



## Selected Resources for Preparing 2024 Labor Day Weekend Talks or Sermons

**ALICE in the Crosscurrents: An Update on Financial Hardship in Virginia.** The 2024 update on how families are struggling in Virginia, prepared by ALICE in Virginia, a collaboration of the United Ways in Virginia. Consider reading the 2023 full report for more information. Get both the 2024 update and 2023 report at <https://www.unitedforalice.org/virginia>.

**What Faith Groups Say about Workers Right to Organize.** This is a compilation of faith statements that Interfaith Worker Justice compiled in 2011, but it is still useful today for understanding that most major faith traditions support workers' rights to organize. This compilation is available on VICPP's website at \_\_\_\_\_.

**VICPP and Workers Rights to Organize.** This is a policy statement that VICPP Board of Directors approved in December 2022. Find this at \_\_\_\_\_.

**State of Working America Wages 2023.** Published by the Economic Policy Institute in 2024, this report looks at the significant increases in wages for historically disadvantaged groups, however, the increases are still not enough to lift families out of poverty. <https://www.epi.org/publication/swa-wages-2023/>

**April 2024 Letter to Governor Youngkin about Minimum Wage.** More than 400 clergy and religious leaders sent a letter to Governor Youngkin urging him not to veto the minimum wage bill that was sent to him from the General Assembly. Unfortunately, he vetoed the bill but the letter provides good background for way the faith community supports raising the minimum wage. View the letter at \_\_\_\_\_.

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