

Religious Leaders Request Meeting with Comcast Board

A REQUEST BY MORE THAN 100 RELIGIOUS LEADERS FOR A MEETING WITH MEMBERS OF THE COMCAST BOARD OF DIRECTORS

We are religious leaders from many different faith groups who believe that all persons are created in the image and likeness of God, and deserve to be treated with dignity and respect. The social teachings of our faith groups affirm the moral right of workers to freely associate in the workplace by forming unions or other associations without fear of reprisals.

We are all persons who reside in areas served by Comcast. Moreover, many of us are Comcast customers as are many members of our faith groups. We are stakeholders in your company and seek to understand how Comcast employment practices negatively impact employees who desire union representation.

Comcast has been charged with repeated violations of federal labor law. It has been reported to us that your company manipulates weaknesses in federal labor law to delay and frustrate Comcast employees who seek union representation.

From a moral and ethical perspective, as religious leaders, we are concerned that Comcast's employment practices do not responsibly address your employees moral and legal right to freedom of association.

Comcast employees in the Pittsburgh area who indicated their desire nearly four years ago to form a union with the Communications Workers of America are still without a first union contract. Similarly, Comcast employees represented by the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers in Illinois are still without a union contract agreement more than two years after Comcast purchased their unit previously owned by AT&T Broadband.

Why are employees who have chosen union representation at Comcast units in the Pittsburgh area and Illinois been unable to obtain a contract agreement after years of negotiations?

We are requesting a meeting with each member of the board of directors of Comcast to obtain your perspectives on this question, and we look forward to your responses.

RELIGIOUS LEADERS FOR JUSTICE AT COMCAST

SIGNERS OF A REQUEST BY MORE THAN 100 RELIGIOUS LEADERS FOR A MEETING WITH MEMBERS OF THE COMCAST BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- Rabbi Morris J. Allen, Beth Jacob Congregation (Mendota Heights, MN)
- Rabbi Rebecca Alpert (Philadelphia, PA)
- Rev. A. David Argo, District Superintendent, United Methodist Church (Washington, DC)
- Mary Baldrige (Millersville, MD)
- Jeanette Bartz, Methodist Federation for Social Action (Ypsilanti, MI)

- Judy Beisner, Board of Christian Presence in God's World, Baltimore-Washington United Methodist Conference (North Bethesda, MD)
- Rabbi Allen B. Bennett, Temple Israel (Alameda, CA)
- Katherine Bissell, Executive Director, Chicago Interfaith Committee for Worker Issues (Chicago, IL)
- Kim Bobo, Executive Director, Interfaith Worker Justice (Chicago, IL)
- Rev. Tomas P. Bonacci, c.p., Passionist (Pittsburgh, PA)
- Rev. John C. Boonstra, Executive Director, Washington Association of Churches
- Rev. John D. Brennan, Pastor, St. Gerard Mejella Church (Verona, PA)
- Rev. Marsha Brown, Presbyterian Minister, Co-Chair, Religion and Labor Network of Austin (Round Rock, TX)
- Rev. Robert Chase, Executive Director, Office of Communication, United Church of Christ, Inc. (Washington, DC)
- Rabbi Carl Choper, Temple Beth Shalom (Mechanicsburg, PA)
- Sister Justice Church, Medical Mission Sisters (El Cajon, CA)
- Carol A. Colbeth, Christian Education Committee, Foundry United Methodist Church (Silver Spring, MD)
- Tom Cordaro, Coordinator, DuPage Interfaith Worker Justice (Naperville, IL)
- Rev. Rachel Cornwell, Pastor, Bethesda United Methodist Church (Bethesda, MD)
- Rabbi Meryl M. Crean, Rabbi/Chaplain, Martins Run (Elkin Park, PA)
- Fr. Brendan Curran, O.P., Associate Pastor, St. Pius V Parish (Chicago, IL)
- Rev. Darren Cushman Wood, The United Methodist Church (Indianapolis, IN)
- Kathleen Desautels, S.P., Staff, 8th Day Center for Justice (Chicago, IL)
- Bishop Jesse DeWitt, Retired, Detroit Interfaith Committee for Worker Justice (Dexter, MI)
- Rev. Garrett D. Dorsey, St. Ursula Catholic Church (Allison Park, PA)
- Rev. Don Dutton, Retired Minister, Presbyterian Church (USA), Pittsburgh Interfaith Impact Network (Pittsburgh, PA)
- Rabbi Sue Levi Elwell, Regional Director, Union for Reform Judaism (Philadelphia, PA)
- Sr. Barbara Finch, C.S.J., Sisters of St. Joseph, Pax Christi, Association of Pittsburgh Priests (Pittsburgh, PA)
- Rev. Donald C. Fisher, Catholic Parish of St. Regis (Pittsburgh, PA)
- Rev. Robert J. Fringo, Minister of Visitation, Loch Raven United Methodist Church (Perry Hall, MD)
- Rabbi Jonathan Gerard, Temple Covenant of Peace (Easton, PA)
- Rev. Mark Glasgow, Catholic Diocese of Pittsburgh (Homestead, PA)
- Rabbi Leonard Gordon, Germantown Jewish Centre (Philadelphia, PA)
- Charles A. Harry, Fort Belvoir Chapel (Lorton, VA)
- Rev. C.J. Hawking, United Methodist Church Clergy (Bloomington, IN)
- Rev. Anthony Hayes, Chicago Interfaith Committee for Worker Issues - Building Bridges Project (Chicago, IL)
- Pastor Daniel Henley, Journey Church (Cordova, TN)
- John S. Hill, Lay Member to Annual Conference, Foundry United Methodist Church (Washington, DC)
- Rabbi Richard Hirsh (Wyncote, PA)
- Rabbi Elliot Holin (Dresher, PA)
- Rabbi Linda Holtzman (Philadelphia, PA)
- Rev. Dr. Whit Hutchison, Pastor, Wesley United Methodist Church (Washington, DC)
- Rabbi Steven B. Jacobs, Temple Kol Tikvah (Woodland Hills, CA)
- Kathryn J. Johnson, Executive Director, Methodist Federation for Social Action (Washington, DC)

