



DOMESTIC JUSTICE ADVOCACY IN THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH:

Perspective Of New Captain At the Helm After Six Months; “Looking back and looking ahead”

*By The Rev. Christopher A. Johnson
December 26, 2008*

Today people throughout the United States are flocking to stores to return the gifts that they received for Christmas Day, only yesterday. It would be dismissive to simply judge the culture for its eagerness to consume, for the insatiable appetite that drives it. And so with this thought in mind, I pause to reflect on my first six months as Officer for Domestic Justice and Jubilee Ministry.

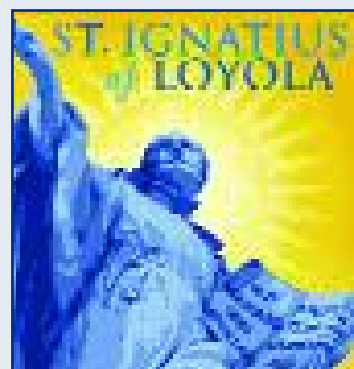
It seems like I began working at the Church Center only yesterday, and yet it was actually June 15th when I arrived. Looking back the pace has been brisk.

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CHARTING THE COURSE
Chris Johnson, Program Officer for Domestic Justice and Jubilee Ministries,

Episcopal Church Advocacy Center, New York, leads session at ENEJ Triennial Planning Retreat at St. Andrew's House, Diocese of Olympia, as Kathy McAdams, (center) Executive Director, Ecclesia Ministries, Boston Presiding Bishop's Summit on Economic Justice Visioning Committee Chair and Dan Valdez, Board of Directors Chair, The Episcopal Community Federal Credit Union, Diocese of Los Angeles, share in the vision.



“What Have I Done; What Am I Doing; And What Shall I Do For Christ?”

Responding in kind to St. Ignatius' questions as related to the world economic crises, delegates at diocesan conventions of Los Angeles, Southern Ohio and Michigan adopt ENEJ Economic Justice Resolution sponsored for General Convention.

By John Hooper, Chair and the Rev. Canon Henry L. Atkins, Jr., ENEJ Education Committee Focus Group

In keeping with the central theme of the New Testament, the coming reign of God — a reign which asks us to envision a new world — as well as a way to respond to St. Ignatius, the contradiction of living in a world of extreme wealth and poverty can be overcome when the basic needs of everyone are met. Such needs have

not been a priority of our society which spends nearly 50% of its federal budget on defense and less than 1% on the poor. Internationally, almost one billion people living on the edge of survival on less than one U.S. dollar per day may starve to death since they can no longer pay the escalating prices for rice and

beans caused by deepening world economic woes. We can, however, move in a different direction by creating economic, political and cultural models that can enable a civilization of labor to integrate a civilization of capital. Guided by the Holy Spirit we can “humanize

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Letter from the President

Dianne Aid, TSSF



The President's Message:

WALL STREET MELTDOWN...
'Trickling down' sets off debilitating domino affect on the economically disadvantaged; with the middle class being just a few 'bones' away.

Since the focus of this issue, according to newly appointed editor and chair of ENEJ Communications & Promotions Committee, is to promote the survival of the principles of economic justice ministries conveyed at the triennial planning retreat – despite a growing recession, it was the chair's suggestion that my message follow suit by commenting on the economy which is crashing around us like melting icebergs attributed to global warming. "I will need to find someone with expertise on the subject," was my initial response, which was quickly sidetracked, because it was deemed more appropriate that the comments come from me. Well, I thought and thought to myself, all of us, from the well-off to those of us on the lower rung of the income ladder – from native-born to immigrant – are all impacted by what is going on, even though we may not comprehend it.

'The globalization of economics,' was the topic of a Lenten presentation made by Dick Gillett at my parish last March, before the current situation escalated. He described this sort of exchange that is not particularly about goods and services, but about money – or at least symbolic money – which exists like an uncontrollable monster that has a life of its own. It reminded me of an old sci-fi movie where a scientist loses control of his or her creation and it takes on a life of its own – becoming a threat to its creator.

