rice & Beans Dinner & White Dove Awards

Friday, April 6, 2018, 5:15pm
Gates Presbyterian Church
1049 Wegman Road

Ticket Prices:

Hero, \$100; Champion, \$50;
Friend, \$30; Student, \$15. We
encourage organizations to buy
a table for 8 at \$25 per person.

Reservations:

To reserve your space, contact
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Quarter-page, \$40; Half-page, \$75;
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The Rice & Beans Dinner helps raise the funds that enable ROCLA to support more than 20 groups in the U.S. and Latin America that fight for justice and human rights. At a time when the current administration is taking U.S. policy in Latin America and immigration policy in the U.S. backward, *your support is more needed than ever.*

This year, ROCLA will honor **Dr. M. Brinton Lykes, Professor of Community-Cultural Psychology and Co-Director of the Center for Human Rights and International Justice at Boston College**, with the International White Dove Award. For three decades, Dr. Lykes has worked with survivors of war and gross violations of human rights such as torture, including in Guatemala with Maya women who suffered gender and racial violence during the civil war.

The New York farmworker organization **Alianza Agricola and the UR Dreamers** will share the Local White Dove Award for their work inspiring and organizing their directly affected members to fight for their own rights, which is critical to building a successful immigrant rights movement.

The evening will feature a wonderful meal, live and silent auctions, and presentations by the White Dove Award winners.

Come and enjoy!

ROCLA: ROCHESTER COMMITTEE ON LATIN AMERICA

Ciudad Hermana/Sister City Report

MJ's Ciudad Hermana Changes Lives



Before joining the Amigos en Acción program, eleven-year-old Yordy was a shy, timid boy who would worry when he couldn't finish his homework because he didn't have the resources, or because his family couldn't help him. As the oldest child in his family, he has to learn everything first, and since his family members had to leave school early to start working, they don't have the skills to be able to support Yordy and his younger siblings with their homework.

However, in 2016 Yordy had the opportunity to join the Amigos en Acción program, started by Martha Rojas and Ashley Sullivan to support 4th through 6th grade Ciudad Hermana scholarship recipients and other children from the community. In the program, about 25 students like Yordy receive help with their homework, eat a healthy snack, and receive English classes taught by Ashley, a native of Rochester, NY, who has lived in El Sauce since 2012. Students attend the program from 8:00-11:00 in the morning from Mondays through Fridays (they go to school in the afternoon). In the program, students have textbooks available to them, in addition to school supplies and resources that they need to complete their homework. They also have access to children's books in Spanish, which is like a treasure to them since they don't have books at home, and their school libraries are mostly filled with textbooks or outdated books that are falling apart. In English class, they have the chance to get outside their comfort zones and learn a new language in a fun, interactive way.

Fast forward to December 2017, a group of high school students visited El Sauce from Flagstaff,

Arizona, to volunteer with the Amigos en Acción program, leading art projects with our students. Yordy confidently introduced himself in English to the students and told them "Good morning. My name is Yordy. I am eleven years old. How are you?" Yordy and his classmates had a blast exploring their creative side with this group, decorating bags, making Christmas ornaments, bracelets, paper plate animals, and

much more.

While this might just sound like a nice experience, it was transformational for many of our students. The thing is, these kids don't have art class in school, so this experience for them was an opportunity to create something with materials they had never seen before, and then get to take it home and show it off to their families and neighborhood friends.

This year, we will be starting our third year of Amigos en Acción, giving stu-

dents like Yordy the chance to have confidence in themselves, to learn how to be a good friend, to work together and to express themselves in ways they never had the chance to before. Angie has come out of her shell in the two years she has participated, and her mom tells us that she cries if she isn't able to come to class one day. Please help us to keep these dreams alive for our students!

-Ashley Sullivan,
January 2018, El Sauce,
Nicaragua

How touching it is to read Ashley's words and understand the impact of Amigos en Acción, which is supported by funds from Ciudad Hermana. And this is one of several projects funded by Ciudad Hermana that enrich the lives of our neighbors in Nicaragua.

