

Labor & Civil Rights Forum and 2015 Year-end Celebration

December 17, 2015
1:00 PM to 4:00 PM
The Conference Center at Mercer
1200 Old Trenton Road
West Windsor, NJ 08550

Register at buildingoneamerica.org

CELEBRATING AND RESTORING THE HISTORIC AND POWERFUL ALLIANCE OF LABOR AND CIVIL RIGHTS FOR RACIAL JUSTICE AND ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY



Legendary labor leader A. Philip Randolph and Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. repeatedly told their supporters that the political forces attacking unions were the same ones who opposed civil rights. It's no different today as the people fighting worker rights are the same ones who resist inclusive schools and maintain segregated neighborhoods.

The attack on public sector workers and teachers, especially in poor minority communities, is only the most recent example. The sprawl-driven, big-box retail industry in outer suburbs remains low wage and deeply anti-union. Public spending for badly needed infrastructure is severely restrained, undermining local government and depressing what should be an expansion of inclusive building trade jobs.

A shrinking middle class, widening income gap, and deepening racial divide further limits social mobility and opportunity for all people - especially the unemployed, underemployed and those trapped in high poverty neighborhoods in cities and in suburbs.

For more information on featured speakers, sponsorship opportunities, program, and to register for the December 17 Labor/Civil Rights Forum go to buildingoneamerica.org

This non-partisan forum will educate members, allies, and the public about the mutually reinforcing power relationship that once existed between labor and civil rights – *an alliance that produced some of the most progressive policies and inclusive expansion of middle class jobs that our nation ever experienced.*

It will show the relevance of this coalition for today's challenges and it will call upon our congregations, unions, civic and civil rights groups to work together to restore and revive this alliance to advance and promote both racial justice and economic opportunity for all American workers, their families and communities.



Attendees will include local leaders, members, and allies such as:

- Congregation leaders and clergy
- Municipal leaders and school board members
- Civic and local business leaders
- Local labor and civil rights leaders
- Academics and advocates

Guest speakers and panelist will include:

- National labor and civil rights leaders
- Historians, authors, and experts
- State and national political leaders