
Walking El Camino For Immigrants, and more: Special Labor Day edition of CLUE's Just and Sacred

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"Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others."

μη τὰ ἑαυτῶν ἕκαστος σκοποῦντες ἀλλὰ καὶ τὰ ἐτέρων ἕκαστοι

- *Philippians 2:4*

Dear Elizabeth,

This labor day weekend, we remember to look beyond ourselves, to those who create the world around us. We remember the plight of immigrants, who bless us with their presence as they flee political and economic turmoil. We remember workers in our midst, who struggle for recognition in our challenging workplaces. We remember the victories along the way-- the eight hour work day, overtime for most (Governor, please pass SB1015 for Domestic Workers and AB1066 for Farm Workers!), child labor laws....the public acknowledgements of the dignity of workers, the disenfranchised, and particularly the women among them.



Walking El Camino with 170 Faith Leaders, Countless Immigrants



Tuesday marked the close of the [Christian Community Development Association's](#) 11-day, 150-mile march from the US-Mexico border to Los Angeles. CLUE organizer **Grecia Lopez Reyes** reports on her experience of supporting and participating in the march.

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Commemorating Labor Day with Your Congregation

Do you want your congregation to think beyond the barbecue this weekend? Highlight labor actions in your area in the upcoming service, and consider inviting a worker to speak to your congregation in the near future!



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In Case You Missed It: CLUE & Partners Make Headlines in August

- [Grocery Strike Averted: Workers Reach Tentative Deal With Ralphs and Albertsons](#) (w/ UFCW770)
- [Skid Row Street-Corner Minister Calls for Homeless State of Emergency Declaration](#) (w/ Staff Member Pastor Cue)
- [Why Las Vegas is a Great Place for Working-Class Women](#) (past partner Local 226 featured)

In the haste to get this newsletter out, I want to also give you a quick update on some of the many policies that CLUE has supported and now sit on the Governor's desk:

On Governor's Desk:

- **SB1001 (Mitchell)** Document Abuse. A bill to prevent employers from scaring and intimidating largely immigrant workers with illegal demands for showing their passport, green card, etc. It's already illegal; as I understand it, this would add fines for those who do it.
- **SB1015 (Leyva)** Overtime for Domestic Workers and **AB1066 (Gonzalez)** Overtime for Farm Workers. Both are about workers that have been excluded from the basic protections that most workers in this country get, and this is a result of Southern racism that existed in the thirties and forties, when most of labor protections were passed. As a compromise that would secure southern state votes, lawmakers in Congress chose to exclude sectors of the workforce that were largely Black workers, such as farmworkers and domestic workers at that time. These two bills correct that historic racism.
- **SB1289 (Lara)** End Private Prison funding. Big priority of groups like CIVIC and the "Dignity-Not-Detention" coalition.
- **SB1143 (Leno)** End Juvenile long-term solitary confinement. Big priority of NRCAT, the National Religious Coalition against Torture. Nearly unanimous support from lawmakers, but the Governor still needs to be convinced!
- **AB 1761** Affirmative Defense for Trafficking victims committing coerced nonviolent crimes, and **AB1762** Vacating convictions of trafficking victims committing coerced nonviolent crimes. CLUE is anti-Trafficking. Period. Trafficking is slavery, and thus the ultimate injustice from a worker condition. We recognize that sex trafficking is evil, we recognize how it affects women disproportionately, but we stand with progressive women's groups that are opposed to ANY FORM OF TRAFFICKING.

Approved through Budget Process:

- **SB1050** (DeLeon) College for All. Amazing victory!

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- **SB1286** (Leno) Police Personnel records. Terrible defeat...we'll try again!

Each day, and especially this weekend, is an opportunity to connect with those who strive and

labor for the economic well-being not just of themselves, but of their communities. May we never miss that opportunity.

Blessings,



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