Our scholarship program allows 125 children to attend school by providing them uniforms, shoes, backpacks, and school supplies. Our microloan program has helped many women start small businesses, and all have repaid their loans. Every year we build a well in a village or neighborhood, allowing people the convenience of a clean water source near their homes.

With our amazing team of Martha Rojas and Ashley Sullivan supervising our projects in El Sauce, we are able to spread our resources to serve many people. The support of Metro Justice is critical to our mission, and we thank the many MJ members who have contributed to our efforts for many years.

MJ Elder Justice Committee Report

MJ Elder Justice Committee Report, presented at the
Metro Justice 2018 Annual Members Meeting

Furthering Elder Justice

By Ken Traub,
Elder Justice Committee Co-chair

The mission of the Elder Justice Committee is to enable elders to live purposeful, self-directed, meaningful lives in their homes and community. These past few years we have concentrated our efforts on long-term care facilities, better known as nursing homes.

These statistics and events will tell you why:

According to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, 52% of Americans turning 65 today will eventually develop a disability requiring long-term-care services.

20% of long-term nursing home residents are inappropriately given dangerous antipsychotic drugs which are frequently used as “chemical restraints” allowing a nursing home to get by with fewer staff, while 33% of Medicare short-term residents in nursing homes have been harmed, according to a 2014 Office of the Inspector General study.

A survey designed and conducted by our committee resulted in 69% of respondents saying that their nursing home was short-staffed, and an almost equal number saying that staff does not react in a timely manner to calls for assistance.

At the urging of an Elder Justice committee member who lost her mom because of a negligent nursing home, the NYS comptroller conducted an audit of the state Department of Health Nursing Home Surveillance Division which they released in February

2016. The audit documented lax enforcement of regulations by the Surveillance Division and showed a 5-year 90% decline in fines they levied against nursing homes for violations.

So, what have we been doing to address the horrendous issues that affect the safety and quality of life of our community’s nursing home residents?

In mid-2017 we analyzed NYS Department of Health data on nursing home fines levied since the comptroller’s report was released and convinced the comptroller’s staff to do a follow-up review to determine if the report had been ignored. They agreed to do so and told us we can expect its release in a couple

of months.

Studies of nursing homes have long shown that resident safety and quality of care depend upon the home’s number of nurses and aides, with the best nursing homes having more staff. Although 36 states specify minimum staffing levels, New York state does not. The state Assembly has passed the Safe Staffing for Quality bill that specifies minimum staffing levels for both nursing homes and hospitals; however, the NYS Senate Republican Health Committee chairman has refused to bring the bill to the Senate floor for a vote. Elder Justice Committee members have met with staff persons of Senators Funke, Gallivan, and Robach to urge them to both

co-sponsor the bill and to take a lead in getting it passed. To date, only Senator Robach has signed on as a co-sponsor.

Twice a year we compile and distribute a table of the federal government’s one-to-five-star ratings of the 34 Monroe County nursing homes, which greatly helps the public select nursing homes for further investigation. This comparison and links to additional resources can be found on the Elder Justice section of the Metro Justice website.

If you would like to learn more or are considering joining our efforts, please check our website: www.metrojustice.org/elder_justice