So here we are, banks with over-extended credit, investors invested in phantom derivatives somewhere in the world, and the government is desperately trying to figure out how to bailout the banks. How is this going to help people like us? No one really knows the answer, but my personal faith in such tactics is rather low.

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After the first few weeks of listening to the evening news about how stocks were dropping, I knew many lives were being impacted by great financial distress, job loss, etc. I wondered what the trickle-down impact would be not only on the economically disadvantaged to whom we minister, but also on their middle class advocates. It has already affected a dear friend and co-worker who owns a landscaping service. A year ago his company was pulling in a reasonable monthly income; enough to maintain his equipment, keep up with his taxes and pay himself and his two employees. It only took the cancellation of two large accounts, due to their own financial crisis, to place his livelihood in jeopardy. Devastation came crashing down on my friend like dominos; with income cut in half, the result was a delinquency on state and federal taxes due for income and employment. With a home loan financed through Countrywide Savings & Loan, which recently filed for bankruptcy, and already two months behind on his mortgage payment, he is in danger of foreclosure. His story is undoubtedly the story of hundreds of thousands across the country.

The hope for my friend, as well as for all those for whom our Network serves as advocates, is that they belong to a community that supports one

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Events in Mobile, Alabama February 4-8, 2009 Episcopal Network for Economic Justice and Episcopal Urban Caucus Assembly

The Episcopal Urban Caucus Assembly will be held at the Renaissance Riverview Plaza Hotel in Mobile, Alabama. To register, go to www.episcopalurbancaucus.org or call Nell Gibson at 212.699.2998

ENEJ Province IV Conference

Episcopalians and friends from Province IV are invited to a special program within the Urban Caucus Assembly on Friday, February 6, 2009 at the Renaissance Riverview Plaza Hotel. The program will include orientation to the work of ENEJ, a panel on the response of Gulf Coast dioceses to Katrina and learnings for the Church at large, and networking. An ENEJ sponsored luncheon with speaker is part of the event. To register for the entire assembly, go to Episcopalurbancaucus.org. To register just for the Friday program, write to Michael Maloney at meamon@aol.com or call 513.531.8799. Co-chairs of this event are Vicky Partin cvemvicky@knology.net and Eric Liles ericliles@gmail.com.

ENEJ Luncheon

The Gloria Brown Award for an outstanding faith-based economic justice project and Hugh White Award in recognition for an individual performing outstandingly in worker justice will be presented at the ENEJ

luncheon. See further description of the luncheon in the Province IV Conference Schedule below.

The Episcopal Network for Economic Justice invites you to a conference...

Beyond Katrina: From Disaster Response to the Issues of Domestic Poverty



Luncheon Keynote, the Rev. Carol Borne Stewart shares first-hand perspective:

"Immediately after Katrina blew the Mississippi Gulf Coast to pieces, I was asked by Bishop Gray to head up our Diocesan Disaster Response...The rest is very interesting history."

Go to Page 8 for details.

ENEJ Annual Meeting

(Following the Episcopal Urban Caucus Assembly)

The ENEJ annual meeting will convene at noon, February 7 at the Renaissance Riverview Plaza Hotel in Mobile, and go to Sunday noon. The 12:00 to 3:00 pm period includes lunch, program and business meeting. The 4:00 pm to Sunday morning portion includes long range planning, General Convention preparation and dinner. All persons interested in ENEJ are welcome.

To register, contact Michael Maloney at meamon@aol.com or 513.531.8799.

Lodging

The above events will be at the Renaissance Riverview Hotel, 64 South Water Street, Mobile, AL 36602. Make your own reservations at <http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/mobrv-renaissance-riverview-plaza-hotel/> or call 800.922.3298. Early bird registration ends on January 5, 2009. Mention events you are attending.

