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What is red mass work?

Historically we have summarized our approach to red mass work in the slogan “win what victories can be won and strike blows against the enemy, build the organized forces of the people, and win new fighters to socialism.” Reflecting on specific examples, **we identify the following basic criteria for red mass work:**

- 1. done in strategic concentration with other comrades through a unit;**
- 2. relates to a base and a fighting organization that is working class/oppressed nationality and is directly, concretely affected by the organizing;**
- 3. in which we raise transformational demands**
- 4. in which we carry out red work to promote and win the advanced to socialism**
- 5. in which comrades are struggling for leadership or in which our line leads;**
- 6. in which we have clear collective accountability to and planning for at a district level and connection to the organization’s national bodies (commissions, workteams, etc.)**
- 7. summed up using common criteria**

How do we plan and sum up this work?

In addition to these basic criteria for defining red mass work, there are four political lenses that reflect our organizational line and should be used in planning and summing up our mass work:

- 1. The Strategic Alliance.** Building the strength and alliance of the multi-national working class and the oppressed nationality movements against capitalism and white supremacy is the heart of our organization’s approach to revolutionary work in this country. All of our work should be assessed in terms of how and to what degree it advances this central element.
- 2. Gender.** Our gender commission and draft unity statement on gender oppression identify the system of white supremacist capitalist patriarchy that we face and the feminist practice rooted in historical materialist intersectionality needed to fight it. Our mass work should develop that practice and contribute to that fight.
- 3. Ecology.** Our mass work should incorporate ecological justice, whether through direct

work in environmental and ecological justice movements, or by applying the principles outlined in the unity statement and in relationship to the other key lenses for our mass work.

- 4. Anti-Imperialism/Internationalism.** Based on our internationalist orientation and the need to build and sustain anti-war and anti empire struggles, our work whenever possible should build international unity against imperialism.