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## SoCal Grocery Strike Averted! Plus: Hotel Workers Rising, Backpacks for Refugee Kids, and the POWER of Women...CLUE's Just & Sacred Newsletter

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"The Work of Righteousness Shall Be Peace."

וְהָיָה מַעֲשֵׂה הַצְדָקָה שְׁלוֹמִים

- Isaiah 32:17

Dear Elizabeth --

Fighting for economic justice is an act of faith. It's so often difficult to believe that an employer will honor their employees, that a government will enact equitable policies, or that 'the work of righteousness shall be peace'. And yet, we look and work toward that unseen future.

This week, we were reminded and assured that our efforts aren't without effect. In this first edition of our new *Just & Sacred* newsletter, interns and staff team up to report on four groundbreaking, up-to-the-minute labor stories.



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## Success!! Grocery Worker Rally Ensures They Can #MakeEndsMeet



After four months of struggling for a fair contract, grocery workers at Ralphs, Albertsons, and Vons marched in a public event that marked their preparation to strike. Two days later, UFCW Local 770 reported that a tentative agreement had been reached for 50,000 grocery workers in Los Angeles, Orange County, San Diego, and beyond.

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## This Monday, Sofitel Housekeepers will be “Invisible No More”

CLUE and the hotel union are teaming up to co-host a panel featuring Council member Paul Koretz and international union leaders in support of West LA Sofitel Hotel’s workers.

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## We know UCARE: Donate a Backpack to Refugee Kids For School!



Central American refugee children face so many challenges as they arrive in the US. Finding school supplies doesn’t have to be one of them.

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## Women have POWER: A New CLUE Initiative

**CLUE P.O.W.E.R.**

A NEW COMMITTEE ADDRESSING GENDER EQUITY IN THE WORKPLACE AND SOCIETY

First Meeting:  
August 10 - 10am  
Centenary UMC  
300 S. Central Ave  
Los Angeles, 90013

PEOPLE ORGANIZING FOR WOMEN'S ECONOMIC RIGHTS

It’s hard to believe it, but women still earn on average not even eighty cents for every dollar a man earns. Building on the success of our March InGathering on “Women in the Economy,” we are launching a brand-new initiative, CLUE P.O.W.E.R.: People Organizing for Women's Economic Rights. This collaborative will examine all things gender in the workplace, highlighting feminist elements of existing CLUE campaigns and demanding an end to the pay gap, discrimination, and sexual harrasment.

Our first meeting is Wednesday, August 10th at 10am, at Centenary United Methodist Church (300 S. Central Ave., Los Angeles, 90013). We hope you can join us!

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I hope you've been encouraged by our first *Just & Sacred*. Your thoughts regarding our new format are more than welcome, and as always, we're thankful for your attention to these critical issues. **Special thanks to our new Director of Communications, Elizabeth Rhea, who returns to us having served as a Ziegler Young Religious Leadership Fellow during the summer of 2014. We are so grateful for her leadership! Feel free to [contact her](#) with your feedback.**

Blessings,



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