Booking Your Flight

Mobile has an airport. You may want to compare the cost of flying there and getting the shuttle vs flying to Pensacola and renting a car.

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another. Money, food, hospitality is not about who owes what to whom, but it is about caring for one another – an idea we can all revisit this Season of Giving. That seems to me to be the model of an apostolic community.

The role of ENEJ is to remind the church and each other of the need for systemic change in addressing

the root cause of poverty and inequality. In this issue you will find information on how to work through the Office of Domestic Justice and Jubilee Ministries to achieve that end. Please join us for our annual meeting following the Episcopal Urban Caucus Assembly in Mobile, Alabama in early February, which will include a Province IV

event, as well as the dissemination of updated information and strategies – and the recognition and celebration of achievements of outstanding ministries exemplifying them.

May the light of the epiphany season guide your heart and mind in the work of justice.

Dianne Aid, TSSF, President



A POD OF ORCA IN A SEAL-FEEDING FRENZY BREACHING THE SURFACE OF THE WATERWAY fronting St. Andrew's House Conference Center in the Diocese of Olympia and reflecting the Olympic Mountain Range in the distance, are viewed occasionally from the porch of the circa 1928 lodge – originally a family log cabin getaway – according to touring hosts Jeff Gruber, director and Cathy Rasmussen, assistant. Timely, but marathon workshop sessions to address economic urgencies arising from a deepening world-wide recession, however, prevented the twenty or so conferees and board members the pastime of whale-watching at the ENEJ Triennial Planning Retreat. A synopsis of the body of work performed by this domestic advocacy network – strategies devised and vision enfolded for future advocacy follows:

by Lovie B. Spencer, Jr. Communications & Promotions Chair (full text of staff report on retreat may be accessed on ENEJ website)

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Daily Morning Prayer preceding breakfast and morning workshops, officiated respectively by **the Rev. Canon Henry L. Aitkins, Jr.**, Diocese of Los Angeles, and **the Rev. Kathy McAdams**, Diocese of Massachusetts, commenced the important work of this retreat each day.

Advocacy ministry and reflections of participants open retreat:

Dick Gillett said, “The challenges are going to be great but I am hopeful that, as in the 30s, people of faith will stand up and say what they hope will emerge. I fear the fallout of this economic collapse on the most vulnerable. This is an opportunity to think boldly about what kind of framework a new society should have after this fiasco. If there is any group that could rise to the challenge it should be this group.” **Dianne Aid** spoke of her experience with grass roots efforts and the solidarity that is found in this kind of action. **Vicky Partin** urged us to turn our fears into hope. She and **Urla Abrigo** are associated with credit unions that can help families and small businesses through this crisis. “We have a short window of time to bring about a climate of social justice,” said **Lucinda Keils**. “Michigan has twice as many poor people as in 2001.” **John Hooper**, who is the chief drafter of ENEJ’s proposal for a new plan for Economic Justice for the Episcopal Church, spoke of the sinfulness that has brought us to this economic crisis and the need for a vision of what our life together could be. **Eric Lilies** reminded us that God’s justice is couched in abundance. s

Josh Griffin, seminarian from Harvard Divinity School, confessed to “youthful insanity” in his zeal for active pursuit of justice, especially environmental and racial justice. **Henry Atkins** of Los Angeles spoke of the difference between political democracy imagined by the founding fathers and the economic democracy we seek. “We are having to deal with the death of empire,” he said. Others spoke of their personal ministries. **Art Lloyd**, Community Organizer Training and ENEJ. **Sue Lloyd**, Community Investing, ENEJ, **Carl Rehling**, Legislative work with faith-based organizations in Maryland. **Dan Valdez**, LA Community Credit Union. **Roberta Newell**, economic justice work in Washington State, especially with incarcerated women. **Lovie Spencer**, new Communications Chair, ministers through communications work for ENEJ and in Province VIII. “May the Lord teach us his ways,” he said. **Kathy McAdams** works with the homeless through Ecclesia Ministries in Boston. She is pleased that Massachusetts has a five year plan to end homelessness. **Chris Johnson** heads the Jubilee Ministries/Domestic Justice Office at the Episcopal Church Center. **John Partin** of Columbus, Georgia, is involved in parish outreach, a Jubilee Center, and Interfaith Power and Light. **Dr. Tupper Morehead** is a Franciscan active in ENEJ and Episcopal Appalachian Ministries. He is based in Nashville. **Dianne Aid** in addition to being ENEJ president coordinates a Jubilee Center and works with migrants as a grass roots organizer and advocate.