A Peace Platform

MJ Peace Action and Education

“Peace work” has been a part of Metro Justice’s mission for decades, strengthened obviously after the merger of Peace, Justice, Education Center and Metro Act. The Peace Action and Education Task Force (PA&E TF) is the principal arm carrying forward our organization’s work on issues of opposition to war, nuclear disarmament, increased militarization of the economy, etc. Council became concerned that with the destabilizing international situation, fueled by US saber-rattling and other “policy initiatives” of the Trump Administration, we had need of clarity on where we stand. The Council therefore asked the PA&E TF to draft a document which could serve as Metro Justice’s policy statement on a range of issues, falling within the peace and disarmament framework. In the process of this compilation, we decided that it was finally time to take on the very difficult task of crafting a position on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. We know that members have very strong view points on this - and that they sometimes conflict dramatically. To help us navigate this terrain Council has convened a small working group, with representative viewpoints and that the results of this dialog would be presented to Council to be included in this document and publicized to the membership. These important deliberations mean a great deal to our organization and our individual commitments to “peace keeping.” If we can’t find common ground within a group of like-minded persons committed to racial, economic and social justice, where does hope rest? What follows is a summary of the PA&E TF’s draft document, minus any language on Israel-Palestine. The progress of this work will be reported to you at a later date.

- Denise Young, Outgoing President of Metro Justice

We oppose the illegal US wars of aggression and proxy wars around the globe, causing untold suffering abroad and impoverishing our own citizens while eviscerating their freedoms.

We call for the dismantling of the vast network of US military bases around the globe. These bases surround Russia and China and interfere with the sovereignty of Third World nations, which consider the United States the biggest threat to global peace and to their own security.

We call for an end to the secretive, indiscriminate use of drones for targeted killing in countries with which we are not at war, resulting in the slaughter of thousands of alleged militants and innocent civilians and creating new enemies across the globe.

We condemn the intensified militarism pervading our society, celebrated and honored in films and television, video games and sporting events. We condemn the militarization of police forces and the proliferation of “military academies” and JROTC programs throughout the nation’s schools. We condemn predatory military recruitment in schools targeting poor youth of color.

We condemn the cowardly abrogation by Congress of its Constitutional responsibilities to declare war and its uncritical endorsement of an endless “war on terror.”

We condemn uncritical Congressional support for runaway military spending, which supports the massive defense industry at the expense of such domestic needs as environmental protection, health-care, education, infrastructure investments, and job training.

We condemn the blatant disregard for the nations’ veterans, by a corrupted system that covers up interminable wait times and an epidemic of untreated Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder that leads to pervasive domestic violence, drug and alcohol addiction, unemployment, homelessness, and 22 veteran suicides a day.

We oppose the exorbitant renovation of our nuclear arsenal, in violation of the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty. We demand instead US ratification of the United Nations Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty and the recently adopted UN Nuclear Weapons Ban Treaty.

We demand continued US adherence to the negotiated “Iran Nuclear Deal” and an acknowledgment that Iran is in full compliance with the treaty. We condemn any US Interference in Iran’s current political unrest to destabilize the country.

We call for diplomacy with North Korea and an end to military exercises and violent rhetoric that threaten possible negotiations.

We call for an end to US support for the horrific Saudi war against Yemen, the poorest country in the Middle East, causing a humanitarian disaster of disease, famine and violence.

We call for the immediate withdrawal of all US forces from Syria and a staged withdrawal from Iraq. We call for an end to US funding and arming of undemocratic proxy forces in Syria.

We call for an immediate withdrawal from Afghanistan of all US troops and support for ongoing negotiations between the government and the Taliban. After 16 years of US war, at the cost of untold Afghan lives and many American lives, we have accomplished none of our goals.

MEMBER'S CORNER

The Metro Justice Newsletter is committed to creating a space for members to share information and opinions on any topic of potential interest to the progressive community in Rochester but that is not directly related to the ongoing work of the organization. If you are a member of Metro Justice and would like to submit a piece of no more than 500 words, please email andrew@metrojustice.org. Submissions must be comradely in nature and must not contradict the Mission or Strategic Plan of Metro Justice.

Defend Afrin!

By Crescenzo Scipione

After 4 long years, the Islamic State is all but gone. The fascist caliphate that once controlled a significant portion of Syria has now been reduced to a few remote hold-outs. Much of the liberated territory has become part of the new Democratic Federation of Northern Syria, where there's a revolution underway.

