

*The Episcopal Network for Economic Justice  
Invites you to a Conference*

## A Vision for a Just America: Coming Home

**Date:** February 26, 2010

**Place:** The Hotel Allerton, Chicago, Illinois

**Keynote:** Kim Bobo, Executive Director, Interfaith Worker Justice

**Sponsors:** The Episcopal Network for Economic Justice, Episcopal Ecological Network, Episcopal Urban Caucus, Interfaith Worker Justice and the Office of Domestic Poverty and Jubilee Ministries of the Episcopal Church

**Theme:** Coming Home



**Content:** Leaders in the fields of economic justice, environmental sustainability, and the movement for a humane immigration policy will provide information and lead discussions on these topics. One workshop will focus on forming an economic justice network in Province V.

The annual **Gloria Brown Luncheon** at St. James Cathedral (Wabash Ave. and Huron St.) will feature our keynote speaker Kim Bobo of Interfaith Worker Justice and ENEJ awards.

### Conference Schedule and Workshop Descriptions

9:00 AM Plenary Session of the Episcopal Urban Caucus and Workshop Descriptions

10:15 AM WORKSHOP 1

#### **COMING HOME: Healing the Rift between Economics and the Care of Creation**

Convener: Michael Schut, Economic and Environmental Affairs Officer of the Episcopal Church

Presenter: Veronica Kyle, Congregational Outreach for Chicago-based **Faith in**

**Place:** *"Stronger Congregations for a Sustainable World"*

We will begin with a reflection on the spirituality of sustainability and discuss ways to care for people and planet through sustainable farming, clean energy and actions to address climate change. This interactive workshop recognizes and honors the fact that both economics and ecology share the same Greek root of *oikos*, meaning the household. Because our economic system sees itself as separate from ecological systems, inequity and ecological degradation continue. Join us to examine the links between ecological and economic justice and discover resources and concrete actions for individuals and organizations. Veronica Kyle will describe the Faith in Place model that provides tools to religious people to foster earth stewardship and partners with congregations to foster sustainable farming and clean energy. Mike Schut brings a theological and activist perspective to the meaning of home and faithful responses we can make to the urgent economic and ecological issues of climate change.

2:00 PM WORKSHOP 2

**COMING HOME: For You Were Once a Stranger – Humane, Ethical and Comprehensive Immigration Reform from a Faith Perspective**

Convener: Dianne Aid, President of the Episcopal Network for Economic Justice and immigration activist. Presenters: Ana White of the National Office of the Episcopal Public Policy Network and Kristin Kumpf of Interfaith Worker Justice

The workshop will examine current faith-based movements and actions to establish a humane, ethical and comprehensive immigration policy. Presenters will discuss and offer resources and action materials on critical immigration issues. Family reunification, worker dignity and worker rights, due process, a fair pathway to legalization and citizenship, legislation, detention, and hospitality and protection provide many opportunities for discussion and response.

3:45 PM WORKSHOP 3

**COMING HOME: Organizing for Economic justice in Province V**

The ENEJ leaders will meet with assembly participants from Province V to begin organizing a Province V economic justice network. This workshop will include ENEJ resources about organizing for economic justice as well as current economic ministries and models in Province V. The workshop will also begin exploring opportunities for collaboration between the Episcopal Network for Economic Justice and the Episcopal Ecological Network (EpEN).

**Conference Registration  
Episcopal Network for Economic Justice  
Friday, February 26, 2010**

**Hotel Allerton  
Chicago, Illinois**

**Episcopal Urban Caucus Assembly and ENEJ Events**

[If you are attending the Episcopal Urban Caucus Assembly (EUC), go to [www.episcopalurbancaucus.org](http://www.episcopalurbancaucus.org) or call Nell Gibson at (212) 699-2998. EUC registration does not include costs of the Friday ENEJ luncheon or ENEJ Annual Meeting.] Early bird registration (saves \$50) ends January 22. To register for the Province V conference and Friday Awards Luncheon use the form below. To register for the ENEJ Annual Meeting contact Martha Gardner. That meeting will be Saturday, February 27, at the cathedral.

**Lodging:** If you wish to stay at the Hotel Allerton, call them at 877-701-8111 and ask for the Episcopal Urban Caucus rate of \$99 plus tax.

**Registration for Province V Conference**

Name	Parish or Organization
Address	
Telephone	Fax
Dietary Requirements	
Email	

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Luncheon: February 26 at the cathedral @\$15/person for \_\_\_\_\_ people \_\_\_\_\_

Registration for Province V Economic Justice Conference for \_\_\_\_\_ people at \$35 \_\_\_\_\_

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