# **Pioneer Valley Project**

http://www.pioneervalleyproject.org/

## CCHD Grant: \$35,000

**The Problem:** 

• Member of pro-abortion, pro-homosexual, Marxist Jobs With Justice coalition

### The Response:

After contacting the local diocese with initial findings in July, American Life League never heard back.

ALL scheduled a meeting with the Executive Director of National CCHD to discuss the report. The meeting was subsequently cancelled by CCHD with the explanation, "we see no reason to meet at this time."

# 2011-2012 CCHD GRANTEES

If you have questions or concerns about CCHD, the Review and Renewal or any of these groups or grants, please contact Ralph McCloud, CCHD Director at rmccloud@usccb.org or 202-541-3367.

<u>Arch/diocese</u>	Organization Legal <u>Name</u>	Fund/Primary Focus	<u>Grant</u> Amount
AREA A\Massachusetts\Fall	United Interfaith Action of	Community Development	\$40,000.00
River	Southeast Massachusetts	WORKERS' RIGHTS	
AREA A\Massachusetts\Fall	Centro Comunitario de los	Community Development	\$40,000.00
River	Trabajadores	IMMIGRANT RIGHTS	
AREA A\Massachusetts\Springfield	Pioneer Valley Project	Community Development ECONOMIC JUSTICE	\$35,000.00

http://www.usccb.org/about/catholic-campaign-for-human-development/upload/2011-2012-CCHD-Grantee-List.pdf

The Review and Renewal of the Campaign for Human Development specifically states that **"CCHD will** not fund groups that are members of coalitions which have as their organizational purpose or coalition agenda, positions or actions that contradict fundamental Catholic moral and social teaching." The following coalition membership in this report is a clear violation of this guideline.





The Review and Renewal of The Catholic Campaign for Human Development As Accepted and Affirmed by the USCCB Administrative Committee September 15, 2010

Other questions address CCHD funding for some groups that abide by CCHD policies, but are also part of coalitions focused on worthy issues (e.g. immigration, health or housing) in cases where those coalitions or other members are accused of taking positions contrary to Catholic teaching. <u>CCHD will not fund groups that are members of coalitions which have as</u> <u>part of their organizational purpose or coalition agenda, positions or actions that contradict</u> <u>fundamental Catholic moral and social teaching</u>. CCHD is developing additional structures and guidance to address in greater detail the ethical implications of these relationships and what is morally acceptable and what is not for CCHD funded groups.



Pioneer Valley Project is a member of the Marxist, proabortion, pro-homosexual Jobs with Justice.

# The Western Mass Coalition

- Odyssey Bookshop
- Painters District Council 35
- People's Pint

Pioneer Valley Project / Proyecto del Valle Pionero

- Prometheus Labor Communications
- Radical Student Union (UMass)

In 2009, Jobs with Justice joined Planned Parenthood and NOW to call on CVS to "Stop Locking up Condoms."

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: JUNE 18, 2009

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## National Organization for Women, Planned Parenthood, <u>Call on CVS to</u> Stop Selling Expired Products, <u>Stop</u> <u>Locking Up Condoms</u>, Adopt New Policies



CVS Fails to Adequately Address Expired Goods in Most Metro Indianapolis Stores Surveyed, According to New Study by Cure CVS

Indianapolis, Indiana – Local chapters of the National Organization for Women (NOW), Planned Parenthood, <u>Jobs with Justice</u> and other groups held a noontime rally outside a local CVS store at 5110 E. 38<sup>th</sup> Street on Thursday, calling on the company to stop selling expired goods and stop locking up condoms in its stores. The rally was one of 14 events taking place outside CVS stores across the country today. MASSACHUSETTS JOBS WITH JUSTICE

#### Full-time Program Associate, National Network of Abortion Funds

Monday, January 3, 2011

Massachusetts Jobs with Justice posted a job advertisement for the National Network of Abortion Funds.

One of the job responsibilities includes providing "referral information" for women "in need of an abortion."

