

FIGHTING POVERTY

— *with faith* —

Good Jobs, Green Jobs

State and Local Advocacy:

As the government funds numerous projects to stabilize the economic downturn, its swift decisions should not undermine the opportunity to utilize capital equally for all Americans. As you advocate to local and state elected officials on the use of the money, please highlight the five policy principles of the FPWF mobilization:

- Target funds toward projects that help low-income families develop the necessary skills to work in a competitive job market and projects that help develop better communities;
- Ensure green industries create “good jobs” with decent benefits, family-supporting wages, and safe working conditions;
- Promote projects that improve the quality of life for low-income families by lowering energy costs, enhancing public health and affordable education;
- Create pipelines that enable low-income individuals to access jobs in green, traditional, and other newly emerging industries. This includes funding worker training targeted at disadvantaged communities and amending our social assistance policies to ensure that people transitioning from welfare to work have the opportunity to obtain jobs; and
- Ensure equity and transparency in the distribution of funding associated with creation of new workforce development, including green jobs. This includes allocating funds toward projects that include people of color, women, and other traditionally underrepresented communities.