

## In A Time Of Fiscal Crises **Opportunities** For Strengthening Economic Justice Ministries

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Through the convenience of onsite representatives and computer links to MicroPlace <https://www.microplace.com/> at the ENEJ exhibit at General Convention or from home, a minimum \$20 investment will open an account and support women's enterprises, small businesses, housing and agriculture, for example, thereby enabling families and entrepreneurs to clothe their children, send them to

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### GLOBALLY



### ENEJ Resolutions Circle the Globe

By John Hooper, Education Committee Focus Group Chair, Province V and Verna Fausey, Advocacy Committee, Province IV

**W**e at the Episcopal Network for Economic Justice believe that our Baptism and our Scriptures call us to a multitude of ministries for and with our neighbors: from providing food and clothing to advocating for the poor, repairing homes, organizing neighborhoods, helping businesses get started—even working with our brothers and sisters nationally and globally. Our resolutions are truly outreach, reaching out even beyond our usual reach, to respond to the cries of the poor, wherever they are.

So the ENEJ resolutions for this Convention are all over the map. One deals with the work we advocate and support in lower wealth neighborhoods and rural areas in this country; for this we are requesting from the Church additional funding to help us reach to the very grassroots of our communities. For the financial crisis in the U.S. and globally, we recommend increased regulations of banks and multinational corporations, especially to protect people of low and moderate income. We speak also to the fair treatment of immigrants, our brothers and sisters moving from one nation

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### ECONOMICALLY AND ECOLOGICALLY



### At Home in God's Household

By Michael Schut, Economic and Environmental Affairs Officer, The Episcopal Church

#### HOME IS WHERE THE KAVA FLOWS

**W**e all sat around the *tanoa*, brimming with the silt-gray kava. A dark brown dish — like a coconut half-shell — dipped repeatedly into the mildly sedating liquid, was passed around the circle.

Kava tastes, smells and feels like home for some Pacific Islanders.

What tastes, smells and feels like home to you? For me, Southeast Minnesota home-grown tomatoes; Vermont maple syrup and fall foliage; splitting oak with my dad; dinners together; an alpine lake at dusk; chasing fireflies on a summer's eve with my sisters and cousins on my grandparent's Iowa farm.

Take a moment to recall sensations of the place you call home.

Now, with those images and sensations in mind, add this to the mix: you will never return there. Home has been wiped off the map. Or — more accurately if you call the island nation of Tuvalu or Kiribati home — flooded off the map.

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# President's Message

**D**ear Friends,  
With this special and inaugural edition of our ENEJ publication under its new name, *A Piece of The Promise*, and format on biodegradable newsprint, we welcome bishops, deputies, and guests to ENEJ at the 76th General Convention of the Episcopal Church in Anaheim. We trust this edition is equally a resource for those tracking convention proceedings from home.

## REFORM IMMIGRATION FOR AMERICA SUMMIT

Recently I attended the largest gathering ever of immigrant rights advocates, union workers, and inter-faith representatives. We met to strategize and speak to those senators and representatives we elected about comprehensive immigration reform.

Antonio Flores, a landscaper and organizer for El Comite, has been my principal teacher in grassroots community organizing for the past three years. Being his student in grassroots community organizing has enhanced my awareness of the issues addressed by El Comite as a voice for the community. Antonio is the organizer, not the decision maker; the decision makers are the community.

In the ENEJ January 2008 newsletter was an article concerning the little town of Pacific, Washington. As many of you may recall, the police invoked a practice of racial-profiling stops that resulted in transporting individuals to the Northwest Detention Center for immigration status investigation. This tore families apart and left people, especially children, devastated. Advocates from around Western Washington reacted to this practice and became mobilized, attracting press coverage from as far away as Washington D.C. Antonio began to organize the Latino residents of Pacific and their allies to address the Pacific city government. The effort has dragged on, and we are just beginning to see results. One man here on a visa who was arrested in the stops sued the city in federal court and the city negotiated a settlement. The point is, early on some allied groups who had influence with a larger body (the King County Council and even the Governor's office) wanted to simply talk with their connections and have them put pressure on the City of Pacific. El Comite had to say "No, not until we ask you to." The community had to define its own path. They did this in the face of threats from the police of arrests if they marched to City Hall. They marched and they called in the ACLU and the Department of Justice. After months of meetings, talking, thinking, more meetings, those who joined El Comite in the struggle are finally realizing some successes. The most important thing is the actions and decisions are made by those most impacted. Hopes for amicable resolution to this story continue.

## ENVISIONED ROLE OF ECONOMIC JUSTICE ADVOCACY

What does all of this have to do with ENEJ principles? It is the community organizing component, among other aspects, which concerns us. We have a basic vision of equitable redistribution of resources and economic sustainability for families and communities. We know this can happen best at the local level, because each community knows itself best, its needs and its assets. For us, the work of economic justice can

best be carried out at local levels. We plan to assist through provincial networks and dioceses. The local communities will know what is needed in terms of community development and investment. They will know where worker rights are being violated. ENEJ has a wealth of people to offer expertise in community development and worker justice, including ENEJ principals John Hooper, Dick Gillett and staffer, Mike Maloney. New people are joining the ENEJ network, including younger people who are skilled at new technologies and communication. They bring new life experiences and fresh views to offer. We hope to garner the funding needed to redistribute into communities who are faced with severe poverty, caught in unjust labor practices and out-of-control medical expenses so they can organize programs which will build both financial wealth and a resulting reservoir of power to carve out their destiny and road to justice.



## RESOLUTIONS PROPOSED AND SPONSORED AT GC2009

Immigration is the focus of one of our six economic justice resolutions for General Convention. The others address globalization, debt cancellation, regulation of the financial crisis, and two resolutions to expand organizing for economic justice in the coming years. These resolutions all address critical issues facing the working poor, the unemployed and the unemployable. They address poverty, responsibility of wise use of resources and equality of distribution of resources in ways that are sustainable for all human communities.

The overriding principle of all of these resolutions, and of the work of ENEJ is to give power of voice to more and more communities. Charity, service, advocacy and empowerment are all facets of alleviating poverty, and certainly Jesus taught and provided for all of these. The challenge for us is to determine when charity, service and advocacy become oppressive. Empowerment of communities is most difficult for us because it means "letting go" of those for whom we feel we are entrusted to care.

