Faith Based Community Organizing –
Community Organizer Position in Springfield, IL Region

Faith Coalition for the Common Good seeks to fill a full-time organizing position with an ambitious and hard-working Community Organizer who will be responsible for helping to expand a powerful faith and value-based organization in the Springfield and Decatur Illinois region. This position will focus on organizing faith and community organizations in Macon and Sangamon County around racial and economic justice issues.

Organizing duties will include recruitment of new congregations and organizations, outreach to current member organizations; organizing leaders around issues such as the 2020 census, education equity, clean energy and jobs, strategic planning for the organization, meetings with decision makers, fundraising for the organization and turnout for events. Travel is required within Springfield, Decatur, and surrounding communities. Computer skills are a must.

Work hours are flexible depending upon the needs of Faith Coalition and the availability of the organizer. Some evening and weekend work hours will be required.

We seek someone with experience working with communities, who has self-confidence in working in diverse environments; who seeks the opportunity to engage in social justice work; is committed to the development of community leadership; and, has a history of working well with others. Some post high school education or training is preferred.

The Faith Coalition is an institutionally based network of congregations, labor unions and organizations committed to building community and seeking justice and equity.

Our mission is to work collaboratively for racial equity, civic engagement, a fair economy and participatory decision making. The Faith Coalition trains ordinary people to become leaders in their community to impact laws, policies and procedures. We transform institutions and their members to build the power to address issues which most affect communities such as jobs, transportation, affordable housing and immigration reform.

COMPENSATION

The salary is competitive and based on experience. The position includes the opportunity to be trained and coached in the art of community organizing within the Gamaliel Network.

Applicants should send a cover letter and resume describing qualifications, interest in the position and availability for preliminary interview dates in June. Please include two professional references.

Ability to speak Spanish would be beneficial but not required. We are seeking a diverse workforce and encourage everyone to apply.

Please send your cover letter and resume to:

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DEADLINE TO APPLY: July 1, 2020