#### Organization Description:

The National Network of Abortion Funds (the Network) is a group of 100 grassroots abortion funds around the country and abroad <u>dedicated</u> to helping women pay for abortions they could not otherwise afford. The Network's national office (located in downtown Boston) is a non-profit organization that provides support to build our grassroots abortion Funds into stronger organizations that help more women. The national office also works on the state and federal level for policies that respect the lives, futures, and health decisions of low-income women and girls, women of color, immigrant women, and Native and indigenous women.

#### Job Opportunity:

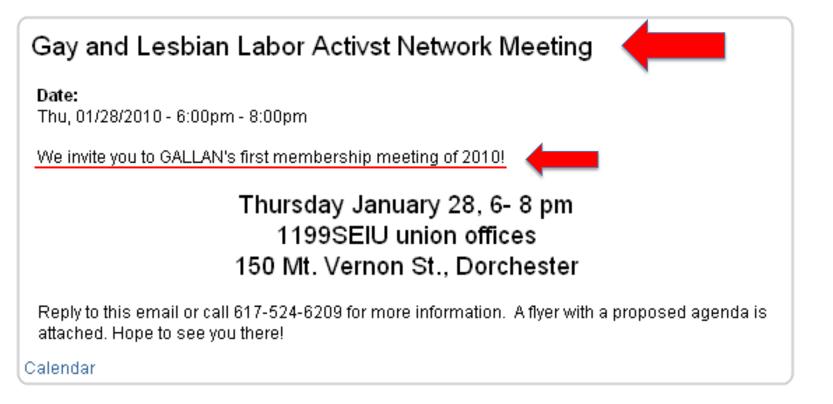
The Network is seeking a full-time Program Associate to join our small, dedicated and fun team in our beautiful office in downtown Boston! The Program Associate supports the direct service, member support, fundraising, and other programming work of the Network. This staff member provides critical administrative support and also plays a key role in coordinating the Network's Organizing Summit on abortion funding and reproductive justice.

#### Responsibilities include:

• Responding to calls from women in need of an abortion and providing referral information



Massachusetts JwJ invited members to attend a Gay and Lesbian Labor Activist Network Meeting.



### **CONFERENCE AGENDA**

Jobs with Justice National Conference May 2 – 4, 2008 | Providence, RI



At Jobs with Justice's 2008 National Conference, it hosted a workshop titled, "Litigation, Legislation, and Activism for LGBT Workers' Rights."

"Are you interested in learning more about the steps lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people along with their allies have taken on the journey to gain federal workplace protections that address sexual orientation and gender identity discrimination?

#### Litigation, Legislation, and Activism for LGBT Workers' Rights Biltmore: State Suite A

Are you interested in learning more about the steps lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people along with their allies have taken on the journey to gain federal workplace protections that address sexual orientation and gender identity discrimination? Do you want to know what you can do to join these efforts? We invite you to join us for this interactive skills and strategy-building workshop where we will explore legal, legislative and community organizing efforts on national and state-wide levels to win workplace victories for LGBT people along with identifying ways you can support such efforts in your workplace or community.

Monroe France, Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund Sandra Tellep, Pride at Work, AFL-CIO Penelope Williams, Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund



# JWJ NEWS CENTER

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OCTOBER-DECEMBER 2007

Kentucky JwJ announced a "victory over homophobia" in JwJ's 2007 newsletter. Kentucky JwJ stated its support for the "Fairness Campaign" in the article.

# KY JwJ Supports Victory Against Sexual Orientation Discrimination

Shortly after midnight on Tuesday, November 27<sup>th</sup>, the Jefferson County Board of Education voted by a 4-3 margin to add sexual orientation, but not gender identity, to its non-discrimination and harassment policies. <u>This was a definite victory over homophobia, and for school equality</u>, as anti-Fairness forces had mobilized in full force against this measure. It was not, however, a victory for full equality, as JCPS employees are still at risk for harassment and discrimination based on gender identity...for now.

