

# **GOOD JOBS NATION PRESS CONFERENCE & INTERFAITH BREAKING OF THE BREAD WITH LOW WAGE FEDERAL CONTRACT WORKERS**

**Tuesday, July 29<sup>th</sup> at Columbus Circle in Front of Union Station**

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- 8:15a Faith Leaders Arrive at Columbus Circle, Union Station (map below)**
- Meet with Rev. Livingston to review action plan with participating faith leaders
- 8:55a Striking Federal Contract Workers March out of Union Station Entrance**
- 9:00a Press Conference Starts**
- Rev. Livingston, Sr. Simone, Workers and Members of Congress call on the President to go beyond the \$10.10 Minimum Wage Executive Order and issue a **Good Jobs Executive Order** that would require federal contractors to collectively bargain, pay living wages and benefits, stop wage theft, and limit excessive CEO pay.
- 9:30a Press Conference Ends**
- 9:35a Marshals Move Faith Leaders & Striking Workers toward South Side of Circle**
- 9:40a Group Enters Intersection of Columbus Circle Drive at Louisiana Street (map below)**
- Table is set up at center of intersection with loaves of bread
  - Faith Leaders and 10 workers gather and stand at table
  - Marshals direct group to form a large circle around table
- 9:50a J. Herbert Nelson starts (with Naeem Baig, Sekinah Hamlin, Brian Adams, others also speak)**
- Faith leaders explain symbolism of the bountiful table – there is enough abundance on earth so that all people, especially low-wage workers, are able to enjoy the fruits of the earth equally
  - By gathering around the table with low-wage workers, faith leaders are calling on the President to encourage the CEOs of federal contractors to do the same – come to the table for fellowship and bargaining with their workers
  - There is enough bread for everyone so that no worker needs to go hungry or worry about meeting their basic needs
  - By breaking bread with the striking workers, faith leaders are modeling how a just and fair society can work – Faith leaders and workers distribute bread to all
- 10a When police instruct group to disband, faith leaders and workers (CD participants) remain at table; Marshals move larger group to south sidewalk to support and encourage CD participants.**
- The civil disobedience will be pre-negotiated with Metropolitan Police; The arrests will be “symbolic” – our attorney will arrange a “post and forfeit” for each participant so that each person will receive a ticket, pay a fine (which will be paid for by Good Jobs Nation), and not be required to appear in court

