

REVOLUTIONARY PROCESSES IN THE AMERICAS

Report Backs on Cuba, Venezuela & Mexico



More than 200 Zapatistas participated in the (Con)ciencias International Gathering in San Cristobal de las Casas, Chiapas to interrogate and challenge science while also looking to infuse their ancestral ways with scientific strategies to overcome the negative effects of climate change in their communities and the greater world (Radio Zapatista).

**w/ Witness for Peace Southwest
Bilingual Event (English/Spanish)
SUNDAY January 15, 2017
4:00-6:00pm, doors open at 3:30pm**

La Casa Roja, 1251 S St. Andrews Place Los Angeles, CA 90019

***Suggested donation of \$5 -10, no one will be turned away for lack of funds*
Books, Artisanal Goods & more for sale & *Light refreshments will be provided***

Join Witness for Peace Southwest for our first 2017 event with a special night of report backs focusing on the revolutionary struggles in Cuba, Venezuela and Chiapas, Mexico.

Anjali is a queer woman of color from East LA with Mexican roots & 14 years of organizing experience. Last November, Anjali participated in a people of color delegation to Cuba with Witness for Peace. Anjali and other delegates learned firsthand about the island nation's achievements in social justice, education, healthcare and the transition from capitalism to another, more just people based economy. Delegates also mourned alongside the Cuban people after physical loss of revolutionary leader Fidel Castro. This event celebrates Cuba's revolutionary spirit.

Jeanette Charles, Witness for Peace Southwest regional organizer, recently returned from Venezuela and Chiapas, Mexico where movements are challenging capitalism and US intervention. Venezuelans continue to define Bolivarian Revolution and 21st Century Socialism on their own terms amidst historically US supported right wing opposition attacks. Communes, cooperatives and collectives based on food sovereignty, worker-led initiatives and focused on people rather than profit have taken shape across the country.

On January 1, 2017 the National Indigenous Congress (CNI) and the Zapatista National Liberation Army (EZLN) made an historic announcement to create a parallel government and launch an independent 2018 presidential campaign with an Indigenous woman as their representative. This news comes 23 years after the EZLN uprising as well as this new chapter in their autonomy and people's power. The EZLN also organized an international gathering, (Con)ciencias (With the Sciences/Consciousness) which posed a direct challenge to scientists globally to find solutions the world needs to resolve climate change and militarized, capitalist science and technology.

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