

Interfaith Worker Justice Combined Leadership Summit

Saturday, June 13, 2009

- 2:00 p.m. **Working Session: Building and Maintaining Effective Core Leadership**
Moderator: **Rev. Jim Sessions**, IWJ National Board Member, Interfaith Worker Justice of East Tennessee

Panel/Speakers: **Rev. Rebekah Jordan**, Workers Interfaith Network, Memphis
 Ms. Jeannette Smith, South Florida Interfaith Worker Justice
 Ms. Brigitte Gynther, Interfaith Action of Southwest Florida
- 3:30 Break
- 4:00 **Working Session: Theologies of Worker Justice**
Panel/Speakers **Dr. Joe Fahey**, IWJ National Board Member, Catholic Scholars for Worker Justice
 Rabbi Michael Feinberg, Greater New York Labor-Religion Coalition
 Rev. Jarvis Johnson, National IWJ Board Member
- 6:00 Dinner
- 7:15 **Opening Plenary**
Opening Song
Welcomes: **Mr. Keron Blair**, IWJ New Orleans CLC President

Overview of Agenda: **Ms. Edith Russell**, National IWJ Board Member, United Church of Christ

Opening Address: **Ms. Kim Bobo**, Interfaith Worker Justice
Announcements: **Ms. Cara Gold**, IWJ & Avodah
Closing Prayer

Sunday, June 14, 2009

- 7:00 a.m. Interfaith Service
Meet in Prayer Room in Residence Hall
- 8:00 Breakfast
- 9:00 **Two Workshop Options**
- In These Times: Fundraising during a Recession
 - **Ms. Jennifer Dillon**, Interfaith Worker Justice
 - **Mr. Phil Cubeta**, National IWJ Board Member
 - **Mr. Matt Gladue**, Workers Interfaith Network, Minneapolis/St. Paul (invited)
 - Race, Gender and Worker Justice
 - **Mr. Keron Blair**, IWJ New Orleans
 - **Ms. Renaye Manley**, Interfaith Worker Justice
- 11:00 Break
- 11:30 Workshops Continues

- 1:00 p.m. Lunch
- 2:00 **Workshop: Fighting for Public Policy That Puts Workers First — Wage Theft & Immigration**
Moderator: **Rev. Jarvis Johnson**, IWJ Board Member
Presenters: **Mr. Ted Smukler**, IWJ Public Policy Director
Ms. Deborah Axt, Make the Road New York
Ms. Liz Weiss, IWJ, Senior Policy Analyst
Small group discussion
- 3:30 Break
- 4:00 **Workshop: Strengthening Religious Outreach**
Moderator: **Ms. Kathy Saile**, National IWJ Board Member, U.S. Catholic Conference of Bishops
Featured Presenter: **Rev. Alexia Salvatierra** Executive Director of Clergy and Laity United for Economic Justice of California
Additional Presenters: **Dr. Daryl Ingram**, National IWJ Board Member, African Methodist Episcopal Church (invited)
- 5:30 **Denominational Dinner** - Participants are invited to eat dinner with others from the same or related denominational groupings.
- 7:30 **Plenary: Stop Wage Theft Now**
Moderator: **Ms. Annica Gorham**, Houston Interfaith Worker Justice Center
Speakers: **Mr. Jody Calemine**, Labor Counsel, U.S. House Committee on Education & Labor
Other Presenters: Workers from Nashville, Cincinnati, Washington DC, and Houston
- 9:00 Closing Prayer: **Sr. Justine Church**, Interfaith Committee for Worker Justice in San Diego

Monday, June 15

- 7:30 a.m. Breakfast
- 8:30 Gathering Music
- 9:00 **Plenary: Why Workers Need the Employee Free Choice Act**
Moderator **Mr. John Hill**, National IWJ Board Member, United Methodist Church
Speakers: **Ms. Tiffany Heath**, AFL-CIO
Rev. Steve Copley, Interfaith Committee for Worker Justice, Little Rock
Ms. Nancy Holle, Community, Faith, Labor Coalition, Indianapolis, Indiana
Mr. Martin Chartrand, Food and Medicine, Bangor, Maine
- 10:30 **Preparation for Action**

- 11:00 **Working Lunches** (with box lunches)
- Strategic Planning (for interfaith leaders)
Moderator: **Ms. Joanne Reich**, National Board Member, Ministries with Women, Children and Families at the General Board of Global Ministries of the United Methodist Church
Facilitator: **Ms. Mary Ochs**
 - Student interns and IWJ Board Members
 - Labor Advisory Board
 - DOL Conversation (for worker center leaders)
- 1:00 Break
- 1:30 Board Buses (be prepared not to return till evening)
- 1:45 **Katrina Witness**
Tour of the Lower Ninth Ward
Prayer at the Levee
- 3:30 **Prayer Vigil and Delegation to Senator Landrieu**
Delegation Leaders: Local New Orleans Clergy
- 5:30 **Dinner and Closing Plenary**
Moderator: **Rev. Phil Tom**, National IWJ Board member, Presbyterian Church USA
Prayer before dinner: **Rev. Ken Brooker Langston**, IWJ National Board Member and Disciples Justice Network
Sending off students: **Mr. Anthony Zuba**, Massachusetts Interfaith Committee for Worker Justice
Sending off the rest: **Mr. Matt Gladue**, Workers Interfaith Network, Minneapolis/St. Paul