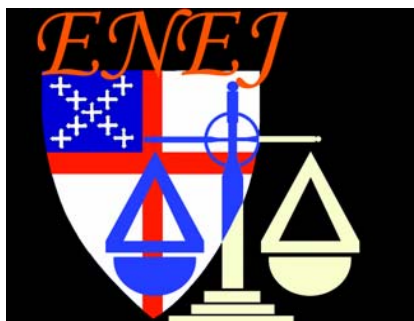


**W**e believe that the Episcopal Church is called to the work of ECONOMIC JUSTICE, which includes the support of local economic development projects, such as housing cooperatives, worker-owned businesses, and community based credit unions; the creation of housing, businesses and jobs through the energy and resources of the church; advocacy for worker justice, including the right to organize; and concerns about the effect of the globalization of the economy on workers, the poor and the environment.

Episcopal congregations are being asked to stand in solidarity with those who are being displaced by the shifting economic tide (Church's Teaching Series No. 10, Economic Justice, by Harold Lewis, p. 79). The Gospel requires no less.

We believe the Episcopal Church is called to a vocation that addresses the systemic injustices within our society that perpetuate poverty and lack of access to the resources which enhance the quality of life and by which communities and people sustain themselves.



**E**NEJ originated in response to the call of the 1988 General Convention of the Episcopal Church, meeting in Detroit, for a ministry of community investment and economic justice. By that resolution, Episcopalians were asked to invest a portion of their resources on community development projects in our cities, towns and rural areas. A 1993 conference in Chicago called for the formation of a network to support Episcopalians engaged in such ministries and to advocate for economic justice initiatives within the Episcopal Church. ENEJ was formally established at an organizing conference in Burlingame, California, in 1996.

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**E**NEJ is a membership organization, with both individual and organizational memberships. Governance is informal: the Steering Committee includes those who attend our annual meetings, who wish to serve and who are willing to commit some time and effort to working with our standing committees —communications, advocacy, resources, and education. Officers elected by the members meet regularly by conference call with an executive committee to coordinate the work of the committees. The Steering Committee meets annually during the Episcopal Urban Caucus assemblies where it sets its agenda and budget for the year, visits community economic development projects in the host city, and holds workshops on matters of interest to our members.



**E**NEJ is a network of individuals, dioceses, congregations and organizations within the Episcopal Church who are engaged in a variety of economic justice ministries. Members work both within the church and in interfaith coalitions in their respective communities.

Some of our members have helped create and capitalize community development financial institutions to support local economic development efforts — including a development bank, community development credit unions, and community development loan funds.

- Others have created community development corporations in lower income neighborhoods and are creating housing, businesses and jobs in those communities.
- Some have worked with coalitions to advocate for economic justice issues such as the living wage and unions for low-income workers.
- Others have advocated within the church, calling on church structures to take stands on important issues and to use their position and power in support of economic justice.
- Others have protested, advocated and educated on the effects of unbridled economic globalization on the environment, on working people, and on lower income peoples throughout the world.

## ENEJ Membership Form

### *Suggested amounts:*

Individual membership	\$50
Congregations & other organizations	\$100
Diocesan membership	\$250
Sponsors	\$50-499
Benefactors	\$500-1,000
Low income membership	\$10

We welcome contributions over-and-above the dues all of which are tax-deductible.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Mail this form with check (payable to ENEJ) to:

ENEJ

Episcopal Community Credit Union  
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Los Angeles, CA 90026

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**D**uring the past six years, ENEJ has:

- Produced the booklet “Community Investing: an Alternative for Religious Congregations Seeking a Social as well as a Financial Return.”
- Supported the production of the booklet “Let Justice Roll Down: American Workers at the New Millennium” and a video on janitors organizing to secure worker rights.
- Developed five modules on economic justice with United for a Fair Economy and sponsors training of facilitators for this program. Four more units are yet to be produced with UFE.
- Proposed resolutions passed by the General Conventions of the Episcopal Church on increasing the use of the Church’s resources for the economic improvement of lower income communities.
- Developed a system of information and resource sharing for our network and the church at large which includes a web site, list serve, and newsletter.
- Provided training, advocacy and technical assistance for diocesan, parish, and community-based ministries.

**E**NEJ has worked closely with Jubilee Ministries, in addition to meeting annually with the Episcopal Urban Caucus. We also strive to collaborate with other justice networks in the Church, including anti-racism, environmental stewardship, public policy and global peace. We are also committed to making real the connections among the issues addressed by these networks.

# Episcopal Network for Economic Justice

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