

REGIONAL COMMUNITY ORGANIZER

New Jersey Regional Coalition is a faith-based, state-wide community organization with a track record of success winning housing, education, and fiscal public policy changes on the state level. For more background see www.njregionalequity.org. NJRC recently cosponsored the White House Forum on Older Suburbs, Inclusion, Sustainability and Economic Growth, and is affiliated with Building One America, a national organizing, training and technical assistance institute (see www.buildingoneamerica.org).

NJRC is seeking a regional community organizer to continue building regional power as part of a statewide network of congregations and institutions. NJRC's leaders include elected officials, clergy, and labor and community leaders.

The organization was created by local leaders to build power capable of combating systemic causes of inner city decline and the fiscal and social disparities of older suburbs through fair housing policies, education and property tax reform, and land use policy. Current issues include regional fair housing policies, property tax reform, education funding, transportation and immigrant rights.

Organizers should have a desire to address local issues at a regional, state and federal level. Background and understanding of regional politics and social dynamics may be a plus. Background in regional land use, housing and fiscal policy may be a plus. Skills with social media and technology may be a plus. Must be self-motivated and a systemic thinker. This position is not a social service, research or public relations job.

Duties include:

- Recruitment of member institutions
- Raising money through membership dues, foundations and fundraisers
- Identification, recruitment, training and development of leaders
- Creating and maintaining strong leadership teams at a local and regional level
- Successfully moving leaders into powerful issue campaigns that address regional disparities in wealth, opportunity and quality of life for low income, working and middle class families of the region.
- Work will be focused on central and northern New Jersey, with occasional travel to south Jersey. Car is required.

Skills: Knowledge of political process and ability to operate in the public arena; leadership training; strong communication/writing; ability to handle diversity, to build key relationships with the leaders of congregations and to develop alliances with unions and other community organizations while remaining independent and promoting a social justice agenda.

Competitive pay structure, based on experience. We strongly encourage candidates of color to apply. Full time, some evening and weekend work.

Send cover letter, resume and writing sample demonstrating your ability to think critically and communicate effectively to njrcjobs@gmail.com.