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**JCRC moves interfaith community leaders toward a greater understanding of the green economy**

“Fighting Poverty with Faith” is a national interfaith mobilization from October 14- 21, 2009. The Jewish Community Relations Council is spearheading the local mobilization in partnership with California Interfaith Power and Light, The Jewish Federation of the Greater East Bay, Jewish Vocational Services, Solar Richmond, and Green For All.

To draw attention to the importance of acting quickly and responsibly to create workforce development policies that help all Americans achieve economic security JCRC and our partners will be hosting **“Green Pathways out of Poverty Clergy Tour”** for local clergy and faith leaders on **Thursday, October 15, 2009**. The tour will include speakers from California Interfaith Power and Light, and Green For All, as well as a tour of Solar Richmond green job training sites and work sites.

Unemployment in Bay Area counties is currently between 9-12%. Our faith values present a vision of shared responsibility in which the notion of work itself is vital to a dignified and productive life. We believe that all Americans deserve the chance to work in jobs that pay enough to support a family and offer the possibility of advancement. The new clean-energy economy provides opportunities for low-skilled workers who are suffering most in the current economy to move into jobs with more security and potentially higher salary.

This week, as part of the second annual Fighting Poverty with Faith week of action, we join hundreds of faith leaders across the country in speaking with one voice about the importance of making poverty reduction a central component of efforts to create a new “green” economy.

For more information on “Green Pathways out of Poverty Clergy Tour”, contact Jessica Trubowitch at [jtrubowitch@jcrc.org](mailto:jtrubowitch@jcrc.org) or at (415) 977-7409. For more information on the national campaign, visit [www.fightingpovertywithfaith.com](http://www.fightingpovertywithfaith.com).

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