



## Linking Our Neighbors

*Below is a small guide to help you begin to embark on linking your neighbors to promote Jubilee justice. Use this to reach out to a new community organization, church, or members in your own community!*

### Step 1:

Call Jeremy, Jubilee USA's Outreach and Congregations Fellow. He can help you find your nearest faith community, brainstorm community organizations you'd like to connect with, give you contacts of near by Jubilee supporters, and answer any of your questions to support you in your plans!

### Step 2:

After talking with Jeremy about strategy, you can call the contact(s). You can use the below script:

"Hello, my name is \_\_\_\_\_ and I'm a member of \_\_\_\_\_ community on address near the \_\_\_\_\_ (landmark in your town). I'm on the social action committee of my community and I've been working with the global Jubilee movement, an interfaith network of communities around the globe, to help eradicate poverty for a number of years. We want to share our work with our neighboring communities. Would you be interested in setting up a time to talk about an initiative to build community locally while working for global justice?"

If no – thank them for their time and ask them to let others in their community know that your \_\_\_\_\_ community is still interested in reaching out and developing closer relationships to pursue justice together!

If yes – ask them when would be a good time to meet. Be sure to ask them where they would feel most comfortable meeting.

- Meet at your church/community organization space, their place of worship, neighborhood food place. Make sure you **let them choose** the place they feel most comfortable!



If they seem hesitant but interested, be firm that they don't have to commit to holding an event or signing up for anything -- but that even one meeting is a great way to build stronger connections in your town/city/neighborhood!

### **Facilitating the meeting!**

When you go to the meeting, bring the intro to Jubilee USA education and action packet and a friendly smile.

Let them know why you want to partner with them, what events you might like to help co-organize, or the interfaith/community relations you hope to foster while finding common ground in your shared values of social justice.

A sample agenda for your meeting:

- Names and introductions -- take time to get to know each other!
- Explain the Jubilee movement
- Express why you are involved and what calls you to action
- Explain Jubilee events you have done in the past, such as Jubilee Sunday, legislative advocacy etc. How have they been successful and impactful, both to your community and for justice!
- Discuss the Jubilee Act, the G8/G20 and action items to sign onto

### **Going the extra mile?**

If you are interested in hosting or supporting a G8/G20 Justice action, emphasize you'd like to invite or plan the event together to hold the G8/G20 accountable:

- Explain the G8/G20 (see fact sheet)
- Explain how during this meeting communities across the country will be taking action to support efforts to make the G8/G20 more accountable and to stem the economic crisis. That having the actions across churches, temples, and community organizations around the country can have deeper impacts and build momentum and greater pressure!
- Suggest planning a small interfaith service, teach-in, or movie event

### **Conclusion:**

End with agreement to continue having the conversation, plans to invite them to future events, or plans for second meeting to discuss May events.