Finally, ENEJ will continue to work towards developing resources for diverse communities. We have translated materials into Spanish; the next step is to develop materials in Spanish, and in relevant languages and cultures. This development will come from the communities themselves. Look for more educational resources in the next three years. The Episcopal Church is international — I would hope we could begin to connect with some communities in Province IX.

Please stop by and see us in The Consultation display area (booth 742) at General Convention and take the opportunity to invest through our MicroPlace Socially Responsible Investing, and most of all, consider joining the Economic Justice Movement through ENEJ.

Peace and all good,  
Dianne Aid, TSSF

EDITOR'S NOTE: ENEJ received a Policy Alert from the Episcopal Public Policy Network (EPPN) in Washington D.C. advising: "The Episcopal Church, through the resolutions passed at General Convention and Executive Council, has committed to working to reform a system that separates families, spreads fear and keeps millions living in the shadows," and urging the writing of letters to congress supporting the passage of comprehensive immigration legislation reform before them and President Obama this year.

## PRAYER FOR CONVENTION

Almighty and everliving God, source of all wisdom and understanding, be present with those who take counsel in the 76th General Convention of The Episcopal Church for renewal and mission of your Church. Teach us in all things to seek first your honor and glory. Guide us to perceive what is right, and grant us both the courage to pursue it and the grace to accomplish it; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. — *BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER, P. 818*

## GOVERNANCE

The Episcopal Network for Economic Justice (ENEJ) was formed in 1998 to continue the work begun by the Economic Justice Implementation Committee (EJIC) established to carry out the 1988 General Convention vision of committing the Church to a ministry of economic justice. The ENEJ serves to strengthen and support those engaged in economic justice ministries and advocates for initiatives and resolutions within the Episcopal Church. The ENEJ is an association of individuals, dioceses, congregations and organizations committed to solutions which address the fundamental causes of economic inequality; engaging in advocacy and education about economic justice; providing models and technical assistance to assist in developing such programs as: credit unions, micro-enterprises, socially responsible investing, affordable housing programs and other community development strategies.

The work of ENEJ is administered by an Executive Committee comprised of Chairpersons and carried out through respective Standing Committees:

### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

Dianne Aid, TSSF, President, sanmateo971@yahoo.com, 206.579.3011

### ADVOCACY

Publishes issue papers (available at [www.enej.org](http://www.enej.org)), promotes economic justice campaigns (low wage workers, health care, immigrant rights, living wage, etc.); monitors selected issues adopted by General Convention and provides support to immigrant rights coalitions. Dianne Aid, TSSF, Chair, sanmateo971@yahoo.com, 206.579.3011

### EDUCATION

The Education Committee develops educational materials for use by Episcopal congregations, diocesan and provincial organizations and community-based groups. These materials include six education modules, the Economic Justice How To Action Manual and Twenty Years Later: Response to a Crisis. The committee also offers training and technical assistance to congregations and organizations seeking to establish economic justice ministries. Co-chairs, John Hooper, [hoopington2@sbcglobal.net](mailto:hoopington2@sbcglobal.net), 313.864.9562, Sue Lloyd, [aslloyd@mailbag.com](mailto:aslloyd@mailbag.com), 608.256.7250

### CAPACITY BUILDING

Builds upon the base of diocesan, individual, congregational and organizational memberships. It seeks grants to facilitate projects such as the Economic Justice How To Action Manual and Issue Papers. Co-chairs, Lucinda Keils, [Lucinda.Keils@yahoo.com](mailto:Lucinda.Keils@yahoo.com), 313.964.7305 and Art Lloyd, [aslloyd@mailbag.com](mailto:aslloyd@mailbag.com), 608.256.7250.

### COMMUNICATIONS AND PROMOTIONS

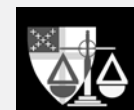
This committee publishes *A Piece of The Promise*, the ENEJ newspaper, develops and oversees the effectiveness of Network inter/intra communications and promotion programs including: website, listserv and educational materials. Lovie B. Spencer, Jr., Chair and Editor, [lovie@sonic.net](mailto:lovie@sonic.net), 707.546.3695

### ORGANIZING AND EMPOWERMENT

Comprised of provincial liaisons who assist in developing and expanding the Network which deepens the connection and participation of dioceses and provinces. This committee, formed by The Rev. Carl Rehling, is presently seeking a successor to Carl.

Ad hoc committees coordinate and facilitate provincial conferences, special projects and General Convention preparation.

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### ABOUT THE COVER:

A study by photojournalist, Pete Nunnally, using a time-lapse technique to create a smooth impression of motion of images captured during a Shrove/Fat Tuesday Mardi Gras Celebration Parade in New Orleans.

### ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

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### THANK YOU

Mayor Sam Jones and citizens of the City of Mobile, home of the original Mardi Gras; our hosts, the Episcopal Diocese of the Central Gulf Coast, Mobile parishes, and Province IV for the warm and festive Southern Hospitality extended during the convocation of an alliance of Episcopal social justice ministries earlier this year.

# Raising Social Consciousness...Not Hell

**Advocacy and volunteerism: An option to consider for Gen X & Y to join 'boomers' in abating the proliferation of a living hell on the economically disadvantaged.**

By Pete Nunnally, Office of Disaster Response, Episcopal Diocese of New Orleans, Province IV

**M**y name is Pete Nunnally, and I am a cradle Episcopalian. That sounds like an introduction at a group therapy session, doesn't it? Perhaps it should. Already you probably know something about me; all the stereotypical traits apply. I am a WASP, upper middle class, hesitant to clap in church and mildly socially conscious (as long as I don't have to do much, especially on a Saturday). Until February 2008 I lived in a gorgeous little suburb of Washington, DC, a place beyond the reach of gritty strip malls, and nestled in the rolling meadows and verdant pastures of Virginia horse country. All in all it was a nice little existence I had, teaching middle school and attending church, working at diocesan camps in the summer, and soaking up the sun-splashed life of a child of privilege. Seemed like I was doing everything right.



