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## BOARD MEETING

**February 15, 6:00 pm**

14 Beacon St., 1st Fl.  
Boston

## Standing for Protest, Standing With Protestors

The dark turn U.S. politics has taken is bringing people out into the streets. As this goes to press, a firestorm of protest is expected to greet the Trump inauguration, with hundreds of thousands of demonstrators converging in Washington DC and more in Boston and elsewhere. But, of course, public protest has been vital all along, as has been the NLG's role in supporting it. Nationally and locally, standing with peoples' movements is central to the Guild's mission.

The Massachusetts Chapter has consistently represented and supported social movements for progressive change, from Occupy to Black Lives Matter to foreclosure resistance. Guild members, largely through the Mass Defense Committee, continue to give their time to conduct trainings, act as legal observers, and represent those arrested for civil disobedience.

This issue of *Mass Dissent* brings first hand-accounts from groups the Chapter has represented, including students of color protesting

racism at Brandeis University (**Rima Chaudry**); organizers pushing TD Bank North to divest from the Dakota Access Pipeline (DAPL) (**Mallory Hannora**); and the Massachusetts chapter of IfNotNow, an organization led by young Jews seeking to end support for Israel's occupation of Palestinian land (**Shira**). In addition, we have real time-dispatches from Chapter members **Jude Glaubman** and **Makis Antzoulatos** who were among seven Massachusetts Chapter members that traveled to North Dakota in support of the Water Protectors seeking to stop the DAPL. Finally, **Jeffrey Feuer** writes about his experience representing activists seeking to close the Plymouth Rock Nuclear Power Station who achieved a remarkable resolution to their trespass charges.

No doubt the need to support protest will only grow in coming years— and the Mass Defense Committee will need your support more than ever. Read and be inspired.

- *Bonnie Tenneriello* -

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**Street Law Clinic Project:** The Street Law Clinic project provides workshops for Massachusetts organizations that address legal needs of various communities. Legal education workshops on 4th Amendment Rights (Stop & Search), Landlord/Tenant Disputes, Workers' Rights, Civil Disobedience Defense, Bankruptcy Law, Foreclosure Prevention Law, and Immigration Law are held at community organizations, youth centers, labor unions, shelters, and pre-release centers. If you are a Guild attorney, law student, or legal worker interested in leading a workshop, please contact the project at 617-723-4330 or nlgmass-slc@igc.org.

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**Mass Defense Committee:** Consists of two sub-committees: (1) "Legal Observers" (students, lawyers, activists) who are trained to serve as legal observers at political demonstrations *and* (2) "Mass Defense Team" (criminal defense attorneys) who represent activists arrested for political activism. To get involved, please contact the office at 617-227-7335.

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# GUILD NEWS

## NLG HAPPY HOUR

You are invited to the “NLG Presents - Think & Drink” Happy Hour - an event held quarterly on the **2nd Wednesday of January, April, September, and November (or June)**. A report from the most recent Happy Hour is on page 4. If you have ideas for a presentation or would like to be a speaker, please call the NLG office at 617-227-7335.

reports from NLG committees and elections of Chapter Officers and members of the Board of Directors. NLG Mass Chapter members are encouraged to run in the Board election. If you are interested in running, please call the office at 617-227-7335.

## NLG ANNUAL MEETING

All NLG members are invited to the **Annual Meeting on Wednesday, March 15 (14 Beacon St., Conference Room, 1st Fl., Boston)**. We will start at 5:30pm with a wine & cheese reception, and then continue with short

## NLG ANNUAL DINNER

This year’s NLG Dinner will be on **Friday, May 12**, at the **Hibernian Hall in Dudley Sq., Boston**. We are thrilled to announce that 2017 NLG Honorees are **Lawyers Shannon Erwin and Brian Flynn, Mari Gashaw and Student Immigrant Movement-SIM (Legal Workers), and Derecka Purnell** from Harvard and **Claudia Quintero** from Western New England (Law Students).

## Street Law Clinic Report

*Since the last issue of Mass Dissent, the following clinics and trainings have been conducted for community organizations and agencies in our area:*

**November 30, 2016:** *Legal Observing* at an action against white nationalism organized by IfNotNow, by **Mariel Hooper** (Harvard).

**December 5, 2016:** *Direct Action* training for students at Harvard School of Public Health and Harvard Medical School, by **Jeff Feuer** and **Lee Goldstein**.