National Church Staff Presentation by the Rev. Christopher A. Johnson, Program Officer, Domestic Justice & Jubilee Ministries

Chris has a background in private business and, more recently, was director of the 32nd Avenue Jubilee Ministry in Denver. He was also Diocesan Jubilee

Chris, Dick Gillett explained the difference between charity work and justice. Charity can be withdrawn at the will of the giver. Justice work empowers. He quoted the British theologian, Christopher Leach. Chris described the Episcopal Church reorganization and the four centers and regional officers.

ation and non-duplication in charity work. Chris is trying to put 37 pages of summit proceedings into understandable language. A comprehensive approach to domestic poverty is the goal. *Editor's Note:* “Central to the Theology of Jubilee,” according to Johnson, “is a treatise by the Rev. Dr. Monrelle Williams presented at a recent Jubilee Training in Scottsdale.” Full text available on Advocacy Center website: http://www.episcopalchurch.org/1905_10883_ENG_HTM.htm, click resources.

2009 General Convention Preparation

John Hooper, Co-chair Education Committee, indicated ENEJ’s response to the economic crises stems from an updated background paper, Twenty Years Later, and five resolutions which received feedback at the Episcopal Urban Caucus in Oakland: 1) ENEJ Program and Funding. 2) Globalization. 3) Debt Cancellation. 4) Regulations. 5) Immigration. Together these documents outline a new vision for an economic justice program for the Episcopal Church for the next twenty years. “We are at a kairos moment,” John said in his discussion describing ENEJ’s position. Henry Atkins interjected that we have a unique wealth of resources in response to the crisis. We should distribute them widely through diocesan conventions, monitor their success and lobby for them at General Convention. “Capitalism will not go on in the same form,” said Lucinda Kells. “The Church is the place where something new can come forth.” Dianne suggested we use the internet to disseminate our resources and also distribute them to delegates through the

Blue Book and ENEJ website. Lucinda also suggested we seek funding through the Diocese of Michigan to assist with providing a copy for every delegate and to place them on 1,000 CDs

Immigration, Regulations, Consultation Platform, General Convention Plan and Budget Development were among the subjects matter of other discussions which ensued.

Brainstorming:

Committees explored and presented ideas in implementing their plans:

Outreach:

1) Presentations at seminars. 2) College outreach programs. 3) Hands-on involvement of youth through Canterbury, Habitat, service trips and issue education for high school students, involve younger clergy and young adult leaders. 4) Rethink facilitation of meetings. 5) Hands-on involvement of young people by updating and revising ENEJ collateral, mentoring young people, involve them in projects, involve seminar-ies, improve our website. 6) Organize a Spanish-speaking network. 7) Develop training for advocates.

Communications:

1) Expand use of electronics for communications. 2) Use print as an inter/intra communications tool. 3) Improve format of current publication. 4) Develop and maintain website in ‘real time,’ initially coinciding with liturgical calendar seasons, improve links to resources. 5) Expand list serve and data base. 6) Develop budget for General Convention communications and

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Action Plan 2009 – 2012

Mission of the Episcopal Network for Economic Justice

To address the systemic economic injustices that perpetuate poverty and lack of access to life and community-sustaining resources.

