

**Hunger Action Network of New York State
Annual Conference Registration Form - Monday, Sept. 18, 2006**

___/we will attend the Sept. 18th conference. Number _____

Suggested donation (includes lunch):

- Members: \$15 for organizations, \$10 for individual, \$5 low-income individuals and students
- Non-Members: \$20 for organizations, \$15 for individuals, \$5 low-income individuals and students
****\$5 off if you become a member**

___ I am interested in carpooling. ___ I can offer a ride. ___ I need child care (reserve 1-2 weeks in advance).

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Location & Directions

**Westminster Presbyterian Church
85 Chestnut St., Albany, NY
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The Church is one block west of the State Capitol.

From the South: Take the first Albany exit (exit 23) off the Thruway. Head straight through the toll booths onto 787 headed north. Go about 3 to 4 miles. Take the exit for the Empire State Plaza / Capitol. Go underneath the Plaza. At the end of the plaza, take the right turn up the ramp onto Swan Ave. At the second light, make left onto Washington Ave. At the next light, make a left onto Dove St. Take your second left onto Chestnut St. The church is half way down the block on the left. (Note: As you go up Swan St., you will pass Chestnut. However, it is one way going the other way, so you have to make a loop to get to it)

From the West: From the NYS Thruway, get off exit 24. Continue east on I-90 towards Albany / Boston. After 6 miles, take exit 6 (Arbor Hill / Henry Johnson / Northern Blvd) south into Albany. Take Henry Johnson (which turns into Northern) for about 1.4 miles into downtown Albany, past Central Ave. and make left onto State St. (note: at the beginning of Washington Park). Take 3rd right onto Dove St., first left onto Chestnut.

From the North: Take the Northway to the end. Head east on I-90. Follow directions above (from the west).

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Since 1982, Hunger Action has been a leading statewide anti-hunger group working to end hunger in NYS. Our work combines grassroots organizing with state level research, education and advocacy. Hunger Action brings together emergency food providers, low-income individuals, faith groups and grassroots advocates to increase the amount of food provided to hungry New Yorkers, while building unified statewide advocacy for long-term solutions to hunger, and its root causes, including poverty.
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Annual Conference

Building the Anti-Hunger Movement



**Monday,
September 18, 2006
9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.**

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Building the Anti-Hunger Movement.

This year's meeting will focus on how to build a stronger hunger movement, starting with raising the welfare grant for the poorest of the poor. The basic grant has not been raised since 1990 and benefits have fallen to only half of the federal poverty level. We will also discuss other economic security initiatives, such as universal health care, community food security, and job creation.

Next year we will observe our 25th anniversary - this would be a perfect time to win a commitment from New York's officials to end hunger.

We invite you to our Annual Conference to learn about important issues affecting your clients, members and communities. It's also an ideal opportunity for new people to learn about Hunger Action and become involved. Our members are individuals and organizations working together to end hunger and poverty throughout the state.

Please join us in Albany to:

- Help develop creative solutions to the issues facing low-income New Yorkers;
- Learn about food and other resources for low-income communities or for your clients;
- Find out about important organizational information such as funding, working with the media, model programs from across the state, & on-line resources;
- Learn how to set up voter registration and mobilization drives in your community;
- Strategize about ways to connect communities with locally grown, fresh nutritious food;
- Sharpen your advocacy & organizing skills;
- Network with community members and advocates from around the state.

New members encouraged to attend!

Hunger Action Network's 24th Annual Conference Agenda

9:30 Registration and Breakfast

10:00 Welcome: *Dennis Hanratty, Board Chair, Hunger Action Network of NYS*

Hunger in NY: Causes, Trends, & What Hunger Action is Doing to End Hunger. *Bich Ha Pham, Executive Director, Hunger Action Network of NYS*

10:20 Hunger Caucus: Attendees will identify and prioritize issues important to poor people and develop a hunger agenda for the next Governor. The caucus will include information and a discussion facilitated by anti-hunger policy experts. Help plan a unified statewide hunger agenda for 2007!

Discussion Leaders:

- * Joel Berg, NYC Coalition Against Hunger
- * Rev. Deborah Jameson, FOCUS Churches
- * State Senator Liz Krueger (invited)
- * Edie Mesick, Nutrition Consortium NYS (invited)
- * Bich Ha Pham, Hunger Action Network

11:45 Keynote Address:

Professor William DiFazio will discuss his recent book "Ordinary Poverty," a biting chronicle of the life of the working poor in the wake of welfare reform.

12:30 Lunch

1:30 Membership Meeting

- * Board of Directors' Elections

1:45 Small Group Workshops

A. Job Creation: Learn how New York can better use public funds to create jobs for low-income people. We will also discuss community

benefit agreements and targeted construction sector job creation and training. Presenters: ARISE; Mark Levitan, Community Service Society of NY (invited).

B. Food Justice: Learn about progressive food projects and a NYS community food policy agenda, including the NYS Food Policy Council bill. Food security builds stronger communities, promotes economic development, and increases access to fresh locally grown food. Presenters: Hunger Action; Bob Stern, Assembly Task Force on Food, Farm, & Nutrition Policy; & others.

C. Health Care for All: This workshop will discuss how to achieve universal health care in NYS, including an overview of the positions of the gubernatorial candidates. Learn about the campaign for a state bulk purchasing program for prescription drugs. Presenters: Mark Dunlea, Hunger Action; Rekindling Reform; & Physicians for a National Health Program.

D. TANF (Welfare) Reauthorization

Implementation: Participants will learn the details about the TANF/welfare reauthorization changes and options to improve our current system including wage supplement programs & increasing the welfare grant, job training and education access and increased protection for those with disabilities. Presenters: Susan Antos, Empire Justice; Bich Ha Pham, Hunger Action Network.

2:45 Full Group Workshop

- * Next Steps in Building the Anti-Hunger Movement in NYS in 2006-07

3:30 Adjournment / Reception

- * A chance to network and meet Hunger Action members and staff.