

Dear comrade,

The Organizing Committee for an Ideological Center (OC) would like to announce the formation of a regional center for the OC in New England. The enclosed proposal has been developed by the N.E. Regional Coordinating Committee (RCC) of the OC. The RCC is an ad-hoc body appointed by the OC's National Steering Committee to lead the process of establishing a regional center in New England.

The OC is in the process of forming local and regional centers all around the country. They are a key part of the OC's plan to draw all anti-Revisionist, anti-ultra-left tendency forces into a common party-building process. OC centers are the concrete forms through which comrades can participate in the theoretical struggle necessary to move forward the party-building movement.

In New England, there is a lot of potential for the OC's growth and development. Up until now, only tendency forces that are members of OC organizations (For The People, *Boston Organizing Committee, Red Boston Study Group, and New Unity*) have been members of the OC (with a few exceptions). Meanwhile there are many independent comrades in the tendency mainly in Boston, but also spread out in other areas of New England: Springfield, Connecticut, Providence, etc. Presently, these comrades are relatively isolated from each other due to geography, organization boundaries or other factors. The N.E. Regional Center will attempt to draw together all these forces, members of organizations and independents alike. By creating a common political process and organizational form, we will be creating the conditions to break down our present isolation and develop our political unity.

We urge you to respond to this proposal either in writing or to a representative of the RCC. Please respond NO LATER THAN April 1. You should indicate:

1. whether you have basic agreement with the proposal.
2. any amendments that you feel are necessary. Please provide specific wording for these amendments, and specify exactly which sections of the proposal they would replace, or where they should be added.
3. if you feel it's necessary, any papers arguing for proposed amendments.

The first meeting of the Regional Center will probably be Sunday, May 4. We will circulate any proposed amendments before that meeting. It is our view, though, that any amendments which relate to broad questions of principle (like the struggle against federationism) should be taken up only after we have had some discussion of those issues in the Regional Center. Thus, the RCC may propose tabling some amendments until the second region-wide conference, planned for this fall (see p. 5 of the proposal for more on our proposed agenda). We feel that the first Regional Center meeting should focus on an overview of the OC's history and party-building line.

We're looking forward to joining with you in building a regional center in New England. Founding OC centers is only a first step along the road to developing a common political process. But it is a significant step for the future of our tendency.

Comradely,

Tom DiSilva for the RCC

* Please remember that New Unity is not a public member of the OCIC.