Vision Statement of the Episcopal Network for Economic Justice

Serve as a catalyst to activate the national church, provinces, dioceses, parishes, organizations and individuals to create and support local economic development projects that provide housing, businesses and jobs, community-based credit unions and other wealth-creating programs, and to advocate for worker justice and workers’ rights including the right to organize. Work to have our church recognize economic justice as a central issue shaping our spirituality, mission and evangelism. We commit to create ways to engage people and the church in the work of bringing about economic justice.

Officer for the Diocese of Colorado. Chris explained the difference between Jubilee Ministries and Jubilee Congregations. Part of his vision is to have more Jubilee congregations who do not just delegate the work to a center. Jubilee Ministries has \$100,000 for grants and that will not go far. He has developed a one-page application form for small grants to help organizations with their volunteer base In an exchange with

Michael Schut will head the Environment and Economic Justice office in Seattle and be part of our liaison, but we also report to Christopher and Brian Grieves. Chris’ office will work with Episcopal Community Services of America in his domestic poverty work and will also include ENEJ at the table. His office will follow up on the Presiding Bishop’s Summit on Domestic Poverty and issue a report. ECSA is concerned about cooper-

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humanity” and send history in a different direction. In the name of Christ we can take responsibility for the crisis we have created, and begin to put the reign of God first.

Responding to unfolding events, The Episcopal Network for Economic Justice (ENEJ) is asking the Episcopal Church to enact a new economic justice resolution appropriate to the current situation. An ENEJ published background paper, *Twenty Years Later*, recognizes the complexity of the current economic crisis. It describes seven current trends, each with serious ethical implications that affect all of us: globalization of the economy, multinational corporations with limited local or national accountability, the Iraq/Afghanistan wars and the increase in militarization, immigration struggles, environmental degradation, reduction of government services, and the reduction of moderate and middle class income and wealth. The document calls upon the Church to respond both with its prophetic voice and with its action to the deepening economic crisis in which our nation and our world find themselves. The Church may be the only institution that can credibly challenge economic policies which are based solely on market solutions without consideration of the human and environmental costs of our decisions.

Trends, statistics and other reflections of a deepening recession over the past year need not be recounted further here; forlorn faces on families in neighbors have replaced graphs as an indicator for urgent contingencies.

ENEJ solicits the servant leadership in the Episcopal Church to affirm and adopt at upcoming diocesan conventions and at the upcoming July 2009 General Convention in Anaheim the following resolutions, which are the economic justice program of the Church for the next six years:

1. That Episcopal congregations continue to engage in the traditional acts of mercy: food pantries, clothing closets, soup kitchens, homeless shelters, and other programs.
2. That each Episcopal congregation fully know its neighbors, develop relationships with the disenfranchised in its community, knowing people by their names and forming local partnerships to serve people of low income and few financial resources.
3. That the Episcopal Church continues and deepens its advocacy for legislation which provides adequate levels of support and opportunities for all people.
4. That Episcopal dioceses and congregations promote and participate in church-based community organizing whereby people of the local community bring their needs to the atten-

tion and effective action of elected officials and governmental bodies.

5. That the Episcopal Church assists low-income people to take control of their own lives and meet their own needs through models such as community development corporations, housing corporations and cooperatives, and small business development.
6. That the Episcopal Church makes loans and deposits to community development financial institutions (community loan funds, community development banks and credit unions, and micro-loan business funds).
7. That the Episcopal Church develops at the national level a community development loan fund open to deposits from Episcopal dioceses, congregations, organizations and members with a goal of becoming a \$24 million fund to make loans to projects of the economically disadvantaged.

In a companion resolution, the ENEJ requests adequate funding from The Episcopal Church to continue and increase its mission of supporting and assisting economic justice work at every level of the Church.

The full text of these resolutions as well as the background paper, *Twenty Years Later*, may be found on the ENEJ Website:

<http://www.enej.org/index.htm>

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Collaboration and networking relationships are being cultivated through this office with an eye toward domestic concerns. At the same time existing programs are being supported while new opportunities are being explored.

