

National Conference Opportunities in June 2009

National Summit to Reform Immigration for America **June 3-5, 2009 – Washington D.C.**

The time is now for advocates and organizers to come together to push Congress to reform immigration this year. Close to 400 leaders from immigrant community, labor and faith organizations around the country will meet to build momentum for the passage of just and humane immigration reform. The time is now to advocate for practical solutions that benefit all of us and are rooted in the restoration of the rule of law, earned citizenship, united families, and fair treatment of workers. Your attendance and participation is requested and needed. Join us to build a stronger team and to build greater momentum.

The Summit is being sponsored by the **Reform Immigration for America Campaign**, a national coalition of advocates and organizations from faith, labor and immigrant communities committed to winning the votes needed to enact a just and comprehensive immigration reform bill in this session of Congress. The Reform Immigration for America Campaign Summit will be the largest convening of immigrant advocates and organizers in Washington this year. It will provide leaders and advocates like you with the tools, information, team-building and training necessary to meet the challenge and work for change.

At the Summit, groups will have the opportunity to network, share tactics and best practices, and learn new skills through a variety of workshops and sessions. By the conclusion of the three-day event, participants will leave not only energized, but also provided with critical tools, skills and a clear strategy to work for change.

Highlights of the Summit:

- What's Our Strategy to Create Change?
- Campaign Planning Sessions by State and Regions
- Capitol Hill Town Hall Meeting on Immigration
- Legislative Visits on the Hill
- Taking the Campaign Home - What Are We Going to Do to Create Change?
- Skills building sessions such as power analysis, campaign plan development, alliance building communications strategies, media 101

The Summit will be held at *Kellogg Conference Center* at Gallaudet University in Washington D.C. Please register today and commit to attend the Summit on **JUNE 3-5, 2009**. Your participation will be invaluable and appreciated. For more information and to register online, visit: <http://www.communitychange.org/our-projects/firm/firm-summit>.

AMOS (IAF Organizing) 3-Day Leadership Training Event **June 10-12, 2009 – Omaha, NE**

AMOS (A Metropolitan Organizing Strategy), with which many of our United Methodist congregations are involved, is holding a regional three-day leadership training event at the **Holiday Inn Omaha Convention Center** (3321 South 72nd Street, Omaha, NE 68124), **June 10-12, 2009**, through their national organization: the [Industrial Areas Foundation](#) (IAF). The training event will feature teaching sessions focusing on understanding “power” from the perspective of our religious and democratic traditions; understanding the role of “self-interest” in motivating us to act; understanding the role of institutions in shaping a community that works for all; finding ways to develop and attract strong local leadership – all of the workshops will be led by the national, professional organizing staff of the IAF.

Registration deadlines are **May 18** for participants requiring hotel rooms or **May 29** for participants who do not need a hotel room. The **registration fee** is \$200/person for the training only (no hotel), OR \$475/person for a single occupancy room (includes training cost) or \$380/person for a double occupancy room (includes training cost).

Training begins on Wednesday, June 10 (10:00 a.m. sharp) and ends Friday, June 12 (noon). Sessions will take place Wednesday from 3:00–9:00 p.m., Thursday from 9:00 a.m.–9:00 p.m., and Friday from 9:00 a.m.–12 noon. To receive a registration form or for other questions please email Omaha Together One Community (OTOC) at admin@otoc.org or laura@otoc.omhcoxmail.com.

Interfaith Worker Justice Leadership Summit **June 13–15, 2009 – New Orleans, LA**

The Interfaith Worker Justice Leadership Summit will bring leaders from throughout the country together with an opportunity to reflect on our success, share our struggles and build our movement. IWJ has extended invitations to Ms. Hilda Solis, Secretary of Labor, and to Rev. Joshua Dubois, Director of the Office of Faith Based Initiatives and Neighborhood Partnerships, to share their visions of new opportunities for partnership.

Cost & Location: The Summit will be held at Tulane University in New Orleans. Guests can stay at the University's Aron Residence Halls or a union hotel. See the [Lodging section](#) for more information. Meeting rooms, dining facilities and designated prayer spaces are in the Lavin-Bernick Center for University Life. Meals are cafeteria style.

Registration: The registration fee is \$130 and covers all summit activities, including all meals and materials. There is a separate charge for lodging – single rooms are available for \$40/night. Double rooms are \$30/person, per night. (Travel expenses are also on your own.)

Emerging Leaders: IWJ undergraduate and seminary internship training will precede the conference.

Workers Centers: There will be a joint meeting with the National Day Labor Organizing Network (NDLON) and IWJ workers centers, along with the regular IWJ Worker Center Network meeting.

Action: Religious leaders, students and allies will join in an action to support low-wage workers in the New Orleans Area.

New Orleans: There will be opportunities to tour New Orleans and revisit the impact of Hurricane Katrina on communities three years later.

To register, or for more information about the Leadership Summit, please visit the [IWJ 2009 Leadership Summit page](#). You can also contact Interfaith Worker Justice at 773.728.8400 or see their website at www.iwj.org.