But on certain days it felt a bit too perfect. Something told me this was too easy, that I was the product of a rigged system, and that I owed something to our society. Raised by two wonderful parents who were teachers, I quickly got a teaching job in the same county school system after college. I taught wealthy, well-behaved children whose parents were engaged and responsive, and drove them to school in the latest trendy house on wheels. It was not a hard life. But shouldn't I be doing more? I'd been given the world on a silver platter, and was still eating off that dish. Maybe it was time to start using paper plates.

I decided to change my direction after watching a little league baseball game in my home town. Amidst the carefree cacophony of ballpark sounds, and bathed in the blue and green hues of a cloudless summer afternoon, beautiful parents chatted while their children squealed and frolicked and danced around the bases. My first thought was, "this is awesome." But I had to wonder, "How many kids in the world will never know what this is like? Will never know a life free of crime and fear and hopelessness? Will never play on a team, will never know the comfort and security of a stable family? How many parks lie fallow, waiting for the laughter of children to fill them with life again? Shouldn't I be doing something?"

**SHOULDN'T I BE DOING SOMETHING?**

I think we all come across situations where we ask ourselves that question. Shouldn't we be doing something? This is the question that frightens, challenges, motivates, and inspires. This is what our faith is about. We live in a broken world, a world in turmoil and strangled by strife, a world often at war with itself. Our weapon in this war is a perfect example, sent by God, to teach us how to love. That love is dynamic, it is active, it is impenetrable. It is what will save us from ourselves.

**IT IS LOVE THAT MOVED ME.**

It is that love that moved me to do more than just ask if I should be doing something. Asking the question is the easy part, and many of us do instinctively react to social and economic injustices that cross our paths. But reacting must involve more than feelings. It is not enough to know something is unjust. We must act. We must transform ourselves to be conduits of Christ's love. We must answer the call of Christ.

I heard that call pulsing from the putrid, soaking living rooms and mold-stained walls of post-Katrina New Orleans. I arrived for a week in late 2006, in the middle of the gutting stage, and worked with what is now called Episcopal

Community Services (formerly Office of Disaster Response) in the Episcopal Diocese of Louisiana (EDOLA). Day after day of hauling out old treasures, watching distraught homeowners pick through their water-logged belongings, desperate to save some remnant of their old life, has an effect on you. A return to my idyllic life in Virginia found me wondering what on earth I was doing owning a 3-bedroom townhome and teaching in Pleasantville, USA when there were so many suffering in New Orleans. I couldn't sit there in all my glorious wealth and privilege and just pretend it wasn't happening. That there weren't tens of thousands of residents the government forgot who had nowhere to go and no one to help them get there.

I returned to New Orleans in the summer of '07 to set things up for my move, including applying to be a crew chief in the Office of Disaster Response's Gutting and Rebuild program. That fall I sold my house and notified my principal that I'd be leaving to rebuild houses in New Orleans, and on February 5th, 2008 I arrived with my Saturn packed to the gills with my former life. A leap of faith indeed, but I found that trusting God actually does work (I was suspicious until that point).

I am now the Mission and Volunteer Coordinator for the Episcopal Community Services of Louisiana (ECSLA), a branch of the Episcopal Diocese of Louisiana. My job is to coordinate the thousands of volunteers who descend upon New Orleans each year to volunteer to rebuild houses through the ECSLA. I also educate them on the socioeconomic landscape of our city, and equip them with knowledge and a better understanding of the plight of low income residents of New Orleans. My experience working for those left behind here has given me a lens to look through that crystallizes our mission as Christians. It's not hard to figure out. Step one: Find people who need help. Step two: Help them. You'd be surprised how many people want to complicate that.

At ECSLA we find folks who have fallen through the substantial cracks in the system, and we help them. We rebuild for those storm survivors victimized by contractor fraud, extreme poverty, a shady reimbursement program, and a myriad of other obstacles. This act of love is what resonates with our volunteers, which is why we have so many groups who continue to come and give of themselves, and walk in Christ's shadow here in New Orleans.

**STEP ONE: FIND PEOPLE WHO NEED HELP. STEP TWO: HELP THEM.**

The opportunity is out there to answer God's call. It is no longer sufficient to sympathize and move on. The Episcopal Church has a long history of leading the progressive charge of tolerance, justice, and civil rights. That call may not be in a big city or famous disaster zone. It's likely that right there in your very own town you can play a part in the restoration of hope and justice. Perhaps you are already deeply involved in social change. Let us redouble our efforts, join hands across the wide spectrum of this beautiful faith, and proclaim loudly, "We are moved by Christ! We are full of love! We will answer His call!"

Pete Nunnally, guest speaker at ENEJ workshop in Mobile, will be in attendance at General Convention and speaking at venues for young people on behalf of the Office of Disaster Response and ENEJ. He is available to speak to you or your group personally or to enroll you. He may be reached at the ENEJ Exhibit #742 or on the ENEJ Nerve Center Hotline 513.703.6974 or at the 6:00PM, June 13th Reception in the Pacific Ballroom B, Hilton Anaheim Convention Hotel, hosted by sister social justice ministries in honor of Bishop Charles E. Jenkins, Diocese of Louisiana.

## JOIN US

**T**he Episcopal Network For Economic Justice is the major voice for economic justice in the church today, and economic justice is in grave danger today—in our country and globally. We plan to greatly increase our efforts on every front to support this ministry of the Episcopal Church by bringing to this General Convention carefully developed resolutions by which the Church and its membership can respond more fully to the current economic crisis. These proposals will build on and update "The Economic Justice Plan of the Episcopal Church" adopted in Detroit in 1988.