**December 7, 2016:** *Legal Observer* training for activists in Turner’s Falls in Western Massachusetts, by **Makis Antzoulatos**.

**December 8, 2016:** *Legal Observer* training for students at Harvard School of Public Health and Harvard Medical School, by **Jeff Feuer**.

**December 12, 2016:** *Legal Observer* training for attorneys and legal workers at Fair Work in Boston, by **Jeff Feuer**.

**December 16, 2016:** *Legal Observing* at a protest against Governor’s budget cuts, organized by Boston Homeless Solidarity Committee, by **Charles Haigh**.

**December 16, 2016:** *Legal Observing* at an action in Amherst against TD Bank and its support for DAPL, by **Jane Goodale** and **Andrew St. Jean**.

**December 21, 2016:** *Legal Observing* at an action in Boston against islamophobia organized by Jewish Voice for Peace, by **Mariel Hooper** (Harvard), **Julia Remotti** (BU) and **Urszula Masny-Latos**.

**January 14, 2017:** *Legal Observing* in Boston at a rally against oppression, organized by Trans & Queer Liberation, by **Rebecca Amdemariam** and **Aida Fitzgerald**.

**January 16:** *Legal Observing* at events to celebrate Martin Luther King’s day, by **Mariel Hooper**.

**January 17:** *Legal Observing* at a rally against islamophobia, organized by IfNotNow, by **Rachel Bishop** (Harvard), **Charles Haigh**, and **Jackie Jahn** (Harvard).

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### ARTICLES FOR MASS DISSENT

The April-May issue of *Mass Dissent* will discuss the Anatomy of Fascism.

If you are interested in submitting an article, essay, analysis, or art work (cartoons, pictures) related to the topic, please e-mail your work to [nlgmass-director@igc.org](mailto:nlgmass-director@igc.org).

**The deadline for articles is March 15, 2015.**

## NLG “Think & Drink” Happy Hour

The January Happy Hour with **Cairo Mendes**, lead organizer with the **Student Immigrant Movement (SIM)**, couldn't have been more timely. Cairo told us his own story of coming to the U.S. as an undocumented child and growing into an activist student. He described the recent work of SIM, holding workshops with immigrant youth about how to qualify them for DACA - Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals. He said since the election, immigrant youth are fearful but energized and there has been a surge of participation



and activism. We brainstormed about how the Guild can work with SIM and other immigrant groups in this new Trump era.

The Mass Chapter will be giving SIM the Legal Worker Award at our Annual Dinner in May.



(Above) Cairo Mendes leading a conversation about struggles immigrant students go through. (Photos by Urszula Masny-Latos)

## Street Law Clinic Project

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**January 19:** *Legal Observer* training for students at Harvard Law School, by **Lee Goldstein**.

**January 20:** • *Stop & Search* clinic for immigrant students at Boston International Newcomer's Academy, by **Hillary Farber**. • *Legal Observing* at the Boston People's Inauguration, by **Julia Remotti** and **Judy Somberg**.

**January 21:** *Legal Observing* at Boston Women's March, by **Loreto Ansaldo**, **Maiyim Baron**, **Alexa Daniel**, **Daniel D'Lugoff**, **Barb Dougan**, **Mariel Hooper**, **Anthony Keber**, **Yehoshua Komarovsky**, **Anna Kastner**, **Lauren Kuhlik**, **Urszula Masny-Latos**, **Sara O'Brien**, **Yatzel Sabat**, **Karen Salim**, **Judy Somberg**, **Marecca Vertin**, & **Amanda Weber**.

## Thank you to Defense Against Thought Control Foundation

The Massachusetts Chapter of the National Lawyers Guild would like to announce a donation of \$75,000 we received from the Defense Against Thought Control Foundation (John Scheide, President). The donation was made to support the work of the Chapter's Litigation Committee.

We are deeply grateful for this generous contribution. Thank you.

**January 24:** *Workers' Rights* training for students at Boston University School of Law, by **Mark Stern**.

**February 5:** *Legal Observer* training for members of Havurat Shalom community in Somerville, by **Melinda Drew** and **Jeff Feuer**.

## *NLG Supports Protest at Brandeis University: Fort Hall 2015*

by *Rima Chaudry*

On November 12th, 2015 hundreds of students of color at Brandeis University came together to hold a rally in solidarity with protestors at Mizzou, who demanded the resignation of President Tim Wolfe for his failure to address a series of racial attacks on their campus. We marched into the Brandeis student center, and for the next 4 hours students of color bravely shared their experiences of racism from fellow students, staff, and faculty all over campus.

