



Community Alliance for Global Justice celebrates our:

17th Annual SLEE! Dinner - *Strengthening Local Economies Everywhere!*

Saturday, October 14, 2023

Happy Hour 5pm, Dinner 6:30pm

St. Demetrios Church, 2100 Boyer Ave. E., Seattle

Dear Friend of CAGJ,

Thank you for joining us as a Table Captain at CAGJ's 17th annual SLEE! Dinner on **October 14th, 2023**. We so appreciate your dedication and support!

As a Table Captain for SLEE!, you are an important part of our work to build the local movement for food justice and food sovereignty! Learn more about what CAGJ is up to online at www.cagj.org. Please feel free to contact slee@cagj.org if you have any questions or would like further information.

This document is your Table Captain Toolkit, in which you will find details and instructions on how to get started and what to expect from your experience as a Table Captain.

STEP ONE: Think of friends, family, and colleagues who believe in food and climate justice, multi-racial movement-building, international solidarity and transnational organizing, and Fair Trade – and who might want to learn more about CAGJ and enjoy a delicious, locally sourced meal. Tables are for 10 people.

STEP TWO: Invite your nine guests! Sample email invitations are attached, and the ticketing link is available on our website. Remember that many people take a bit of follow-up; if you haven't heard from a guest within a week or two, give them a call or send a note to personally invite them to join you at your table.

*NOTE: If guests are purchasing their own tickets, please inform them to indicate that you are their Table Captain during the online ordering process. **If they are sending a check to CAGJ, they may address it to CAGJ, 1322 S. Bayview St., Suite 300, Seattle, WA 98144.***

STEP THREE: Let us know how you want to pay for your table.

Option 1: Pay \$400 - \$2,000 up front to CAGJ. Table Captains provide essential seed money so CAGJ can cover the costs of organizing the dinner. Please remember that the SLEE! Dinner raises a significant portion of our annual budget each year. When considering the sliding

scale, we ask you to please give graciously and accept our utmost thanks! Some Table Captains choose to be reimbursed by their guests, others don't – that's up to you. Please mail your check (so we don't get charged a 3% credit card processing fee!), made out to CAGJ, to 1322 S. Bayview St., Suite 300, Seattle, WA 98144.

Option 2: Pay \$40 - \$200 for your own ticket, and ask your guests to purchase their tickets individually. You and your guests will have the option to buy an additional ticket to make it possible for a farmer or foodworker to join us at the dinner as an honored guest!

STEP FOUR: Send your completed guest list, including names and email addresses, to slee@cagj.org by **October 1, 2023**. (We promise we will not share guests' email addresses. We just request it so that we can send out a reminder before the event with important details!)

FAQs:

What happens if I can't get enough people to come? If you are unable to fill your table, we will open your table to other single ticket holders.

What will my guests get to do at SLEE!?

- Meet and engage with fellow activists, organizations, farmers, and food workers who are passionate about food justice, fair trade, and supporting local economies everywhere!
- Enjoy a delicious, locally sourced dinner, donated by our valued regional farmers & fishers.
- Be inspired by dynamic speakers and presenters from the food sovereignty movement.
- Bid on silent auction items donated by local businesses and community members.
- Make a contribution to the dessert auction – handmade, locally produced desserts – and share your delicious winnings with your tablemates.

How will I be acknowledged? We want you to know how much we appreciate you! As a Table Captain, you will be recognized in the event program and from the podium at the event. Additionally, if you are able to give at the \$2,000 level and pay for your entire table beforehand, we will give you a quarter page ad in our event program.

THANK YOU for all your hard work and commitment! Being a Table Captain is a powerful opportunity to bring your communities into the movement for food sovereignty and one of the most important ways we build our base throughout the year. We are so grateful for your support!

SAMPLE EMAIL INVITATION:

NOTE: If you paid up front, you can delete the paragraph about tickets and paste the rest of the invitation below. Personalize as you wish!

IF YOU PURCHASED THE TABLE:

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**Keynote by Malik Kenyatta Yakini: "Black Food Sovereignty, Local to Global"
Executive Director, Detroit Black Community Food Security Network (DBCFSN)**

A longtime Pan-Africanist, Malik views the work of DBCFSN as part of the larger movement for building power, self-determination, and justice for African people. Malik will share his vision for building the Black Food Sovereignty movement, connecting Black farmers across the US, Africa, and the Caribbean.

BIO: Malik Kenyatta Yakini is co-founder and Executive Director of the Detroit Black Community Food Security Network (DBCFSN), and is co-founder of the National Black Food and Justice Alliance. DBCFSN operates the seven-acre D-Town Farm and is spearheading the opening of the Detroit Food Commons that will house the Detroit People's Food Co-op. He is adamantly opposed to the systems of white supremacy, capitalism and patriarchy. He has an intense interest in contributing to the development of an international Black Food Sovereignty movement that embraces Black communities in the Americas, the Caribbean and Africa.

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IF YOUR GUESTS WILL PURCHASE THEIR OWN TICKETS:

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More info about tickets:

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