- Rev. Rebekah Jordan, Executive Director, Mid-South Interfaith Network for Economic Justice (Memphis, TN)
- Susan Jordan, S.S.N.D., Coordinator, Midwest Coalition for Responsible Investment (St. Louis, MO)
- Marcus Keyes, Glenmary Commission on Justice (Knoxville, TN)
- Rev. Mary Kraus, Dumbarton United Methodist Church (Washington, DC)-
- N. Sharon Leatherman, Executive Coordinator, United Methodist Appalachian Ministry Network (Hagerstown, MD)
- David Leslie, Executive Director, Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon (Portland, OR)
- Rev. Jim Lewis (Charleston, WV)
- Rabbi Mordechai Liebling, Torah of Money Director, The Shefa Fund (Philadelphia, PA)
- Ms. Linda Lotz, Jobs with Justice/Interfaith Worker Justice - Philadelphia, PA
- Terrance Lynch, Executive Director, Downtown Cluster of Congregations (Washington, DC)
- Avram B. Lyon, Executive Director, Jewish Labor Committee (New York, NY)
- Jane Malone, W.I.N. Team, Foundry United Methodist Church (Washington, DC)
- Rabbi Robert Marx, Interfaith Worker Justice (Saugatuck, MI)
- Fr. Neil McCaulley, Pastor, St. Stephen Parish (Pittsburgh, PA)
- Rev. Donald McIlvane, Retired Roman Catholic Priest, Religion and Race (Pittsburgh, PA)
- Nancy McLaughlin, Director of Justice, Sisters of the Presentation (San Francisco, CA)
- Eleanor H. McLean, Representative to the Downtown Cluster of Congregations, Foundry United Methodist Church (Washington, DC)
- Stephanie Mertens, ASC, Coordinator US/ASC Justice and Peace Office, Adorers of the Blood of Christ (Red Bud, IL)
- Rev. Warren Metzler, St. James Catholic Church (Wilkinsburg, PA)
- Jana Meyer, Minister of Mission, Foundry United Methodist Church (Washington, DC)
- Anne Novak, Chair, Spirit of Service Committee, St. Paul Catholic Center (Bloomington, IN)
- Fr. John J. O'Brien, C.P. , S.T.D., Passionist Fathers and Brothers (Shrewsbury, MA)
- Rev. John G. Oesterle, St. Robert Bellarmine Catholic Church (East McKeesport, PA)
- Fr. Jack O'Malley, Labor Chaplain, Western Pennsylvania Religion Labor Coalition (Pittsburgh, PA)
- Fr. Sinclair Oubre, J.C.L., Pastor, St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church (Port Arthur, TX)
- Christine Panelli, Associate, Sisters of the Presentation (San Francisco, CA)
- Rev. Charles A. Parker, Executive Director, United Methodist Foundation (Washington, DC)
- Rev. Dr. Albert M. Pennybacker, Chair/CEO, Clergy and Laity Network: United for Justice (Washington, DC)
- Sister Barbara Pfarr, S.S.N.D., Director, Mt. Carmel Retirement Community (Mt. Calvary, WI)
- Rev. Dawn Price, Coordinator, Seminarians for Worker Justice (Atlanta, GA)
- Sr. Mary Priniski, O.P., Catholic Committee of the South (Alexandria, VA)
- Fr. Richard Purcell, O.F.M., Franciscan Friars of California (San Francisco, CA)
- Rev. Thomas Quigley, Moderator, University Christian Church (Mukilteo, WA)
- Edie Rasell, Minister for Labor Relations and Economic Development, United Church of Christ (Cleveland, OH)
- Rev. Sandra M. Richards, Church in Ocean Park (United Methodist) (Santa Monica, CA)