When one black student shared a disturbing incident of being told to pick cotton by a Brandeis teacher, we held their pain with them. Brandeis University was founded to provide safe space for marginalized Jews to engage in academia with the promise of the same refuge for people from all marginalized identities. It was clear Brandeis failed to live up to that promise. Over

the next few days, students drafted a racial equity policy platform for Brandeis and submitted it to the president and senior leadership in the form of demands for change.

When senior leadership failed to respond, hundreds of students marched into the president's office and began a sit-in that became known as Ford Hall 2015. That evening, I got in touch with National Lawyers Guild (NLG) lawyer Carl Williams, who provided us with legal insight and what to expect in the coming days. I was one of five women of color elected to represent students during negotiations, and we realized quickly that we would need additional legal representation. Carl put me in touch with his associates Oren Nimni and Makis Antzoulatos who agreed to represent us during negotiations.

The next day, Oren and Makis met us in the Bernstein-Marcus building, home of the Ford Hall 2015 occupation. They prepped the negotiations team while marveling at the self-sus-

taining community that had quickly came together within our occupied space. We then marched to meet with senior leadership, flanked by our NLG team. The NLG drafted a contract granting immunity to all student protestors from legal or academic retaliation resulting from their participation in Ford Hall 2015. We spent the rest of the day going back and forth on the terms of the contract but in the end, Ford Hall 2015 won full immunity on the first day of negotiations.

The terms of our immunity agreement stipulated that we would keep lawyers out of the negotiations room, but we continued to call Oren and Makis 24 hours a day to advise us on the proceedings. Carl and Oren also led a civil disobedience training in Bernstein-Marcus. But most importantly, when morale was low after many sleepless nights and threats by senior leadership, our lawyers gave us the encouragement we needed to keep on fighting.

The sit-in wound up being 12 days, with most of participants spending Thanksgiving in those cramped halls, sacrificing going home for the holidays and spending time with loved ones. We ended the sit-in on December 1st, 2015, with Brandeis University agreeing to full adoption of the Ford Hall 2015 policy platform. While we continue to face new obstacles with implementing these policies, we remain committed to racial justice at Brandeis and are grateful for the continued support from the National Lawyers Guild.

*Rima Chaudry is a student at Brandeis University.*



Negotiations at Brandeis. (L.-r.) NLG members Makis Antzoulats and Oren Nimni with Brandeis students Rima Chaudry, Miya Ward, Chinyere Brown, and Joanna Martin.



## *The NLG Supports IfNotNow Boston*

by Shira

**N**LG has been invaluable to IfNotNow Boston - a local chapter of a national movement led by young Jews to end American Jewish support for the occupation. At no cost to us, NLG

provides Legal Observers at actions to keep protesters safe and expert lawyers at meetings to advise activists of our rights and provide information about the police and the legal system. NLG's lawyers' ability and willingness to come to long late-night meetings and advise us helps us train new

and experienced activists in best security and protest practices to keep our movement safe, secure and strategic.

*Shira is an activist with the Boston Chapter of IfNotNow.*

## *NLG Supports Boston DAPL Protest at TD Bank North*

by Mallory Hannora

**I** recently participated in a lock down action at TD Bank North in Downtown Boston in response to a national call from Standing Rock to call for divestment from the Dakota Access pipeline. We chose to take action on #NoBlackSnakeFriday, the day after so-called Thanksgiving which celebrates settler colonists' genocide of Native American people. I was moved to take action because I wanted to resist and condemn the extreme violence of law enforcement against Native American people protecting sacred land and fighting for self-determination. The week prior the local sheriff's department in North Dakota had hosed people

with water in freezing cold temperatures in what can only be described as attempted murder.

My comrades and I created a banner that read "From Plymouth Rock to Standing Rock" in an effort to connect ongoing struggles for dignity and sovereignty across this stolen country. In order for two comrades to lockdown the outside of the bank it was my role to create a distraction. I was arrested by Boston Police Department for my role and was then arraigned on charges of Assault and Battery with a dangerous weapon, trespassing, disorderly conduct, and resisting arrest.

