

Judson Memorial Church

(New York, NY)

New York Jobs with Justice Religious Organizing Project**Total Award: \$162,400 over 14 months**

To support New York Jobs with Justice Religious Organizing Project to incorporate faith-based community organizing as a core component of New York Jobs with Justice's (NY JwJ) work. A coalition of community-based organizations, labor unions, students, and religious leaders, NY JwJ is developing a proactive, strategic approach to faith-based community organizing in New York and nationally through five primary initiatives. NY JwJ will: 1) Build powerful faith-based leadership for strategic campaigns by engaging prominent religious leaders and faith communities in four priority campaigns around working conditions, accountable development, unemployment insurance reform, and health care security. 2) Deepen relationships with religious leaders, congregations, congregants, and seminaries through organizing and leadership skills training to increase the effectiveness of their social justice work. 3) Develop within NY JwJ an integrated organizational culture of high performance and personal mastery, and train the staff and leaders in the overlapping traditions of faith, community, and social justice. 4) Work closely with national JwJ to support Chicago JwJ to develop religious involvement in its economic development work; St. Louis JwJ to conduct leadership development and skills training for religious leaders and congregants; and Portland (OR) JwJ to convene religious and labor leadership to build an integrated multi-sector coalition. 5) Establish a replicable model for rigorous faith-based organizing in the national JwJ network by documenting its local work, learning from faith-based organizing efforts in other local JwJ coalitions, and sharing lessons nationally.

Program Contribution Breakdown:

\$162,400 Jewish Life and Values/Contemplative Practice Program: *Goal I, Objectives 3 & 4, and Goal II, Objective 2*