- Rev. Regis Ryan, Assistant Pastor, St. John of God Parish (McKees Rocks, PA)
- Rabbi Scott B. Saulson, Jewish Family & Career Services (Atlanta,GA)
- Rabbi Barry Schwartz, Congregation Mkor Shalom (Cherry Hill, NJ)
- Rev. Robert J. Schweitzer, St. Joseph the Worker Catholic Church (New Castle, PA)
- Rev. John T. Schwiebert, Pastor, Metanoia Peace Community United Methodist Church (Portland, OR)
- Rabbi Gerald Serotta, Temple Shalom (Chevy Chase, MD)
- Rev. Jim Sessions, Director, East Tennessee Interfaith Coalition for Worker Justice (Knoxville, TN)
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- Pastor J. Alfred Smith, Sr., Senior Pastor, Allen Temple Baptist Church (Oakland, CA)
- Rev. Dean Snyder, Senior Pastor, Foundry United Methodist Church (Washington, DC)
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- Thomas Starnes, Co-Chancellor, Baltimore Washington United Methodist Conference (Columbia, MD)
- Rev. Ron Stief, Washington Office - UCC Justice and Witness Ministries (Washington, DC)
- Rev. Schaunel Steinnagel, Hunger Action Enabler, Presbytery of Philadelphia (Philadelphia, PA)
- Rev. Jerald Stinson, Senior Minister, First Congregational Church (Long Beach, CA)
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- Rabbi Jeff Sultar, Mishkan Shalom (Philadelphia, PA)
- Rev. Bernard Survil, St. Boniface Catholic Church (Penn, PA)
- Rev. Greg Swiderski, Chaplain, Sisters of Divine Providence (Pittsburgh, PA)
- Rev. Dr. Michael Szpak, Board of Christian Presence in God's World, Baltimore-Washington United Methodist Conference (Silver Spring, MD)
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- Rev. Norman Thomas, Pastor, Sacred Heart Church (Detroit, MI)
- Rev. William H. Thomas, Presbyterian Church Minister (Duquesne, PA)
- Ann Tonjes, Associate Chair, Mission Council, Foundry United Methodist Church (Washington, DC)
- Rev. Mary Kay Totty, Convener, Baltimore -Washington Chapter, Methodist Federation for Social Action (New Windsor, MD)
- Rev. Dr. Eliezer Valentin-Castanon, Director, Civil and Human Rights, General Board of Church and Society, The United Methodist Church (Washington, DC)
- Rabbi Arthur Waskow, The Shalom Center (Philadelphia, MD)
- Rev. John C. Welch, Pastor, Bidwell U.P. Church (Pittsburgh, PA)
- Tena Willemsma, Executive Director, Commission on Religion in Appalachia (Charleston, WV)
- Rev. E. Philip Wilson, Peace with Justice Coordinator, Western Pennsylvania United Methodist Conference (Pittsburgh, PA)
- Jim Winkler, General Secretary, General Board of Church and Society, The United Methodist Church (Washington, DC)

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