

Labor in the Pulpits/on the Bimah/in the Minbar

Prayerfully Standing with Workers

Celebrate the sacred link
between
faith and work.

Invite a union member or labor leader to be a guest speaker on Labor Day weekend.

Each Labor Day weekend, religious congregations across the country host union members and labor leaders to reflect on faith, work, justice, and the meaning of Labor Day. All faith traditions strongly support justice for workers and share these values with worker advocates, worker centers and unions:

- *All people deserve to be treated with respect and dignity.*
- *The economy should work for all of us.*
- *All workers should earn enough for life's basic necessities.*
- *Stable and just employment is a fundamental right for all.*

Inviting speakers such as labor leaders or worker justice advocates to discuss the link between work and justice is a great opportunity for faith communities to recognize the sacred work of their members and support workers' struggle for justice. Unemployed workers can also address congregations, mosques or synagogues to share their struggles for justice.

If your worship service or congregation's tradition does not accommodate outside speakers, you could use these speakers before or after service, or at adult or teen education classes, or your pastor could incorporate a worker justice theme into the service. IWJ has a variety of worship resources, including prayers, sacred texts, responsive readings, and bulletin/newsletter inserts. We also have a number of speakers from labor and the faith community who have committed to participate. For more information contact Cynthia Brooke at (773) 728-8400 ext. 40 or e-mail her at cbrooke@iwj.org.