Northern Syria's administration is based on an ideology called Democratic Confederalism. The region's administration begins at the neighborhood level, where every few dozen households forms a commune. Communes and popular assemblies elect representatives who make up the governing councils at the village, town, and city levels. These federate upward into regional and territory-wide councils.

At all levels of the confederal system, women make up at least 40% of all coun-

cils and occupy at least one of each council's co-presidencies. Arabs, Kurds, and other ethnic groups each have proportional representation. Northern Syria's economy is a mix between a public sector owned by local councils, a growing sector of worker cooperatives, and a few private farmlands.

Basically, Northern Syria is a socialist democracy where political power flows from the bottom-up, where the children chant "Jin, Jiyan, Azadi!" - "Women, Life, Freedom!"

The revolution is under attack. Turkey has launched a brutal attack on Afrin, Northern Syria. The Turkish state is afraid that Northern Syria's autonomy will embolden revolutionaries in Turkey. So they're bombing Afrin indiscriminately, killing fighters and civilians alike. Turkish bombers destroyed an ancient iron-age temple, and even dropped napalm on civil-

ian targets. Turkey has become increasingly fascist in recent years, and was a crucial ally of the Islamic State.

So far, the Syrian Democratic Forces have been able to contain Turkey's ground assault to a few border villages, but the bombings are ongoing. Russia is responsible for the airspace over Afrin, and has done nothing to interfere. The US, which has been a tactical ally of Northern Syria against the Islamic State, has done little to restrain the atrocities of our NATO ally. The Syrian regime threatened to shoot down Turkish planes, but so far hasn't done it.

With the Islamic State defeated and Syria basically divided between the Assad regime and Northern Syria, now should be the time to hammer out a political settlement and end the Syrian war for good.

Throughout the war, Afrin had been a relatively peaceful haven to more than 35,000 internally displaced refugees. Now Afrin's civilians, from teachers to grandmothers, are arming themselves en masse to join the defense.

Throughout the history of progressive movements, those who want a new world have often looked to faraway revolutions for inspiration and vision. Metro Justice (then Metro Act) supported the Nicaraguan Revolution in the 80s, and we still have a sister city there today. Thinking globally in 2018 means supporting and defending the revolution under attack in Northern Syria.

Call your Congressperson and both our Senators. Ask them what they intend to do to defend Afrin from Turkey.

EVERYWHERE IS AFRIN, EVERYWHERE IS RESISTANCE!



Values and Values: Joining a Coop

By Marilyn Anderson and Elizabeth Henderson

A few supermarket chains dominate the market in the Rochester area, an economic issue that should concern Metro Justice members. Abundance Coop members resist this kind of economic domination.

✓ When you join a coop like Abundance, Rochester's only cooperative food store, you become one of the owners of it. Abundance is not just committed to the Rochester community, it is owned by it.

✓ As a member-owner you get discounts, and you also get a say in store policy for quality, product standards and local purchasing.

✓ Cooperative membership is open to all, and if you cannot afford the one-time fee of \$100 (the price of a single member share), you can get a scholarship.

✓ Democracy governs - one member, one vote.

✓ Any surplus or profit is returned to members according to how much business they did with the coop, and outside investors cannot rake off the profits.

✓ The knowledgeable staff will take the time to explain about products and answer your questions. And the store labels products truthfully.

✓ Being a member is a way to learn more about how the food system works.

✓ You are also welcome to shop without being a member.

Since a good deal of the food Abundance sells is certified organic, prices tend to be high. But as the saying goes, you get what you pay for. By careful shopping, you can afford to eat organic foods exclusively. If you keep an eye out for the "Coop Basics" signs, you can purchase basic staples at affordable prices.

In addition, Abundance has a special program for people with limited incomes - FLOWER (Fresh, Local, Organic and Within Everyone's Reach) - an everyday discount program that is designed to lower the cost of most of the food and

eco-friendly products in the store.

