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# **Joint Call for the Communist Convention**

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In harmony with the position of the Third International that all parties which agree upon the following fundamental principles should unite:

1. Class war of the workers without any compromise with bourgeois or social-patriotic parties.
2. Mass action of the working masses as a means to conquer power.
3. Dictatorship of the proletariat.
4. Soviet constitution as the proper basis for proletarian democracy.

The Communist Party of America and the Communist Labor Party, through their respective executive committees, agree to unite the two parties in a joint convention, called upon the following basis:

1. The Communist Labor Party accepts as a basis for this joint call the Manifesto and Program of the Communist Party.
2. both parties agree that the form of organization and their relations to the party shall be determined by the convention and neither group will on account of any decision of the convention on this question again split away from the united party.
3. The Convention is to consist of 50 delegates, of which the Communist Party is allotted 32 delegates and the Communist Labor Party 18 delegates.
4. The convention is to be held as early as possible and not later than June 15th [1920].
5. The method of electing delegates is to be by membership action and to be conducted secretly. The details to be as nearly alike, considering the organization facts as they exist in both parties.
6. The Joint Convention Committee shall have power to supervise the election and shall arrange all other details of the convention, subject to control by their respective executive committees.

7. It is understood that the purpose of the convention is not to negotiate about the question of unity but to adopt a Manifesto, Program, and Constitution for the united party and to make decisions on such other questions as properly come before it.

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