Interfaith Worker Justice believes that people of faith are an integral part of the effort to guarantee that all workers are treated with dignity and respect. As corporations, unions, worker advocates and workers seek to cooperate and build together, the religious community can urge and help them grow in a moral context.

Since 1996, thousands of congregations have spent Labor Day doing this important work. From San Diego to New York, religious communities focus Labor Day weekend services on the injustices facing low-wage workers and the religious community’s efforts to support those workers’ struggles for living wages, family-sustaining benefits, and for dignity and respect on the job. Participating congregations integrate worker justice themes into their services, and many invite a worker from within their congregation, a union member or worker advocate to be a guest on Labor Day weekend. Through Labor in the Pulpits, congregations have the opportunity to talk about the connections between faith, work, and justice.

If your worship service or congregation’s tradition does not accommodate outside speakers, you could have someone speak before or after the service, or at adult or teen education classes.

If you would like more information on how to become a speaker, host a speaker, or how to organize a Labor Day event, please e-mail info@iwj.org.

"Human rights are not only violated by terrorism, repression, or assassination, but also by unfair economic structures that creates huge inequalities."

-Pope Francis