

# **PWCC: Poor and Working Class Caucus of JFREJ**

*The **PWC Caucus** within JFREJ is a political home-base and community for raised and/or currently poor/working class members, working in solidarity to bring our voices, our experiences, and exert our political power, to influence strategic decisions of JFREJ organizing through a class lens.*

*We are a community for JFREJ members who live with, or have lived with, sustained financial hardship, experiences of poverty, or a lack of a safety net.*

*The Caucus is an affinity space that supports each other through relationships, mutual aid efforts and political education, and a space for JFREJ members to deepen their class analysis, cultivate our leadership and build new models of value within JFREJ, and the broader community, that are not economically based.*

## **When are meetings?**

Third Thursdays from 7-8:30pm, being held on Zoom for now.

We can walk you through connecting on Zoom if it's new to you - let us know! Zoom's auto-generated closed captions are available during the meeting, and there is also a phone-in option if video isn't your thing.

Things to expect as we start: caucus meetings begin with introductions, including sharing our pronouns, noting the reality that pronouns may shift with time, and a check-in opener at whatever personal depth you want to respond with, to ease into relationship space with each other.

## **Can I check out the PWC Caucus before committing to membership?**

Yes! Come to meetings, talk with a member in a 1:1, check out what JFREJ is up to, no commitment (but you're on your way to membership if you do any of those things!)

## **Can I be a member of the PWC Caucus without paying JFREJ Dues?**

Yes! We recognize the value of a community that is not economically based, and welcome active JFREJ members without a dues payment

requirement. Also, JFREJ dues are sliding scale down to \$1, if contributing economically is something that is meaningful for you to do.

### **How can I join as a member of the PWC Caucus?**

- Participate with us in at least three events:
  - One event/meeting with the PWC Caucus
  - One event with the larger JFREJ community
    - (check in if someone from the caucus is going to go; we can buddy up!)
  - One event of your choice: one more PWC Caucus or JFREJ wide event
- Have a 1:1 meeting with a member of the caucus
  - *What's a 1:1?* It's a chance to connect with a member individually, outside of caucus meetings, and explore your interests and how best we can all collaborate through the work of JFREJ and PWC Caucus.
- Submit PWCC membership form to indicate interest in joining the caucus and to help track your steps to membership.

### **What comes with being a member?**

- Support network
- Shared challenges and experiences
- Voting power within the caucus
- Decisions to bring to general JFREJ membership
- Opportunity to hold leadership roles in and out of caucus