Like many organizations, <u>Kentucky Jobs With Justice spoke up with the Fairness Campaign in its time of need!</u> KY JwJ's Coordinator spoke at the November 12<sup>th</sup> Board meeting and sent a GetActive alert to all of our Louisville members asking them to call their Board Member or to send them an e-mail.

Steve Imhoff, Larry Hujo, Debbie Wesslund, and Joe Hardesty all voted to expand protection, and should be applauded for their courage and commitment to justice. Sadly, Ann Elmore, Carol Ann Haddad, and Linda Duncan all failed to understand just how important this issue is and voted against protecting our community's educators and the basic human rights of working people.

The Campaign for School Equality continues! KY JwJ will continue to stand by the Fairness Campaign to win protection for all JCPS workers from discrimination and harassment based on gender identity and to amend the Student Code of Conduct to guarantee the same protections for all students in the JCPS school system.

Jobs with Justice hosted a job announcement for the Democratic Socialists of America, requiring, "Commitment to feminist, anti-racist, and anti-heterosexist principles and action."

### Job Announcement

#### DEMOCRATIC SOCIALISTS OF AMERICA YOUTH ORGANIZER

Democratic Socialists of America (DSA), the largest socialist organization in the US, and an affiliate of the global Socialist International, seeks an organizer for its youth division, the Young Democratic Socialists (YDS).

YDS is an organization of campus-based chapters and regionally-based groupings of younger (under 30) socialists who wish to develop a political and cultural space of their own, yet one that is an integral part of DSA. The organizer works out of DSA's national office in New York City and travels throughout the United States to speak to both new and experienced YDS campus chapters, as well as to independent progressive students interested in learning about democratic socialism.

#### Responsibilities

- Organize an annual winter outreach conference and an annual summer conference for current members and chapters, in collaboration with the elected and volunteer leadership of Young Democratic socialists (YDS):
- Recruit new members and assist in the formation of new chapters
- Facilitate the ongoing political work of the members and chapters
- Provide staff support, especially leadership development
- Represent YDS at conferences and meetings of other radical activists

#### Requirements

- Identify as a socialist and be grounded in democratic socialist politics and history; general agreement with the positions and perspectives of YDS and DSA
- Experience organizing campus, labor, political, or community-based groups and events
- Excellent public speaking, communication, writing, and computer skills.
- Strong time management skills and ability to use limited resources effectively
- Thorough understanding of academic settings, politics, and calendars at secondary and post-secondary levels
- Ability to work effectively with young people from diverse backgrounds
- <u>Commitment to feminist, anti-racist, and anti-heterosexist principles and action</u>

#### **CONFERENCE AGENDA**

Jobs with Justice National Annual Meeting September 22-25, 2005 in St. Louis, MO



At Jobs with Justice's 2005 National Conference, it hosted a workshop titled, "Organize OUT: 'The Movement', LGBT Issues, and You"

### Victory through solidarity.

Organize OUT: "The Movement", LGBT Issues, and You

#### Room 266



This workshop is a stepping-stone to bridge the LGBT worker to the larger workers' rights movement. Participants will discuss the workers' rights issues of the LGBT worker as well as the legal and moral impact of homophobia, and the economic impact of marriage inequality and LGBT discrimination.

Sian Lewis, Pride at Work Lisbeth Melendez, Freedom to Marry Coalition



## WORKERS' RIGHTS BOARDS

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NATIONAL WORKERS' RIGHTS BOARD MEMBERS

-- Ed Asner, Actor

-- Professor Elaine Bernard, Executive Director, Harvard University Trade Union Program

JwJ's Workers Rights Board includes Kim Gandy, President of the National Organization for Women (NOW).