Domestic Justice is a broad description for Social Justice and Poverty Alleviation. Within that interest I am developing relationships with networks, like the Episcopal Network for Economic Justice, Episcopal Community Services in America, and Churches in Metropolitan Areas. I am able to report that I joined the leadership of these three networks for their annual retreats as an opportunity to listen and to learn about their ministries and as an opportunity to share a bit of my vision for Domestic Justice in the Episcopal Church through the office I serve. Likewise I can report that I was also able to attend the Lutheran Conference on Poverty and Wealth as a follow up to our Presiding Bishop's recent Summit on Domestic Poverty. Resolutions are being put forth for consideration at General Convention to respond to issues of Domestic Poverty. I have developed a Model for the Alleviation of Domestic Poverty that is comprehensive in scope and that should be able to establish goals that are measurable with timeline of

accountability. This model can engage a broad basis of leadership and representation from throughout the Church. Most importantly, it gives voice to the target communities it seeks to assist so that its goals are consistent with the desires of the brothers and sisters we are serving.

I have listened to church leaders working with Prison Ministry and have attended the annual Interfaith Coalition for Corporate Responsibility gathering. I visited Diocesan Jubilee Ministry network gatherings were visited in Chicago, Northern Indiana, Wyoming, Kentucky and Georgia. Modest \$500 grants were awarded for Volunteer Encouragement to 107 ministries in 60 dioceses, while \$7500 grants were awarded to seven dioceses affected by recent floods and hurricanes for support of their Jubilee Ministry programs. Importantly for this readership community, ENEJ had \$5000 restored to its 2008 funding.

Looking ahead, the next six months will be focused on making final preparations for General Convention in Anaheim. During that time, plans are also being made to attend the Episcopal Urban Caucus Assembly, for a diocesan Jubilee Ministry network gathering in Connecticut and for a national gathering of Diocesan Jubilee Officers in Iowa.

The Model for the Alleviation of Domestic Poverty will be introduced

broadly to the Church. My vision for Domestic Justice includes providing linkages for collaboration networks such as those listed above through my web pages at the Advocacy Center. In addition to Jubilee Ministry, I will seek to establish a Board of Advisors representative of our broader Domestic Justice concerns to assure these voices are heard within the focus of this office. Please feel free to contact me with any and all questions you may have regarding your response to these comments or to share issues and concerns you have about issues you feel are not being addressed.

Back to my opening comments; I feel like I only started in this office yesterday because there has been so much work to do to learn about the needs and desires of its many programs and organizations. In this church there is a passion for promoting the work of justice in this church as a vital expression of Christian ministry. I remain eager to recognize the gifts you offer and to place them before the community that makes us a Church. In that regard, unlike others today, I do not plan on standing in long lines to make returns. What I do note, however, is that our appetites to consume are matched by our eagerness to contribute. The opportunity before us is that we would be as eager to affirm the offerings of one another as we are to receive affirmation for our own.

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promotions. 7) Consider advertisement electronically and in print to defray expenses and increased media cost.

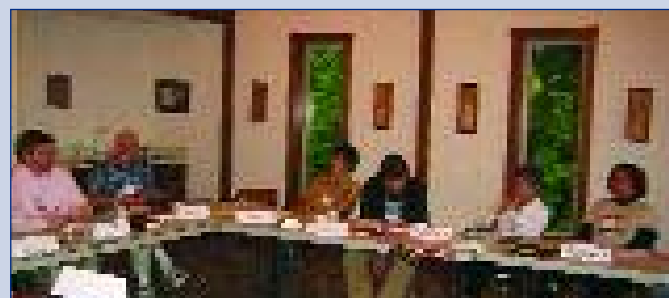
Capacity Building:

- 1) Continue assignment of board members to dioceses and parishes and entice them to become members of ENEJ.
- 2) Board members to assist with membership renewal.
- 3) Receive established budgets from each commit-

tee by year end.