**HOW YOU CAN HELP**

The ENEJ is a membership organization. It depends on the membership dues of many dioceses, congregations, organizations and individuals to cover the majority of its expenses. **We Invite You To Join The ENEJ Coalition Or To Renew Your Membership If You Are Already A Member.**

**General Convention Attendees May Drop Off Enrollment Or Renewal At The ENEJ Exhibit #742.**

**ENEJ Diocesan Members:** Arizona, Arkansas, California, Connecticut, Delaware, East Tennessee, Eastern Michigan, Florida, Indianapolis, Long Island, Los Angeles, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Milwaukee, Minnesota, Mississippi, New Hampshire, New York, Newark, North Carolina, Northern California, Northwestern Pennsylvania, Ohio, Oklahoma, Olympia, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, San Diego, Southeastern Florida, Southern Ohio, Southwest Florida, Southwestern Virginia, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, West Missouri, and West Tennessee

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# Katrina blew the cover off more than a faulty

## A Driving Force

**With Katrina remnants still in Mobile's rear-view mirror, grassroots stakeholders brave a "grand vision" toward the horizon of what is possible**

By **Leevones G. Dubose, Bay Area Women's Coalition, Inc., Mobile, AL**

**H**urricane Katrina brought catastrophe to one of the most culturally rich, naturally pristine and humanly underdeveloped regions of the United States of America. Prior to the calamity, Alabama, Louisiana and Mississippi continued to rank at the bottom in many statistics associated with human development and poverty in a comparison to the other 50 states. Indeed, Hurricane Katrina, a 100 year storm, affected everyone living on the Gulf Coast. The storm is blamed for over 1,800 deaths and about \$81 billion in damage. While much attention has been placed on rebuilding the physical and economic infrastructures, very little attention has been given to eliminating insecurities and radically improving the social realities of coastal residents, particularly blacks and low-wealth individuals from what existed before the storm.

*After Hurricane Katrina, there were no news reports (TV, radio or newspapers) reporting any damage to Trinity Gardens and the Coden area. Homes, stores, restaurants, were totally*



**Leevones G. Dubose, President of Bay Area Women's Coalition, Inc., a Mobile community organizing activist in L.A. ("Lower Alabama") and keynote speaker at the 2009 Episcopal Urban Caucus Assembly, launched a rousing kick off in the gritty vernacular of a 'steel magnolia' and no uncertain terms—rolling out in-your-face grassroots tactics releasing previously denied funds for hurricane repairs "because of a pre-existing condition" of being poor for over 400 of her neighbors' homes.**

*destroyed and you would think by listening to the news, everything had been left intact after the Hurricane.*

To this day, advocacy organizations such as the South Bay Communities Alliance and Bay Area Women Coalition, Incorporated have not received satisfactory answers to their questions from local, state, and federal officials, which suggest that at best some of these officials are "ambivalent" when it comes to meeting the needs of all persons in need of post-Hurricane reconstruction assistance. The on-going human development challenges of this region — poverty, housing, infrastructure and economic development, jobs, education, etc. — have not received significant public attention. This lack of public attention — before and after the storm — has several sources rooted in complex problems of equity, efficiency, and mal-distribution of structural power in Alabama.

We as advocates for the low-wealth community know that poverty and inequity is persistent in many communities in Alabama. Residents were denied assistance from FEMA because of the term: "pre-existing conditions". Like so many others we are requesting federal assistance for our neighbors. There are too many families still suffering and many feel

there is no hope. Permanent supportive housing vouchers were given in Louisiana to help house some of the neediest citizens. However we were greatly disappointed that the total funding allocated for Mississippi and Alabama and the case management funding for Louisiana were stripped.

Americans must not forget the magnitude of this disaster and the suffering of so many people. While we have come a long way in our efforts to rebuild, the housing crisis still remains for many of our displaced residents. The homelessness crisis will only continue to grow if Congress does not act quickly.

A CNN-Gallup poll conducted with Red Cross data from Katrina victims indicated that race played the primary role in access to food and shelter. Predominately black and low-income communities in the impacted areas experience the most difficulty with regard to recovery. Still, many residents persevere, relying on existing networks and establishing new alliances with national reach. With the political will of the nation and significant grassroots representation, the Gulf Coast region can be redeveloped in an equitable manner that includes a radical reconstruction of the social safety net. The intentional retardation of human development among black and poor people is deeply rooted in a political and economic system in Alabama that depresses the social safety net while increasing poverty and racial division.

Providing grassroots stakeholders and others with the resources to envision new designs for their communities does not solve the full range of problems for which federal, state, and local governments must be held accountable. It is clear that the policy direction and governmental power of the city fathers is at odds with the needs of the low wealth community. Ultimately, this conflict must be resolved for both communities to fully prosper. However, it is fundamentally important to begin with ordinary citizens and their "grand visions" of what is possible if invisible needs are to be made visible; and given the priority they deserve.

## Building Hope Out of Brokenness

By **Nell Bolton, Executive Director, Office of Disaster Response, Episcopal Diocese of New Orleans, Province IV**

**G**od has been doing a new thing in the Diocese of Louisiana since the ravages of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita in fall 2005. From the very early days after these storms, and with the generous support of Episcopal Relief & Development, our ministries have provided tens of thousands with food, medicine and healthcare, basic necessities, counseling and pastoral care.

Thanks to our 9,200 volunteers from all over the country, our Office of Disaster Response has enabled nearly 3,500 families in the New Orleans area to return home:

- Our Rebuild program has gutted almost 900 houses and rebuilt more than 50 homes owned by low-income, elderly, and disabled residents who lack the resources to complete the work on their own;
- The separately incorporated Jericho Road Episcopal Housing Initiative has built and sold 20 affordable new homes in the Central City neighborhood; and,
- Case managers have helped another 2,500 families to put their households and lives back together.
- Homecoming Centers have provided resources to almost 55,000 of our neighbors.

Our work has not been limited to providing direct services. Recognizing the impact of federal, state, and local policies on the well-being of those whom we serve, we

have sought to amplify the voices of the most marginalized storm survivors in decision-making through advocacy and community organizing.

Our vision has been one of rebuilding what Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. would call "the Beloved Community." What we have seen blossoming in Louisiana is a new sense of what the church can be when it opens its hearts and doors to communities in need. We have seen the wonderful and innovative ministries that emerge when we build deep relationships with those different from us. Our identity is being transformed.

This spring, our Diocesan Convention made a bold move. By approving the separate incorporation of a permanent Episcopal Community Services (ECS), the delegates were choosing to place mission, service, and ministries of transformation at the center of our common life. This ECS will exist to serve the poor, speak to issues of justice, and build the beloved community throughout south Louisiana and beyond.

