

National Interfaith Committee on Worker Justice

Total Award: \$200,000 over 2 years

(Chicago, IL)

Low-wage Worker Initiatives

To support the Low-wage Worker Initiatives, a national campaign to engage the religious community in improving wages, benefits, and workplace health standards in the hotel, janitor, and laundry industries. Interfaith Worker Justice (IWJ, formerly called National Interfaith Committee for Worker Justice) will build coalitions of religious, labor, and community-allied leaders in at least 16 cities that will work in at least one of these industries through advocacy campaigns, publications, and press events. IWJ will mobilize religious communities through outreach in congregations outreach, involvement of seminarians, and engagement of judicatory leaders. IWJ and will also organize religious delegations and leadership to pursue an increase in the federal minimum wage.

Program Contribution Breakdown:

\$120,000 Jewish Life and Values/Contemplative Practice Program: *Goal I, Objective 4*

\$40,000 Interprogram Initiatives for Social and Economic Justice: *Objectives I & II*

\$40,000 Health Program: *Objectives II, Strategy 1*