

Other projects

This summer: a contingent in CISPES's July 30 delegation, in El Salvador roughly July 20 to August 1. It would be small -- about 5 people, one representative from each principal group in the coalition. That person would go as the representative of her/his group -- the group would help raise material aid to take down & would set up personal visits, presentations, house meetings, reportbacks for his/her return. This delegation, and last year's labor delegation, will provide a pool of people whom you can call on for sector outreach & phone tree expansion -- you don't have to do all the personal visits & presentations yourself. Mike Prokosch is willing to coordinate this contingent if there's interest.

Fall: we probably won't have time May 11 to discuss these proposals, but we might want to identify people who will develop plans --

-Big public event to kick off fall work, as early in September as possible (teach-in?).

If a teach-in, we might want to concentrate on a particularly newsworthy item -- for example, AIFLD's role in undermining democracy within El Salvador's labor movement, ie, the "legal" track of the repression campaign; or the US advisors and their real numbers and role; or CIA likewise -- to get press coverage. The teach-in would also accomplish more general education.

Judy Somberg may bring teach-in proposals May 11.

A teach-in could also have a speakout character: parallel speakers on ES quake victims/refugees and US homeless; on unemployed here and there, etc. Concentrate on links between domestic and foreign policy; discredit Reaganomics in an election year.

-House meeting campaign

-CD at the Pentagon October 17, specifically on El Salvador

-Walk for Peace -- good focus for material aid fundraising

-Big concert -- NEST is working on national stars

-Other fundraisers, for material aid and coalition expenses -- a play, a party...

Structure proposals

Steering committee:

-voting members are heads of phone tree branches -- people taking responsibility for outreach & expansion in one sector.

-permanent task forces also have votes on the steering committee.

-meetings are open to all, with voice but no vote.

-Steering committee supervises & evaluates expansion of the coalition campaign progress, ie, task forces' work, to make sure our campaigns get carried out.

-Discusses ES analysis, strategy, direction -- gives leadership to the coalition.

-Has formal decision-making power -- the power to adopt new campaigns, alter our objectives or strategies, formally.

-meets monthly.

General meeting: quarterly, or sooner in emergencies. To renew coalition spirit & purpose with great updates/presentations, new campaigns (sign people up to work). No decision-making power -- this is a formal coalition, not a membership organization.