While we anticipate continuing to work with volunteers to restore the homes and lives of the most vulnerable among us, whose long-term hurricane recovery needs remain great, we envision a range of new ministries, particularly those focused on youth. We also hope to add an in-depth residential learning component that combines service, reflection, and training in community organizing in order to develop leaders for our church and society.

We hope that you will join us in our quest for social



**BISHOP JENKINS CALLS FOR BETTER CASE MANAGEMENT FOR HURRICANE KATRINA'S MOST VULNERABLE VICTIMS**  
From left, Nell Bolton, executive director of the Diocese of Louisiana's Office of Disaster Response, lawyers Dan and Sandy Krivit, Charles E. Jenkins III, bishop of the Diocese of Louisiana, and Shakoor Aljuwani and Courtney Cowart, who serve on the staff of the Diocese of Louisiana's Office of Disaster Response, gather before Jenkins gave testimony before the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure's Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management on May 22 concerning care for victims of Hurricane Katrina. By Lucy Chumbley, May 22, 2009, *Episcopal Life Online*

justice and community change. Our ministries were born in crisis; they will thrive in partnership and solidarity.

ENEJ endorses the passage of the Gulf Coast Recovery Act by Congress.

At General Convention on July 13th, the Rev. Dr. Courtney Cowart, Director of Advocacy and Community Affairs, Episcopal Diocese of Louisiana, guest speaker at ENEJ Workshop in Mobile and author of *An American Awakening: From Ground Zero To Katrina The People We Are Free To Be*, will be preacher at Holy Eucharist, followed by a 6:00PM Reception in the Pacific Ballroom B, Hilton Anaheim Convention Hotel, hosted by social justice sister organizations in honor of Bishop Charles E. Jenkins, Diocese of Louisiana.

# levee system.

Rescue and disaster relief volunteers unveiled that 'Bon Ton Roulet,' unlike the indiscriminant eye of the hurricane, bypassed generations of Gulf Coast disenfranchised decades before landfall. Shedding a ray of hope in Mobile AL, February 4-9, 2009, a convocation of social justice ministries move beyond disaster response to issues of domestic poverty in the catastrophe's wake.



Left: "Beyond Katrina: From Disaster Response to issues of Domestic Poverty," text of luncheon keynote, the Rev. Carol Borne Stewart, (who headed Mississippi Diocesan Disaster Response) is exemplified in her congratulations of (l-r) Reilly Morse, Katrina Recovery Office, Mississippi Center for Justice, recipient of the ENEJ Hugh White Award, Bill Bynum, CEO, HOPE Community Federal Credit Union, recipient of the ENEJ Gloria Brown Award and Phil Eide, a principal at Enterprise Corporation of the Delta (ECD), a primary sponsor of the Credit Union.  
Right: SINGING HIS PRAISES, The Rt. Rev. John L. Rabb, Bishop Suffragan, Diocese of Maryland, bestows The Rev. Carl W. Rehling of his diocese, with the ENEJ Michael Bryant Award

## Awards Presented at ENEJ Province IV Conference

### THE GLORIA BROWN AWARD

The Gloria Brown Award, honors the late Gloria Brown, who served the Church as Director of the Coalition of Human Needs. She was active in organizing early ENEJ projects such as the Los Angeles Episcopal Community Federal Credit Union. Each year, the Episcopal Network for Economic justice presents an award to an outstanding faith-based economic justice project. Last year's award was awarded to The Living Wage Coalition of San Francisco. To be eligible, a project must be engaged in economic justice work and have a relationship with the Episcopal Church. This year's award includes a grant of \$2,000. The 2009 recipient is the Hope Community Credit Union, Bill Bynum, CEO.

Hope Community Credit Union is not your ordinary credit union. Started in 1995 as a small church project with big dreams, HOPE is a community development credit union that helps low-income people build a solid financial foundation for a better future. HOPE provides affordable financial services, such as checking and savings accounts, loans, and financial literacy workshops that help low-wealth individuals, families and communities secure their future. Since 1994, HOPE and its sponsor, the Enterprise

Corporation of the Delta, have generated over \$1 billion in financing and brought economic opportunities to more than 40,000 people in economically distressed area.

Based in Jackson, Mississippi, HOPE serves the four-state region of Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi and Tennessee. The mission for HOPE: Strengthen communities, build assets and change lives in economically distressed areas of the three states. Hope does this by providing a range of financial products and services to its members. Anyone who supports the mission of HOPE and the Enterprise Corporation of the Delta (ECD), its primary sponsor, can become a member. HOPE's products and services are designed to both serve individuals and organizations in economically distressed areas and to encourage like-minded investors to make their deposits with HOPE. HOPE and ECD also work together to deliver financial products to the region. ECD is a non-profit community development financial institution.

### THE HUGH WHITE AWARD

The Hugh White Award honors the late Rev. Hugh White who brought the concept of the industrial mission to the United States and witnessed the struggle for worker justice to his generation from his base in Michigan. The Hugh White

Award is awarded to an individual who has done outstanding work in the area of worker justice. The 2009 recipient is Reilly Morse of the Katrina Recovery Office (Mississippi Center for Justice) of Biloxi. Morse helped organize faith-based organizations to advocate for a fair share of disaster relief dollars for the needs of low income workers in the areas affected by hurricanes Katrina and Rita. These needs include affordable housing and more humane housing policies.

### THE MICHAEL BRYANT AWARD

The Michael Bryant Award is presented to an individual who has done outstanding work in expanding the visibility of ENEJ. Michael Bryant was an organizer and administrator with Fresh Ministries in Jacksonville, Florida and Editor of the ENEJ newsletter. The 2009 recipient is the Rev. Carl Rehling of the Diocese of Maryland. The Rev. Rehling served ENEJ as chair of its Organizing Committee and as Province III liaison.

### NOMINATIONS FOR 2010 ARE OPEN

Nominations for the 2010 Gloria Brown, Hugh White, or Michael Bryant awards may be submitted to ENEJ via Mike Maloney, meamon@aol.com. A form for submission may be downloaded at [www.enej.org](http://www.enej.org).