My lawyer Oren checked in with me and made sure I felt supported and prepared. He was clear and compassionate and helped me to feel more courageous. Oren

represents the beautiful and powerful potential of movement lawyers who help us activists to not only navigate our own situation but understand our connection to people who are persecuted and pushed into the criminal punishment system all day every day. It is essential that particularly white activists understand our extraordinary privilege even while we're exposed to certain risks and consequences. Oren talked about strategy with me, about how to understand the court process as an extension of the action, and about the reality that truth, facts, and justice are simply not possible outcomes of a system that is so racist and punitive and intent on crushing the spirit of any one who comes in contact with it.

The NLG is so important to me and my community because if I had to pay for legal representation every time I was arrested for political activity it would not be possible for me to take the same kind of bold action. It empowers activists to know we can count on the NLG for principled representation that is aligned with the larger struggle against the white supremacist criminal punishment system. I'm so grateful for lawyers like Oren who I consider not just legal counsel but also a moral compass who help ensure the resistance can continue even when we're arrested and prosecuted. I'm thankful in particular for those lawyers who defend people who are targeted for being Black and Brown just living their lives.

*Mallory Hannora is a local activist working on issues related to oppression of people of color.*

**NLG Northeast Regional Gathering**

**Sunday, February 19, 2017**  
**Center Church on the Green, 311 Temple St.**  
**New Haven, Connecticut**

In conjunction with the Rebellious Lawyering Conference in New Haven, CT, *aka* RebLaw, the NLG Northeast Region organizes a gathering for NLG members and friends.

**For more info, please call 617-227-7335.**

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## *NLG Work in Support of noDAPL Movement & the Standing Rock*

by *Judith Glaubman & Makis Antzoulatos*

*We call for the respect of the sovereign rights of the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe and its peoples, and for the immediate and permanent halt of the construction of the Dakota Access Pipeline. In light of the growing Climate Crisis, we further call for the Bakken oil to be left in the ground.*

From the NLG Statement of Solidarity, 8/29/16

### **Introduction**

Members of the NLG Massachusetts Chapter -- Rita Sebastian, Makis Antzoulatos, Jude Glaubman, kt crossman, Maddie Thomson and Josh Raisler-Cohn -- along with our sister Lauren Carasik from Western Massachusetts joined the Water Protectors Legal Collective/NLG to work at the Oceti Sekowin camp in Standing Rock, North Dakota. We are humbled and grateful for the opportunity to participate in this historic struggle.

Supporting Water Protectors as they come in contact with the U.S. criminal justice system is uniquely challenging. The U.S. government is an occupying power whose courts are sites of trauma-- historic, generational and contemporary. It has sought to criminalize being Indian, continues to tear native children from their families and culture, protects white predators and advances

the colonial agenda of removing indigenous people to extract resources from their homelands. It is a long and painful story of broken treaties, massacres, desecration and genocidal policies. Native water protectors at Standing Rock are deeply conscious of the history of the U.S. government's enforcement of white supremacy and settler colo-



nialism. It's important to know this context, and we encourage everyone to learn about the histories and presence of indigenous people in communities where we live and work.

Over the last five months we have each been to Standing Rock -- solo or in pairs, pleased to discover a comrade there or happy to learn they were returning. While at camp we supported water protectors by serving as legal observers at actions, giving know your rights trainings, coordinating to get arrestees out of jail, and by collecting declarations from water protectors who were brutalized by law enforcement. We continue to do legal research and court support from afar.

We joined the NLG to use our training, talents and access to make radical change -- and we can. Hundreds of water protectors have criminal cases that will be litigated in the months ahead and scores of defendants, both indigent and not indigent, have been unable to obtain legal counsel in North Dakota. The ND Supreme Court is considering a

petition to allow qualified out-of-state attorneys to provide legal counsel to defendants. *Contact* [volunteer4water@gmail.com](mailto:volunteer4water@gmail.com) to *learn more how you can help.*

### **Dispatch from Standing Rock sent by Makis**

*Sunday, October 30, 2016*

Jude and I made it to Bismarck, ND last night. The people's resistance and community here is beautiful. When you arrive you drive along a road lined with the flags of all the nations present and supporting the camp. The state's oppression is horrendous. Dozens and dozens of people

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were brutalized by police on Thursday, including elders who were pepper sprayed while praying. Folks were still getting processed through the criminal injustice system by late today. There have been nearly 400 people arrested at this point. Please continue supporting Standing Rock and spreading awareness.

