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## **Faith and Worker Justice Organizer**

**Purpose:** To educate and engage congregations in VICPP's economic justice programs and policy agenda.

**Job expectations:** This is a full-time position based in Richmond, Virginia. The candidate is expected to be primarily in the office, with some travel.

Accountability: This position is directly accountable to the Director of Faith Organizing.

**Responsibilities and Duties:** Although program responsibilities may vary from year-to year, in 2024 and 2025 the Faith and Worker Justice Organizer will:

#### 1) Provide program support for the Virginia Living Wage Certification Program.

- Work with Living Wage for Us to integrate the Virginia program into the national one.
- Develop ways to engage students and volunteers in reaching out to businesses.
- Create updated materials and main the Living Wage Virginia website.
- Promote the living wage employers through social media and other venues.
- Create and promote a vision for the work statewide.
- Participate in the national living wage coalition meetings.
- Reach out to business groups to expand certified businesses.

# 2) Provide program, organizing, and policy support for VICPP economic justice agenda (issues such as Minimum Wage, Paid Sick Days, Childcare, Wage Theft).

- Represent VICPP on the Promise Partnership and engage VICPP congregations in childcare advocacy.
- Depending on decisions around policy priorities, help provide staff work on the selected priorities.
- Help engage VICPP members and chapters in advocacy with swing legislators and key corporate leadership.
- Assist in using social media for advocacy on economic justice issues.
- Collaborate with denominational and judicatory leaders and justice structures to reach more people of faith.

#### 3) Support Higher Education in Prison (HEP) Outreach.

- Reach out to second chance employers and explore ways they might support HEP.
- Engage congregations in advocating HEP.



# 4) Assist with wage theft advocacy.

- Respond to wage theft inquiries.
- Refer workers to attorneys in the regions.
- Monitor and track cases.

# 5) Build the grassroots capacity of VICPP:

- Identify and recruit new congregational liaisons.
- Add new names to the database through petitions, meetings, and ongoing engagement.
- Recruit and thank congregational donors.

### 6) Participate in the overall work of VICPP:

- Participate in weekly staff meetings.
- Attend all board meetings and leadership retreats.
- Help with key events (Day for All People, chapter/liaison retreat, Annual Celebration, Annual meeting).
- Participate in overall strategic and organizational planning.
- Other tasks as assigned.

**Evaluation:** The position will be evaluated based on this job description, annual goals and objectives and other tasks accomplished.

**Compensation:** The annual salary will be \$55,000- \$60,000. The position includes paid health care, paid vacation, paid sick days, and retirement contributions after six months.

#### **Skills and Characteristics**

- Experience working with faith communities.
- Passion for organizing and social justice.
- Strong public speaking and writing skills.
- Comfortable with basic office computer programs.
- Experience working with diverse communities.
- Good relationship building skills.
- Bachelor's degree or equivalent experience required.
- Understanding of worker justice issue preferred.
- English fluency required. Spanish fluency preferred.

# **Application due August 5**

Desired start date: September 3 or sooner.