## SPEAKERS: 2009 SOCIAL JUSTICE CONVOCATION



The Rev. Chris Johnson, Program Officer for Domestic Justice & Jubilee Ministries, Episcopal Church Advocacy Center, New York



Host, the Rt. Rev. Phillip Menzie Duncan II, Bishop, Episcopal Diocese of the Central Gulf Coast



DeWayne L. Davis, Domestic Policy Analyst, Office of Government Relations, Washington D. C., [d.davis@episcopalchurch.org](mailto:d.davis@episcopalchurch.org), shares with the ENEJ as guest speaker at the 2009 Annual Meeting in Mobile, a vision for his new assignment to which he brings to the table 15 years as a speech writer for Congressman Pete Visclosky of Indiana and a wealth of political science experience which will aid in his charge for what he sees as the biggest and most difficult areas: health reform and energy policy.

"Waste equals negative externalities," Michael Schut, newly appointed Economic and Environmental Affairs Officer in the Advocacy Center of the Episcopal Church, Seattle, [mschut@episcopalchurch.org](mailto:mschut@episcopalchurch.org), tells the ENEJ during a luncheon speech at the 2009 Annual Meeting in Mobile. "We are seen as consumers with an exorbitant need for 'stuff.' What needs to be changed before we sink ourselves, is our view of God, human nature, creation, our understanding of wealth and our economic system."

# The “Genesis” Of Community Organizing

By The Rev. Scott Denman, St. John's Episcopal Church, Oakland, Province VIII and President of Genesis

“Genesis” is the name of a regional community organizing effort in the San Francisco Bay Area. St. John's Episcopal Church in Oakland is a founding member of this effort which is bringing together faith communities, civic organizations and unions to discover common values and work together to build the kind of power needed to impact policy at the regional level.

Genesis recently discovered that the MTC (Metropolitan Transportation Commission), a regional board made up of county supervisors, mayors, and city council members was making a move to take 225 million in federal stimulus monies and put them into capital projects, a decision that would sorely impact transit. This plan would lead to further cuts in bus lines



and have a negative impact on the environment and on those who live in concentrated areas of poverty. Genesis has the goal of seeking to restore funding to bus lines as well as reinstating an experimental free school bus pass program that was cancelled a few years ago.

A series of actions at MTC meetings eventually caught the attention of the press and the board withdrew most of their plan as Genesis turned out hundreds of supporters to crucial meetings. Genesis was able to restore 155 million of the federal funds to transit and is still applying pressure to have the remaining 70 million restored as well.

Regional organizing has been sorely neglected across this country and many experts are now saying that regional organizing is the new civil rights movement. Organizing locally is important, but what has become apparent is that most local problems can only be fully addressed at the regional level. For instance, cities might lament the

rise of violence, but until state prison policy is addressed, the likelihood of change is bleak. So too, if people cannot get to work, or get to the doctor or to school, the city has virtually no power to change the situation. Only decisions at the regional level lead to policy that improves transit and lead to the healing of our cities.

Genesis is supported by the Gamaliel Foundation, based in Chicago which has over fifty regional organizing efforts across the country. Gamaliel has gained attention most recently for being recognized as the organization where President Obama learned community organizing. For more information please visit our website at: [www.genesisca.org](http://www.genesisca.org).

Episcopal Parishes are members of Gamaliel Foundation chapters in California as well as nationally. A Northbay Community Organizing



Project is in the formation stage of a chapter located in the Episcopal Diocese of Northern California area. Parishes, organizations, institutions or individuals interested in information or membership should contact ENEJ Board Member, Lovie B. Spencer, Jr., [lovie@sonic.net](mailto:lovie@sonic.net), 707.546.3695.

## ECONOMICALLY AND ECOLOGICALLY

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### DISAPPEARING HOMELANDS

For six months now I have been serving as Economic and Environmental Affairs Officer for The Episcopal Church. In April I was invited to attend the annual gathering of the Pacific Conference of Churches. In the evening we gathered around the tanoa. During the day we gathered around this year's topic: “Climate Change and Resettlement.”

You see, even though Pacific Island nations (Fiji, Tuvalu, Kiribati, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga and others) contribute only about 0.02% of the world's greenhouse gas

emissions, they are experiencing some of the most immediate impacts of the climate's warming linked to those emissions. (The U.S., with about 5% of the world's population, emits approximately 25% of the world's greenhouse gases.) Specifically, these island nations are susceptible to increased storm severity and rising sea levels. Kiribati's 100,000 inhabitants and Tuvalu's 11,000 inhabitants will need to be resettled in approximately 20 years. They will lose their home — and their country.



Michael Schut

Those around the tanoa included the Rev. Bureieta Karaiti, General Secretary of the Kiribati Protestant Churches, and Rev. Tofiga Falani, President Ekalesia Kelisiano, Tuvalu: two men who now find themselves pastors of a people living in the midst of a disappearing homeland. Pastors from both New Orleans' Ninth Ward and Bangladesh's vast river delta happen to find themselves in similar circumstances.

Though a tired refrain, it's true nonetheless: those who have contributed the least to climate change, are those most negatively impacted.

### ECOLOGICAL ECONOMICS

While at the gathering I gave a presentation on “Ecological Economics.” For many, the two are still seen as separate concerns. We are familiar with the stereotypes: the tree-hugger who, some suspect, cares more for an endangered bird than an endangered job; the urban activist who, others suspect, fights tirelessly on behalf of, let's say, improved health care for the poor while seemingly oblivious to the impacts of a local toxic waste incinerator.

Just where would we draw the distinction between caring for people and caring for Earth in Tuvalu or Bangladesh or New Orleans? (As if people were somehow not part and parcel of Earth...) For arguments sake, let's say we were primarily concerned with the *people* living in those areas. Would we express that care by restoring wetlands and mangrove swamps and tidal flats — which protect homes from sea level rise and severe storms? Would we embody that care through changing our own lifestyles and our government's priorities in order to decrease greenhouse gas emissions? Would we work to provide better housing for the displaced? Would we push the United Nations to ensure the human rights of “climate change refugees?” Yes, yes, yes and yes.