- -- Julian Bond, Chairman, NAACP
- -- David Bonior, Chairman, American Rights at Work
- -- Heather Booth, Campaign consultant and organizing trainer
- -- Representative Bob Brady, Representative Pennsylvania (1st District), U.S. House of Representatives
- -- Representative Sherrod Brown, Representative Ohio (13th District), U.S. House of Representatives
- -- Dennis Brutus, Professor Emeritus, University of Pittsburgh
- -- Father John Celichowski, Pastor, St. Martin de Porres Catholic Church
- -- Rabbi Joshua Chasan, Rabbi, Ohavi Zedek Synagogue
- -- Representative Donna Christensen, Representative Virgin Islands (At Large), U.S. House of Representatives
- -- John P. Connolly, Actor, American Federation of Television and Radio Artists
- -- Ron Daniels, Executive Director, Center for Constitutional Rights
- -- Representative Danny Davis, Representative Illinois (7th District), U.S. House of Representatives
- -- Reverend Jesse DeWitt, Bishop United Methodist Church, Retired, National Interfaith Committee for Worker Justice
- -- Karen Dolan, Director, The Progressive Challenge, Institute for Policy Studies
- -- Jonah Edelman, Executive Director, Stand for Children
- -- Barbara Ehrenreich, Author,
- -- Mike Farrell, Actor
- -- Fred Feinstein, Former General Counsel, NLRB, University of Maryland School of Public Affairs
- -- Bill Fletcher, Jr., President, TransAfrica Forum
- -- Sarah Fox, Former Member, NLRB, Bredhoff & Kaiser, Washington, D.C.
- -- Margaret Fung, Executive Director, Asian American Legal Defense and Ed. Fund
- -- Kim Gandy, President, National Organization for Women
- -- Representative Raul Grijalva, Representative Arizona (7th District), U.S. House of Representatives
- -- Jim Hightower, Author and radio commentator
- -- Leo Hindery, Jr., Chairman, HL Capital, Inc.
- -- Maude Hurd, President, ACORN

#### http://www.jwj.org/projects/wrb/members.html



James, Thindwa, the former executive director for Chicago Jobs with Justice was a speaker at "Socialism 2010."



**James Thindwa** is a 28-year veteran of political activism. Since June 2009, he has served as Civic Engagement Coordinator for Chicago Alliance of Charter Teachers/AFT-IFT. His work involves building public and political support toward the effort to organize charter

school teachers. From 2002 to 2009, he served as Executive Director for Chicago Jobs With Justice, a labor-community coalition that



# PEOPLE'S WORLD It's your world

The current director of Chicago Jobs with Justice was the keynote speaker at the 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual People's World Banquet.

### Chicago: 23rd Annual People's World / Mundo Popular banquet

December 5 2010 14:00 - December 5 2010 17:00

**Events** 

Let's put people back to work: rebuild America!

Great food, sparkling program, silent auction and more.

Keynote speaker Susan Hurley, director, Chicago Jobs with Justice

http://peoplesworld.org/events/346

People's World enjoys a "special relationship" with the Communist Party USA.

# About the People's World

The PW is known for its partisan coverage. We take sides - for truth and justice. We are partisan to the working class, racially and nationally oppressed peoples, women, youth, seniors, international solidarity, Marxism and socialism. We enjoy a special relationship with the Communist Party USA, founded in 1919, and publish its news and views.

http://peoplesworld.org/about-us

Cleveland Jobs with Justice participated in the Feminist Majority Foundation's "Global Women's and Human Rights" Conference. The conference ran workshops which advocates for abortion and birth control as "rights."

Program & Times

#### 2005 Midwest Regional Global Women's and Human Rights Conference Case Western Reserve University November 4-5, 2005

Schedule and Workshop Descriptions

Viewing International Family Planning and Women's Health Through a Human Rights Perspective Sears Building Room 435

Access to contraceptives and reproductive health services is every woman's right, but we know that access to safe and legal abortions, healthy forms of birth control, effective condoms, and other health services is limited at best. Panelists will share thoughts and experiences on how current U.S. abstinence-only policies hinder the global fight against HIV/AIDS. They will also discuss how the Global Gag Rule and the de-funding of the UNFPA increase maternal mortality and limit access to vital reproductive healthcare and services for many families around the world.

