

Survival is a human right We need **JOBS** *or* **INCOME**

On Oct. 1, 14,000 low-income families will be cut off from public assistance for life! On Friday, Oct. 7, the Bureau of Labor Statistics will release the latest figures on the crisis of unemployment.

Southeast Michigan Jobs with Justice (SEMJJWJ) calls on all labor, community, faith-based, student, environmental, peace and social justice organizations and activists to join these two important demonstrations in place of our regular First Friday action.

*Demonstrate against the
impending welfare cuts*

“Resurrection March”

Thursday, Sept. 29, 2011, noon to 1 pm
State of Michigan Building,
3034 W Grand Blvd, Detroit
Sponsored by the Michigan Welfare
Rights Organization

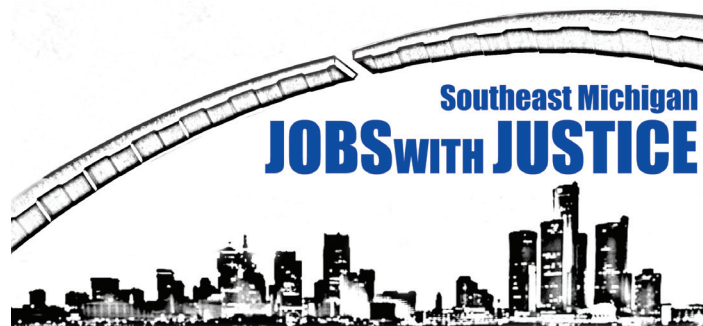
*March in Royal Oak on the
10th Anniversary of the U.S.
War in Afghanistan*

Money for Jobs, not War!

Thursday, Oct. 6, 2011
Gather @ 5:00 pm
Royal Oak First United Methodist Church
320 W. Seventh - use Lafayette St. entrance
(use parking deck also on Lafayette)
5:30 pm – Walk to City Hall
Signs provided or bring your own
Sponsored by Detroit Area Peace with Justice Network

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This must be stopped!

Gov. Snyder and the Republican Michigan Legislature voted to impose a lifetime limit of four years of benefits to families who depend on public assistance for survival. This heartless decision punishes the jobless and their children, who are victims of corporate greed. It follows the reduction of state unemployment benefits to 20 weeks, tightening of food stamp eligibility rules, and 70 percent reduction of the earned income credit for the working poor. No wonder poverty in Michigan is sky-high and rising.

These cutoffs—backed by so-called-“pro-family, pro-life Christians” and Tea Party Republicans—will destroy families. Without even a meager income, kids will do without clothing and shoes, utilities will be cut off, and homelessness will rise. Next, Child Protective Services will declare mothers unfit and take the children. That’s what happened in Ohio when time limits on welfare were imposed.

Meanwhile the rich are getting tax breaks. Taking money from those who need it most and giving it to those who need it the least is not only immoral, it is bad economic policy. Even the pro-business Moody’s Analytics explains that “Cuts in corporate tax rates” is one of the worst ways to stimulate economic activity. Such tax cuts generate a mere 32 cents of bang for every buck of taxpayer dollars. The reason? Ask Allen Sinai, chief global economist for the research firm Decision Economics, who says: “American business is about maximizing shareholder value. You basically don’t want workers.”

In contrast, welfare has one of the highest Fiscal Policy Multipliers, a measurement of taxpayer’s Bang for the Buck. For example, an increase in food stamps generates \$1.71, directly and indirectly, for every \$1 of tax money because poor people spend that money mostly on food and household items. Until there is full employment, people will need public assistance to survive. We need jobs or income—or as they said in the thirties, “work or wages.”

This country is not broke. There is plenty of money to create jobs. A country that spends trillions of dollars bailing out Wall Street and trillions more on wars in Africa, Asia and the Middle East can afford to spend money instead on a massive public works program that helps the whole nation. Schools and hospitals would not face privatization or closing, new homes could be built for the victims of foreclosure, seniors homes could be weatherized, there could be reliable and accessible mass transit, and arts and culture could thrive. Global warming and joblessness could both be confronted by reopening closed plants for making solar panels, wind turbines and fast trains.

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