### COMING HOME AGAIN

In the next 50-100 years, millions of our brothers and sisters will lose homes as the climate changes. Depending on the rate of change, some scientists predict up to a third of all plant and animal species may be threatened with extinction. They will not be able to “come home.”

But all of us have an opportunity to do so in a profound way: we can come home to Earth, to God's creation. We can recognize that both economics and ecology (and ecumenism) share the same Greek root word of *oikos*, meaning “the household.”

With that recognition, comes the opportunity and responsibility to create God's economy, one nestled within God's *oikos* and which knows in its very DNA that no one is expendable: not the Mexican immigrant or the soil he farms; not the Pacific Islander or the mangrove swamps protecting her coastline; not the coal-laced Appalachian mountaintop or the coal-miner. This is the calling of our time. It will not be easy or quick. Nor, however, is it utopian. It is, simply, what God's kin-dom tastes, smells and feels like.

### Your advocacy for and support of the following Economic and Environmental Resolutions is requested:

- **A035, Establish Standing Commission on the Environment:** calls for establishing this commission and funding it at \$15,000 per year for the next triennium
- **A112, Episcopal Network for Economic Justice:** calls for \$100,000 per year to support ENEJ for the next triennium
- **A115, To Establish a Program for the Alleviation of Domestic Poverty:** calls for \$400,000 per year for this program
- **C034, Creation Cycle of the Pentecost Season:** integrates a creation cycle into the liturgical calendar
- **C070, Memorializing the Genesis Covenant:** commits parishes and dioceses to reducing greenhouse gas emissions by 50% over 10 years

### Michael Schut will have a presence at the following venues during General Convention:

- July 8, 6:15 PM — The Global Economic Forum with The Archbishop of Canterbury
- July 9, Noon Bag Lunch sponsored by The Advocacy Center
- July 10, 4 PM — Book Signing at Church Publishing Group's booth in the Exhibit Hall
- July 11, 2-3 PM and 3:30-4:30 PM — Workshops at the young adult gathering
- July 14 and 15, 1:30 PM to 2:30 PM — Presenting at the Discovery Center in the Exhibit Hall

Michael Schut serves as the Economic and Environmental Affairs Officer of The Episcopal Church, following 11 years on the staff of Earth Ministry. His new book is *Money and Faith: The Search for Enough*. Michael also edited and co-wrote *Simpler Living, Compassionate Life: A Christian Perspective*, which won the second best book of 2000 award by the Catholic Press Association, and the anthology and study guide *Food and Faith: Justice, Joy and Daily Bread*. He has worked with homeless men, served as a Park Ranger, led wilderness trips and facilitated retreats and workshops. Michael received his M.S. in Environmental Studies from the University of Oregon in 1993 and his B.S. in Biology in 1987 from Wheaton College in Illinois. He likes to backpack, climb, sing, read, and spend time with his nephew, Carter. He lives in Seattle.



Kossified congressman: Obama was a “community organizer like Jesus.”

## SAVE THE DATE

### OUR KIND OF TOWN, CHICAGO IS

Community organization stronghold and home of its favorite transplanted son, Community Organizer in Chief, President Barack Obama:

### CHICAGO SOCIAL JUSTICE MINISTRIES CONVOCATION EVENTS

- **Episcopal Urban Caucus Assembly,** February 24-27, 2010
- **ENEJ Province V Conference,** February 26, 2010 (Part of the EUC Assembly)
- **ENEJ Annual Meeting and Planning Session,** February 27-28 (Following EUC Assembly)
- **The Episcopal Peace Fellowship Luncheon,** February 25, 2009
- **The Consultation**

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR AND CONSIDER PLANS TO ATTEND

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to another, usually for economic reasons, to take care of their families. And finally we recommend with Episcopalians for Global Reconciliation the cancellation of huge debts owed by very poor nations so that they can assist their people to rise from the chains of poverty to truly decent lives.

The needs of one are the needs of all if we are brothers and sisters in the Spirit. And the task of the ENEJ is not only to remind us of God's call to these ministries but also to help identify the tools to be successful in this work.

**ENEJ RESOLUTIONS****A111 Economic Ministry for and with Lower Income Persons**

**Proposer: Standing Commission on National Concerns**  
This comprehensive resolution lists seven actions ranging from "traditional acts of mercy" to "increased advocacy, empowerment and community-development work."

**A112 Episcopal Network for Economic Justice**

**Proposer: Standing Commission on National Concerns**  
This funds ENEJ \$100,000 per year for the next three years so it can continue and increase its mission of supporting and assisting economic justice work at every level of the church.

*(The dioceses of Los Angeles and Michigan introduced similar resolutions, C035 and C049 respectively, that cover the same topics as A111 and A112.)*

**D017 Cancellation of Third World Debt**

**Proposer: Michael T. Clark (lay deputy, Diocese of Missouri)**  
Both Episcopalians for Global Reconciliation (EGR) and ENEJ support this resolution

**B006 Immigration: Economic Justice Implications**

**Proposer: The Rt. Rev. Sanford Z. K. Hampton (Assisting**

**Bishop, Diocese of Olympia)** • This comprehensive resolution calls for fair treatment of immigrants and their families.

**B009 Regulation of the Financial Crisis**

**Proposer: The Rt. Rev. V. Gene Robinson (Bishop of the Diocese of New Hampshire)** • This resolution supports regulations of banking and financial sectors, especially those policies that negatively impact moderate and low-income people.

**B010 Crisis of the Global Economy**

**Proposer: The Rt. Rev. V. Gene Robinson (Bishop of the Diocese of New Hampshire)** • Resolution supports a regulatory agency at the international level "with the authority to promote and enforce agreed upon principles of fair trade and regulations governing international trade, commerce and the environment."

*(The Rev. Dr. Ian T. Douglas, (deputy, Diocese of Massachusetts), introduced D018; "Address the Global Economic Crisis.")*

**ENEJ-SUPPORTED RESOLUTIONS****C053 Continue Support of MDGs**

**Proposer: Diocese of Missouri** • Resolution urges the national church to continue a line item of 0.7 percent in the budget for work that supports the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs). It designates September 11 a day of fasting.

