



## A finance appeal from WASP:

The Workers & Socialist Party is appealing for regular donations. Finance is absolutely crucial to building the party and the party is crucial to changing society. WASP members know that struggle will be necessary to achieve socialism. Part of that struggle is accepting the need to make sacrifices, including, and crucially, financial sacrifices to advance the cause of socialism that we have all committed to.

We have set our annual membership fee at a very low level – R100, only R10 of which needs to be paid upfront for you to be recorded as a member – to ensure that absolutely no one is turned away. However,

this is not a sufficient basis to expand the work of the party. Therefore we appeal to all members to see this as a minimum and appeal to all members in work to join our R100 or R200 per month 'club'; those in well-paid work to join the R500 or R1,000 per month 'club', or higher, if your income and commitments permit.

A commitment to a regular stop order is especially important in creating an income we can rely upon, enabling us to plan ahead. To set-up a stop order or make a donation please use the following details:

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## WASP UPDATES

Top and centre: WASP supporters in Potchefstroom, North West, co-organised a 1,500 strong demonstration in solidarity with the Palestinian people of Gaza who suffered five weeks of terror in the latest round of the one-sided war waged by the Israeli regime against the Palestinians (see page 6).

Left: A meeting on 20 September of WASP activists in Johannesburg appointed a Gauteng Interim Task Team to coordinate the urgent work of organising WASP's membership into branches in the key regions of Greater Johannesburg, Tshwane, West Rand, Ekurhuleni and the Vaal.

## what we stand for:

### ★ Work & Income

1. Decent jobs for all – end unemployment through a massive public works programme of socially-useful jobs including the building of houses, roads, schools and hospitals; struggle for a living wage of R12 500 per month for all full-time workers; end labour broking and make all contract workers permanent
2. For a 30 hour working week and the sharing out of work with no loss of pay to address unemployment, improve workers' quality of life and lay the basis for workers' control of the economy
3. For a basic income grant of R8 000 for all those not in work – unemployed, pensioners, disabled and struggle veterans

### ★ Service delivery

4. For free, sufficient and accessible public services for all; stop cut-offs and evictions
5. End homelessness with a mass public works programme to build decent homes for all those in need, roads and free, accessible and sufficient electricity, water, sanitation and social services for all
6. For publicly funded, free, accessible and high quality education for all from nursery to university; cancel student debt and end financial and academic exclusions
7. For publicly funded and free, accessible and high quality health care for all run under the democratic control of patients, communities and health workers; nationalise the private health providers, insurers and pharmaceutical companies
8. For an affordable, efficient and integrated public transport system; scrap e-tolls
9. For a mass public waste recycling programme linked to creating sustainable and quality jobs
10. Nationalise under democratic working class and community control the banks, the mines, the commercial farms, the big factories and big businesses.
11. A publicly owned and democratically planned socialist economy to meet the needs of all and not the profits of the capitalists.

### ★ The Land

12. Nationalise the 36 000 commercial farms that control 95% of agricultural land; support and debt cancellation for small and subsistence farmers
13. Democratically elected community committees to determine the use of non-agricultural land – home-owner occupiers and small business premises exempt
14. Rapid re-direction of energy generation toward renewable sources; redirection of polluting industries and agriculture with retraining and guaranteed jobs for all workers; no fracking or new nuclear or coal-fired power generation

### ★ Fighting for rights

15. End the racist legacy of apartheid by ending the real capitalist economic foundations upon which racism rests. Transfer genuine economic and political power to the predominantly black working class majority through nationalisation under working class control. No to the ANC's elitist capitalist Black Economic Empowerment (BEE) policies.
16. Joint struggle against xenophobia and racism; trade unions must organise immigrant workers
17. Women and men fight together against gender-based violence and rape and for gender equality in every sphere of society, including equal pay for equal work, access to jobs, housing, free pre-school for all to give women genuine freedom to end abusive relationships
18. United struggle and solidarity to end hate crimes against LGBTI people

### ★ United struggle for socialism

19. Campaign for democratic worker-controlled trade unions; Cosatu out of the Tripartite Alliance; for Cosatu, Nactu and independent unions to campaign for the creation of a united mass working class party
20. Build the Socialist Youth Movement as part of the struggle to create a mass, revolutionary movement of working class youth and students
21. Unite and coordinate the service delivery protests under one banner with a common programme of demands; build a nationwide socialist civic movement
22. Build the Workers and Socialist Party as a step toward the creation of a mass working class party on a socialist programme
23. For a working class state and a socialist government based on democratic working class and community committees
24. For a socialist SA, a socialist Africa and a socialist world

This column is a summary of the programme of the Democratic Socialist Movement. For elaboration and explanation, please read *Only Socialism Means Freedom*, the manifesto of the Workers and Socialist Party, which was authored by the DSM and adopted in discussion with WASP for the 2014 elections.