### Dispatches from Standing Rock sent by Jude

*Sunday, October 30, 2016*

What you are seeing on social media is true--the brutality and desecration during the attacks and arrests on Thursday are traumatic and devastating. Understandably, folks are stressed and the atmosphere tense. Working with the legal team, Makis and I have been scrambling to get folks out of jail and get their belongings back. The worst part is the deliberate

and wanton destruction of sacred objects -- many had been passed down for generations. The majority of those arrested were in prayer circles, singing and praying with their chanunpas and prayer sticks. This morning, we listened to an elder weeping as he described the destruction. The treaty camp was destroyed, tents slashed and belongings confiscated. All the cars in the camp were towed to Bismarck. We drove an Elder from Rosebud the hour and half to Bismarck to retrieve his sacred items--damaged but not ruined. They wouldn't let him into his car unless we paid \$840 in cash to get it out--thanks to all of you, we had the \$\$ to pay. Tomorrow we'll try to get the remaining 70 cars out...



The Power Behind Legal - A bear mascot wearing the NLG Legal Observer hat.

*Monday, October 31, 2016*

We spent time this afternoon with an elder from Sacred Stone who recounted the racists taunts and cruelty of the DAPL thugs and county cops, the treachery of provocateurs wreaking havoc and we saw the burned hills from a fire set at 3 am this morning. As far as we know, the last of the 144 people arrested on Thursday were bailed out this afternoon adding to the 141 arrested on the 22nd. As you can imagine resources are taxed, bodies are injured and spir-

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Solidarity action in mid-December 2016 in front of the Morton County Courthouse in Mandan, North Dakota to support arrested protectors and Legal Observers.





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its are hurt. People here need to know that the world is watching and care about what is happening. Please continue to spread the word and take whatever action you can to support the water protectors.

**Dispatch from Standing Rock sent by Makis**

*Thursday, November 3, 2016*  
 Jude and I spent another day working for the Red Owl Legal Collective at Standing Rock. After days of fighting we finally saw the last three water protectors arrested last Thursday released from jail. Three brave men who spent a week in jail for



October action at Turtle Island River, which ended with water protectors being brutally attacked - maced and tear gas sprayed - by law enforcement forces.



NLG member Rita Sebastian (l.) Legal Observing at Standing Rock.

their uncompromising resistance to a pipeline that will destroy their water. Yet another fight against settler colonialism and it's assault on indigenous people. I'm so grateful for the long drive we had together leaving the Mercer County Jail in the dust and driving back towards the Oceti Sakowin camp. In the car I listened as one man told me "our very existence offends them." That is why we all must stand up and support this resistance. #nodapl #waterislife #standingrock.

**Dispatches from Standing Rock sent by Jude**

*Thursday, December 1, 2016*  
 Josh and I arrived in Standing Rock to find a bustling settlement--the

winterizing project has accomplished so much. There are rumours circulating on the internet that you can't get supplies in and that people are getting \$1,000 fines but I haven't heard actual instances of that happening. It's hard to say what will happen on the 5th but in the meantime folks are moving freely in and out of the camp. Sending love to all. xo.

*Saturday, December 3, 2016*  
 The prairie has a beauty and grace unlike anywhere else—seeing it waken in the morning is magical. On the plane from Boston we ran into our comrade, Dominic, who is meeting up with his electrical union sisters and brothers to join the scores of tradespeople, architects, engineers and other builders who have come to help the tribes build a winter village. It's a privilege to

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## A Victory on the Day After the Election

by Jeff Feuer

In November, I was in court for the second appearance of three activists who were fighting to close the Plymouth Nuclear Power Station; they were arrested on trespass charges in Gov. Baker's office at the State House back in September. The Assistant District Attorney (ADA) in the Boston Municipal Court (BMC) who was handling their cases obtained an order for the three defendants to stay away from the State House while out on personal recognizance bail. (We were able to overturn that order with significant assistance from Mass Defense Committee Co-Coordinator Josh Raisler-Cohn).

In September, the ADA also said that he would only accept a Continued Without A Finding (CWOFF) as a plea deal. After I submitted a 10-page discovery motion, that same ADA took a totally different tack with us. Even before reading my motion, he said he had researched my

clients' issues with the Plymouth nuke plant and their years-long crusade to close the plant due to its inherent danger to citizens of the Commonwealth.

The ADA asked if he could talk directly with my clients (with me in the room) about the issue and their case. My clients agreed to do so. He told them how impressed he was with their commitment and how he viewed the issue that they were protesting as an extremely important one!