During the warmer months, Peacework CSA (Community Supported Agriculture) distributes shares of organic vegetables from Mud Creek Farm at Abundance. Joining the CSA is a way to connect and support a fine area farm while saving money on your healthy diet of "plant foods."

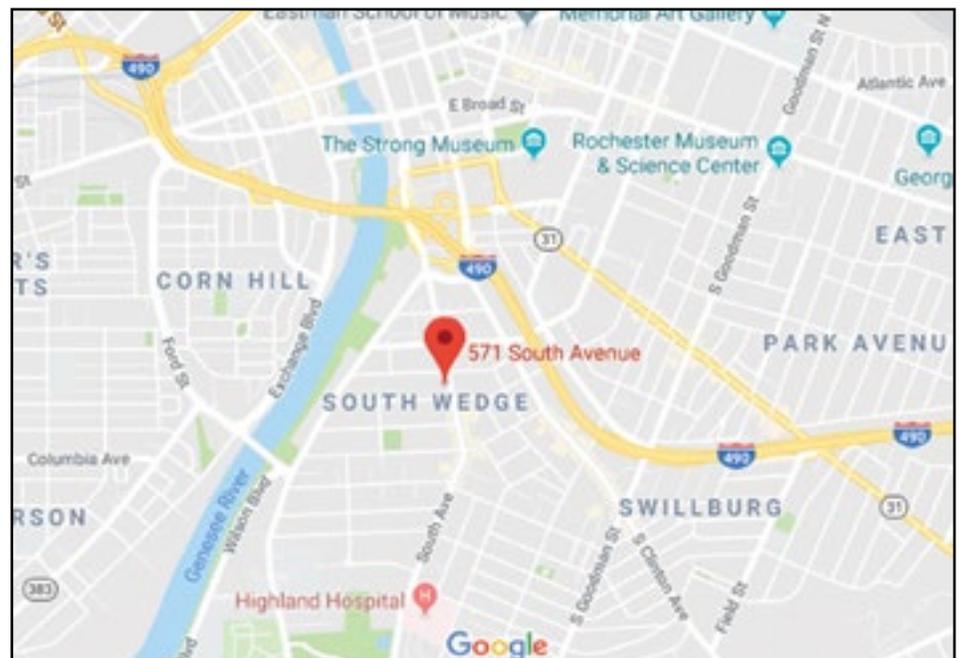
Last spring, Abundance moved to a larger space on South Avenue in the city's South Wedge neighborhood. Organizing and putting a new coop into operation at

a new location was a daring but necessary move by Abundance members. The progressive community can help make it a success.

If you don't already shop at Abundance Coop, please consider buying your groceries there and even becoming a shareholder to get some real power in the marketplace!

Abundance Food Coop

571 South Avenue, Rochester, New York
Open 7 days a week, Mon-Fri 8am-9pm,
Sat-Sun 9am-8pm.



Metro Justice Campaign Priorities

Fight for 15: Thousands of fast-food workers in over 100 cities across the United States are doing whatever it takes to win a living wage of \$15 per hour and a union. Metro Justice is helping to bring this fight to Rochester! We believe in quality jobs not poverty jobs. We believe the best way to get there is developing worker power and fighting for unions in all workplaces! Join us as fast-food workers help to inspire a new wave of low-wage worker movements!

Health Care: Because we believe that every person should have access to quality, affordable health care, we are working with our partners across the state to get a single payer system of health care adopted in New York State.

Education: Because all students have the right to quality public education that serves them and their communities, we are rebuilding our campaign to fight for meaningful progressive reform of the Rochester City School District.

Elder Justice: Because we believe in eliminating elder abuse, neglect and exploitation. We are dedicated to enabling elders to live purposeful, self-directed, meaningful and dignified lives in their homes and communities.

Racial Justice: Because we believe that poverty and structural racism are interwoven in our society, combating institutional racism is a central part of our fight for economic justice.



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