**D019 Recommit to MDGs as a Mission Priority**

**Proposer: The Rev. Dr. Ian T. Douglas (Diocese of Massachusetts)**

**A140 Domestic Poverty**

**Proposer: Executive Council** • It commends the Presiding Bishop (PB) for sponsoring a summit on domestic poverty in May 2008.

**A155 Establish a program for the alleviation of domestic poverty**

**Proposer: Executive Council Jubilee Advisory Committee** It also praises the PB's domestic poverty summit. It focuses on the poorest counties in the US; that many these encompass federal reservations for Native Americans.

**A137 Continuation of the task force to study employment policies of the Episcopal Church**

**Proposer: Executive Council**

**C048 Support for Employment Nondiscrimination Act (ENDA)**

**Proposer: Diocese of Michigan** • It urges Congress to include sexual orientation, gender identity and gender expression as classes protected by ENDA.

**A165 Women and Money**

**Proposer: Executive Council Committee on the Status of Women** • A socially responsible investment type resolution, it urges the Church Pension Fund to invest in funds that promote gender equity.

**A166 Parental Leave**

**Proposer: Executive Council Committee on the Status of Women** • This would provide a standard for parental leave for employees of Episcopal churches.

**A077 Episcopal Health Ministries**

**Proposer: Standing Commission on Health**

**C071 Health Care for All**

**Proposer: Diocese of East Tennessee**

**C073 Re-evaluation of Care for Mentally Ill**

**Proposer: Diocese of East Tennessee**

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school and ultimately change communities. Investment options are offered around the world, which will support achievement of Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) or here at home through a variety of loan terms and interest. Contracts are through Community Development Financial Institution Fund (CDFI) <http://www.cdfifund.gov/>, an entity of the United States Department of the Treasury and insurer of note. *Coordinated by Susan Lloyd, ENEJ Education Committee Co-chair, Province V*

**JULY 10TH, ENEJ NOONDAY GUEST SPEAKER AT THE CONSULTATION BROWNBAG FORUM:**

Ched Myers, [www.bcm-net.org](http://www.bcm-net.org), renowned activist theologian, popular educator, lecturer and prolific author will speak on

**"Sabbath Economics and Community Investment."**

His organizing has included work with American Friends Service Community, Pacific Resource Center and the Pacific Life Community. He is co-founder of the Word and World School for faith-based activists, [www.wordandworld.org](http://www.wordandworld.org), and the Sabbath Economics Collaborative, [www.sabbath-economics.org](http://www.sabbath-economics.org). He holds degrees from the University of California at Berkeley in Philosophy and from the Graduate Theological Union in New Testament Studies.



**JULY 14TH, PRAYER VIGIL, MAIN ENTRANCE TO DISNEYLAND**, 4:30 to 6:00 pm. For more information pick up a flyer at the ENEJ exhibit #742 or ENEJ hotline 513.703.6974

**LISTENING TO THAT SMALL VOICE**

**By The Rev. Canon Henry L. Atkins, Jr., ENEJ Education Committee Focus Group, Peace & Justice Committee, Episcopal Diocese of Los Angeles, Province VIII**

*THE GOD OF ISRAEL SAYS TO MOSES, in the third chapter of the Book of Exodus, that he has heard the pain of laborers in Egypt—who cry out on account of their taskmasters. "I know their sufferings and I have come down to deliver them." Matthew's Gospel concludes in the 25th chapter: JESUS SAID, "Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these you did not do it to me." In the Book of Exodus and Mathew's Gospel, Jesus identifies with the poor—the pain of the suffering laborer is God's pain. To follow Jesus means that we listen to the cry of laborers who suffer from the oppression of their taskmasters—their pain becomes our pain—as we move to seek and participate in God's deliverance of the oppressed.*

The Episcopal Network for Economic Justice is keenly aware of the dangerous and immoral trend that places increasing profit over the needs of people. At General Convention the ENEJ will be presenting various proposals that address our current economic crisis. However, the ENEJ believes that in addition it is important for all people of faith to express their solidarity with those who suffer the most during this present crisis. Therefore, the ENEJ, working with several other organizations, is planning a concrete action to enable all who attend the General Convention to participate in such an act of solidarity. The concrete action we are proposing is with the hotel workers at the various Disney hotels in Anaheim.

Earlier this month, despite the recession, Disney reported a net income of \$1.5 billion for the first half of its current fiscal year. Meanwhile, approximately 2,100 employees of Anaheim's Disneyland Hotels (including

bellmen, dishwashers, room attendants and cooks) have been working without a contract since February 2008. Many hotel workers who have given years to the Disney Company will be faced with increased difficulty in obtaining health care for their families due to the company's current contract proposals, which would make more part time classifications and increase costs and eligibility requirements for health care benefits.

The economic crisis we find ourselves in is being worsened by unethical and immoral choices that successful companies like Disney are making to preserve their profit margins over sustaining the jobs and livelihood of their employees. Poverty jobs and deepening inequality generate a greater need for public assistance, depresses consumer spending, and ultimately hurt our overall economy. We need strong companies who are industry leaders to respond to the needs of their workers by creating and maintaining sustainable quality jobs that can support families.

The ENEJ is working with the Peace and Justice Committee of the Episcopal Diocese of Los Angeles, Clergy and Lay United for Economic Justice (CLUE), both the Los Angeles and Orange County organizations, Progressive Christians Uniting, UNITE, and an Orange County ecumenical clergy association to sponsor a Prayer Vigil from 4:30 to 6 p.m. on Tuesday July 14, 2009 at the main entrance to Disneyland in support of the hotel workers. We will be joined in this Vigil by many of the hotel workers. We pray that you will join us to participate in this most important act of Christian solidarity with our struggling brothers and sisters in Anaheim. More information will be available at the ENEJ exhibit during the General Convention.

**2006 GENERAL CONVENTION LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY:**

Reaffirmed the right of workers in the United States to organize and form unions, especially seasonal and migrant workers, and commended the work of Interfaith Worker Justice (Coo8).

Supported the right of workers to form a union, supported passage of living wage legislation, committed the church at all levels to contract solely with union hotels or to obtain confirmation that local prevailing "living wages" are paid by all hotels the church uses (Do47).



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