He explained that he still had a "role to play" in the system. We reached an agreement that converted the case to a civil infraction, with no fine and immediate resolution of the case that day (no filing of the case for future resolution).

We then presented this plea agreement to our judge – who proceeded to grill the ADA about why he was doing this, why he wasn't seeking a fine or some additional punishment, why he was allowing protestors who had previous convictions on their record to get off so easily, etc.

The ADA stood up to the judge's often pointed questioning and stated that, in his opinion, after having spoken directly with the protestors, this was a fair and just resolution, that their intent was to raise awareness of an important public issue and that, though he may disagree with their methods, there was no point in seeking any harsher penalty or resolution!

The judge finally relented and approved the motion! My clients and I then thanked the ADA for his integrity and courage in standing up to the judge ... and celebrated an outcome that will allow my clients to continue their campaign to close the Plymouth nuke plant without being further constrained over the next several months by the legal system!

*Jeff Feuer, a law partner at Goldstein & Feuer in Cambridge, is a long-time member of the NLG Mass Defense Committee.*

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witness and support the Oceti Sekowin reclaiming their homelands to live in a good way again. I also see the harm done to them and their allies by the state.

This evening, we visited a water protector, a mother of seven, in the hospital with septic pneumonia after being soaked with water cannons & tear gas and a concussion grenade to the back when she ran to help people calling out for water. She told us

the most traumatic part was seeing the police target the medics who rushed to the bridge to tend to the wounded. Earlier, I spoke with a bone weary medic who said she had never seen an assault like Sunday's except in war. Sending love and solidarity from standing rock.

*Wednesday, December 7, 2016*

A blizzard with fierce winds and bitter cold has gripped Standing Rock. In this storm you can feel the spirit of Sitting Bull, assassi-

nated December 15th, 126 years ago. Following his death, his brother Spotted Elk/Big Foot, ill with pneumonia, was bringing the Miniconjou/Lakota people to seek refuge with their relatives at Pine Ridge when they were rounded up and taken to Wounded Knee Creek. It's there the U.S. troops slaughtered them by the hundreds, their corpses freezing where they fell. Twenty-three soldiers were awarded the Medal of Honor for their horrific massacre

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## NLG Massachusetts Chapter Sustainers

In the spring of 2003, the Massachusetts Chapter of the NLG initiated the Chapter Sustainer Program. Since its inception, the Program has been very successful and has been enthusiastically joined by the following Guild members:

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The Sustainer Program is one of the most important Chapter initiatives to secure its future existence. Please consider joining the Program.

### YES, INCLUDE MY NAME AMONG NLG MASSACHUSETTS CHAPTER SUSTAINERS!

I, \_\_\_\_\_, am making a commitment to support the Massachusetts Chapter of the Guild with an annual contribution of:  
\_\_\_\_\_ \$500 (not including my membership dues)  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_ (other above \$500)

**As a sustainer I will receive:**

- special listing in the Dinner Program;
- 1/8 page ad in the Dinner Program;
- acknowledgement in every issue of *Mass Dissent*;
- two (2) free raffle tickets for a Holiday Party raffle;
- invitation to special events.

**Three ways to become a sustainer:**

- contribute \$500 or more a year (in addition to dues)
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of unarmed men, women and children under the white flag of surrender.

We were at Standing Rock for the extraordinary moment when hundreds of the thousand of Vets who came to Standing Rock to defend the Water Protectors humbly apologized for the U.S. military's genocidal actions. The sorrow and remorse was deep and as Chief Leonard Crow Dog offered forgiveness, the possibility of peace and reconciliation was felt by all.

Josh and I passed a monument to Sitting Bull on our way to visit a water protector in the hospital. He was a brilliant

leader who was murdered resisting the degradation and genocide of his people. His wisdom is as on point today as ever when he spoke of the U.S. colonizing settlers:

*"Hear me, people: We have now to deal with another race- small and feeble when our fathers first met them, but now great and overbearing. Strangely enough they have a mind to till the soil and the love of possession is a disease with them. These people have made many rules that the rich may break but the poor may not. They take their tithes from the poor and weak to support the rich and those who rule."*

For over forty years, the U.S. government has imprisoned another wise and beloved leader of the resistance. His name is Leonard Peltier and it is urgent that President Obama grant him clemency before he leaves office.

*(Editor's note:* Clemency was denied to Leonard Peltier on January 19, 2017.)

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