

**PROPOSED AGENDA FOR THE 3RD NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
UNITED FOR PEACE AND JUSTICE
CHICAGO, IL – JUNE 22 – 24, 2007**

Goals of the Assembly

- 1) Set UFPJ direction and program priorities for the next 18 months
 - Develop plans for implementation within specific areas of work
 - Discuss challenges to our organizing
- 2) Expanding organizing capabilities of member groups
 - Provide skill trainings
 - Increase statewide and regional connections
- 3) Strengthen UFPJ as a coalition
 - Elect new national leadership
 - Modify structure as needed

FRIDAY, JUNE 22nd

12:00 Registration Begins

1:00 Skill/Issue Workshops

3:00 Break

3:15 2nd set of Skill/Issue Workshops

5:30 Break

6:00 Dinner – possible seating by state or region or interest area

7:30 Formal Opening of Assembly:

- Adopt assembly agenda, review assembly goals, decision making, and elect presiding committee
- Presentation on the State of the Antiwar Movement by Tom Hayden

Post plenary: New Books for the Struggle: Book signing by the authors: Tom Hayden, Phyllis Bennis and Jackie Cabasso with a cash bar.

SATURDAY, JUNE 23rd

7:30 Breakfast

8:30 Opening Plenary Session: The State of Our Movement, The State of UFPJ

- Report from the national leadership on our efforts since the 2nd National Assembly
- Buzz session at tables – quick exchange of thoughts about the state of the antiwar movement in our own locales and nationally
- Panel: Connecting the struggles for Peace and Justice: Social justice activists that are linking to the movement to end the war in Iraq

10:00 Small Groups discussions on the challenges facing the anti war movement in the period ahead:

- Keeping people engaged and bring new people into our efforts
- Transforming antiwar sentiment into antiwar activity and effective action
- Staying focused on ending the war in Iraq and seriously taking up/making connections to other issues
- Strengthening multi-racial organizing
- Staying focused on our agenda during a presidential/congressional election season
- Relating to the 2008 election season

11:30 Discussion and adoption of Strategic Framework

- 12:30 Lunch – *nominations for steering committee close*
- 1:45 Discussion and adoption of Comprehensive Program Proposal
- 3:00 Organizing Sessions – Small group discussions around these areas, based on decisions about the Comprehensive Program Proposal: - *voting for steering committee begins*
- Ending Congressional Support for the War
 - Economic costs of war/military budget
 - Challenging the War profiteers
 - Counter recruitment, supporting military resisters, veterans and military families
 - National public education project
 - Political education, organizing skills and training: strengthening local groups
 - 2008 election season
 - Impeachment
 - Preventing attack on Iran
 - Nuclear disarmament
 - Linking war/militarism and global warming/climate crisis
 - Challenging U.S. support of the Israeli occupation
 - Civil liberties, torture, habeas corpus, etc.
- 4:30 Break – with snacks
- 5:00 Organizing Sessions – Small group discussions around the following:
- Local and institutional resolutions/new voices of opposition
 - Coordinated days of local action/Iraq moratorium campaign
 - Nonviolent direct action and civil disobedience
 - Strengthening local coalitions
 - Media work
 - How do we challenge the framework of the “War on Terror”?
 - Opposing the war in Afghanistan
 - Working with different constituencies: student/youth, faith based, professional orgs, lgtb, labor, women, people of color, community-based organizations, immigrant communities, elders and retirees
- 7:00 Dinner
- 8:00 PUBLIC EVENT - Global Movements Building Power: Speakers from Iraq, Gaza, Viet Nam and the UK
- 9:30 Dance party with a cash bar

SUNDAY, JUNE 24th

- 8:00 Breakfast
- 9:00 Organizing Workshops - *voting for steering committee closes*
- 11:15 Major activities in the fall and beyond – national mobilization, 2008 nominating conventions, etc
- 12:30 Lunch – *election results announced*
- 1:30 Break-outs to plan for the our work in the fall
- 2:30 Closing
- 3:00 New Steering Committee meets to organize itself