Education:

- 1) Revise and update modules.
- 2) Regional conferences, planning for second one underway.
- 3) Spanish translation of manual just completed.
- 4) Province IV Conference Planning Committee (in progress).
- 5) CURRENT PROGRAMS: Revision of



manual, six modules, regional conference, concept paper and resolutions.

Suggestions for followup:

- 1) Conduct training sessions at the beginning of gatherings.
- 2) Establish

a financial literacy unit; (reference NAACP, FDIC and LA Credit Union as models). 3) Capacity Building session at annual ENEJ meeting. 4) Develop



- and ENEJ library as a resource.
- 5) Develop and send information packets to new and potential contacts.
- 6) Develop a brochure for the educational module.
- 7) Explore national outreach with Church Center through Lenten series, bulletin inserts, etc.
- 8) Theological and economical analysis of who we are.
- 9) Network formally with Chris' office in Advocacy Center.
- 10) Pursue God's vision.
- 11) Broaden ENEJ platform to include homeless, not just the working poor.
- 12) Education Committee to attend



California Environmental Justice Focus and promote on list serve.

Noonday Prayers and Holy Eucharist concluded the retreat on Friday, October 17, 2008, the Rev. Eric Lilies, Diocese of Alabama, officiant and celebrant.

The Episcopal Network for Economic Justice invites you to a conference...
Beyond Katrina: From Disaster Response to the Issues of Domestic Poverty

SPONSORS: Episcopalians in Province IV and the Episcopal Network for Economic Justice, Episcopal Urban Caucus, Office of Domestic Justice and Jubilee Ministries

CONTENT: This conference will review the work of agencies and community organizations in responding to Hurricane Katrina and what these efforts reveal about domestic poverty. It will address the opportunity the Episcopal Church has to live into mission in new ways through community organizing, solidarity with the poor, and creative ministries of justice and presence. There will also be an opportunity to review ENEJ education and training materials and plans for presenting a new economic justice program at the 2009 General Convention.

AREA CONTACT: Carol Borne Stewart, Diocese of Mississippi

CONFERENCE PLANNING CO-CHAIRS: Eric Liles, Diocese of Alabama, Vicky Partin, Diocese of Atlanta.

DATE: Friday, February 6, 2009

PLACE: Renaissance Riverview Plaza Hotel, Mobile, AL

WORKSHOPS:

Economic Justice Aspects of Gulf Coast Hurricane Recovery – A panel of three speakers will describe how the dioceses of Louisiana and Mississippi responded, Lutheran and Episcopal response, Episcopal Relief and Development and the government's response.

From the Disaster to the Heightened Issues of Domestic Poverty – The Fight for Economic Justice. In this workshop, you will hear how the State of

Mississippi directed federal money away from low income residents. The low income rental crisis, mental health issues, and resolutions for General Convention regarding domestic poverty will also be discussed.

Response to Economic Justice Issues – In this workshop, you will experience a sampling of ENEJ educational materials, ENEJ's General Convention resolutions, and organizing an economic justice network in Province IV.

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

Friday, February 6

8:30 - 9:15 am Registration

9:15 - 10:00 am ENEJ Orientation

10:00- 11:30 am Workshop 1 – Economic Justice Aspects of Gulf Coast Hurricane Recovery

12:00 pm ENEJ Luncheon – Beyond Katrina: From Disaster Relief to the Heightened Aspects of Domestic Poverty

Carol Borne Stewart, Assistant to the Bishop for Outreach and Community Development in the Diocese of Mississippi. Stewart will present the work of several economic justice projects and their roles in disaster response. These include Jericho Road Housing, Hope Community Credit Union, the Jeremiah Group, and STEPS Coalition.

2:00 - 3:30 pm Workshop 2 – From the Disaster to the Issues of Domestic Poverty: The Fight for Economic Justice

3:45- 4:45 pm Workshop 3 – Response to Economic Justice Issues

4:45 - 5:00 pm Conference Summary and Evaluation, Adjourn

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