- Discussant: Melinda Dendrinos, Student Coordinator of Medical Students For Choice at Case Western School of Medicine
- Sarah Fairchild, Associate Representative, Sierra Club
- Sandeep Bathala, Director of Program Administration and Special Projects, Planned Parenthood of Southern New Jersey (PPSNJ)
- Heather Harrington, Risk Manager, Preterm
- · Earl Pike, Executive Director, AIDS Taskforce of Greater Cleveland





Student Labor Action Project (SLAP) is a project of Jobs with Justice.

http://www.jwj.org/projects/slap.html

The Student Labor Action Project (SLAP) is a joint initiative of Jobs with Justice and the United States Student Association that engages student organizations in economic justice campaigns. JwJ coalitions

Don't see an action in your area? JwJ coalitions are organizing a "Resistance & Recovery" week of action this week as well.

Check to see if an action is happening in your area here.

### SLAP hosted a workshop in Florida during Jobs with Justice's "Resistance and Recovery" week of action titled, "**Reproductive Rights for Farmworker Women**"

### SCROLL RIGHT FOR ACTION DETAILS ---->

STATE	CITY	SCHOOL	ORGANIZATION	CONTACT	E-MAIL	ACTION/ EVENT
						Reproductive Rights for
FL Or		UCF 🗪	(YAYA), UCF's <u>SLAP</u> , and Orlando Farm Worker Supporters		yaya at nfwm dot org	Farmworker Women: A Panel
						Discussion:Farmworkers and
						farmworker advocates will
						discuss the struggle for
						reproductive freedom for
						farmworker women, in the
	Orlando					United States and in
						Colombia, who work in toxic
						pesticides and lack physical
						and financial access to
						adequate health care and
						health information.April 1st,
						6:30 to 8:30 P.M. at the Cape
						Florida Ballroom of the
						Student Union, Rm 316A
						UCF.

http://www.jwj.org/projects/slap/week/2009/grid.html



LOCAL COALITIONS

Organizing Committee South Florida Jobs with Justice Atlanta Jobs with Justice Atlanta Jobs with Justice Chicago Area Jobs with Justice

Jobs with Justice Organizing Committe ern Massachusetts Jobs with Justice tern Massachusetts Jobs with Justice SE Michigan Jobs with Justice

Albuquerque Jobs with Justice Organizing Committee Capital District Labor Religion Coalition / JwJ Caalition for Economic Justice / JwJ Long Island Jobs with Justice New York City Jobs with Justice Ompkins County Workers Center / JwJ Cleveland Jobs with Justice

Greater Columbus Jobs with Justice Greater Columbus Jobs with Justice Miami Valley JwJ Organizing Committee Toledo Jobs with Justice Central Oregon Jobs with Justice Eugene-Springfield Solidarity

### JOBS WITH JUSTICE EDUCATION FUND

Annual Report 2007



Jobs with Justice is a national campaign for workers' rights. We mobilize workers and allies on campaigns to win justice in workplaces and in communities where working families live. In over 40 communities across the country Jobs with Justice coalitions bring together unions, community groups, people of faith and student activists to fight for workers' rights social and economic justice. The Jobs with Justice 2007 Annual Report states that its project, "Students Labor Action Project" works closely with the Young Democratic Socialists and The Young Communist League

# **STUDENT LABOR ACTION PROJECT**

The Student Labor Action Project (SLAP) staffed and supported the newly-formed Student Economic Justice Action Coalition (SEJAC). SEJAC is an informal coalition of the United Students Against Sweatshops, United States Student Association, Young Democratic Socialists, Movimiento Estudiantil Chicano/a de Aztlan, Student Farmworker Alliance, Young Communist League, and the Student Labor Action Project working together on social and economic justice issues on campuses across the country. The group collaborates on the Student Labor Week of Action and shares information on national campaigns.

