Sample Invitation to Faith Congregations

Dear [NAME OF FAITH LEADER],

I am writing to you since your faith group has a long tradition of supporting the right of workers to organize unions. The [NAME OF STATE FEDERATION/CENTRAL LABOR COUNCIL/AREA LABOR FEDERATION] represents more than [NUMBER] union members in your area.

The Labor Day holiday is not just a time to celebrate working people and their contributions to our society; it is also a time to remember the struggle working people endured to achieve the many benefits we now enjoy—such as the eight-hour day and the right to organize unions. This day provides a unique opportunity for the faith community and the labor movement to rediscover our common bonds: social justice, democracy, equality, the dignity of all people, economic and racial justice, fair treatment in the workplace and the right to form unions. It is also a time to reflect on the current condition of working people and reaffirm the commitment of the faith community to worker justice.

The [NAME OF STATE FEDERATION/CENTRAL LABOR COUNCIL/AREA LABOR FEDERATION] invites your congregation, [NAME OF CONGREGATION], to participate in the [LABOR IN THE PULPIT, LABOR ON THE BIMAH or LABOR IN THE MINBAR] program this Labor Day weekend, Aug. 30–Sept. 2, 2024. The program is also available on the weekend before (Aug. 23–25) and the weekend after Labor Day (Sept. 6–8) if this is more convenient for scheduling.

The [LABOR IN THE PULPIT, LABOR ON THE BIMAH or LABOR IN THE MINBAR] program places union leaders as guest speakers in faith congregations so they can make a short three- to five-minute presentation about the values labor shares with the faith community, the issues impacting working people and the importance of the faith community and labor working together to achieve a more just and equitable society for all.

If you are interested in having a union speaker address your congregation or being involved in the Labor Day weekend celebration, please contact me, [NAME], at [PHONE NUMBER] or [EMAIL]. Also, I am available to answer any questions you may have about the program.

Thank you for your consideration, and I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

[NAME]