

Lehigh County Conference of Churches: Justice and Advocacy

# Jobs, Justice and Economics

Saturday, September 25, 2010

8:30 am - 3:00 pm

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

8<sup>th</sup> and Walnut Streets

Allentown, PA 18101



## Keynote: "Standing for Workers in Times of Crisis"

with **Kim Bobo**, Executive Director, Interfaith Worker Justice

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### Panel Discussion (morning session):

- **Community Resources for Unemployed People**

### Plenary (afternoon session): **Thomas J. Hyclak** and **Kim Bobo**

- **Getting Back to Work** – with living-wage jobs

### Workshops\*

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Continental breakfast and lunch are included (suggested donation: \$10)  
(students or unemployed: \$5, or what you can afford)

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- 8:30 am**      **Registration;** displays, refreshments & conversation
- 9:00--10:15**      **Welcome,** Devotions, Introductions, Overview  
**Keynote:** Kim Bobo, "Standing for Workers in Times of Crisis"
- 10:15-10:30**      **Break**
- 10:30-12:00**      **Panel:** "Community Resources for Unemployed People"  
Tom Sedor, *Career Link*, Business & Industry Representative  
Ryan Knepp, *Lehigh County Conference of Churches*  
Larry Quintana, *Pathways to Green Jobs*, Workforce Navigator  
Cecilia Rodriguez, *Career Link*, Employment Counselor
- 12:00-12:45pm**      **Lunch**
- 12:45-1:55**      **Plenary Discussion:** "Getting Back to Work"  
with **Thomas Hyclak** and **Kim Bobo**  
Thomas Hyclak is Professor of Economics, Lehigh University  
*How do we get unemployed people back to work, in jobs that provide living wages and fair working conditions?*
- 2:00-2:55**      **Advocacy breakout session** – (parallel workshops)  
– New immigrants and American workers – why we depend on each other  
Emma Cleveland, *ACLU*  
– Labor Markets and Economic Justice  
Bob Wendt, *Lehigh Valley Economic Development Corporation*  
– Jobs and Economic Policy - Overview of Current Legislative Issues  
Bob Walden, *LCCC Justice & Advocacy*
- 2:55-3:00pm**      **Closing**

\* This is a tentative schedule; please check the web announcement for program and schedule updates, and for program details, directions, and parking information, at [jobs.ppjr.org](http://jobs.ppjr.org) or Email: [ja@ja.ppjr.org](mailto:ja@ja.ppjr.org) or call the LCCC office at 610-433-6421.

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