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### ACTS MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS

All Saints Roman Catholic Church  
Antioch Missionary Baptist Church  
Catholic Charities Diocese of Syracuse  
Catholic Community of Baldwinsville in St. Augustine's and St. Mary's  
Congregation Beth Shalom-Chevrá Shas  
First United Methodist Church of Minoa  
Franciscan Collaborative Ministry  
Grace Episcopal Church  
Hopps Memorial Christian Methodist Episcopal Church  
Immaculate Conception Roman Catholic Church  
Immanuel United Methodist Church  
Islamic Society of CNY  
James Street United Methodist Church  
Lighthouse of Love Ministries  
Living Water Church of God in Christ  
New Hope Missionary Baptist Church  
Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter's Roman Catholic Church  
Pebble Hill Presbyterian Church  
Plymouth Congregational  
Salvation Army Citadel  
Service Employees International Union 1199  
South/Onondaga Valley Presbyterian Church  
St. Anthony of Padua Roman Catholic Church  
St. James Roman Catholic Church  
St. John the Baptist Roman Catholic Church  
St. Joseph Roman Catholic Church  
St. Joseph the Worker Roman Catholic Church  
St. Lucy's Church  
Syracuse Peace Council  
Syracuse University Office of Multicultural Affairs  
Temple Concord  
Trinity Episcopal Church  
Tucker Missionary Baptist Church  
University United Methodist Church  
Victory Temple Fellowship Church

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Dear Community Business or Organization,

We invite you to the ACTS "First Fruits" Spring Banquet, which will take place on Tuesday, April 27<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 – 9:00 PM, at the Holiday Inn, in Liverpool, NY. We also invite you to place a supporting ad in the Program Booklet. We expect at least 400 people will attend the banquet and many more members of our member organizations will know of your support!

This year, we will award Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Syracuse as our "Ally for Positive Change." Our Honorary Chairs for the Banquet will be Syracuse Mayor Stephanie Miner, Onondaga County Executive Joanie Mahoney and Congressman Dan Maffei. Our Keynote Speaker will be the world-renown minister and preacher Rev. Dr. James Forbes, Jr.

ACTS is an inter-faith, multi-racial and urban-suburban coalition of faith communities and organizations throughout the greater Syracuse region that works to empower member organizations to act on our shared values of human worth, dignity and justice. We do this through a process of dialogue, relationship-building, education, training, research, and action. ACTS is a 501c(3) nonprofit organization.

ACTS has become a powerful civic force in the greater Syracuse region. On Election Day November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2009, the Post-Standard wrote of our 1,200-people Public Action Meeting two days earlier: *"the positive, collaborative tone of Sunday's meeting provided a reason to vote today: to commit with public officials and community advocates to achieving worthy goals together."*

Following our Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> meeting, ACTS had its first meeting with a NY State Governor. Governor David Paterson was extremely impressed by our meeting, referring to us as "better organized than most groups," and he committed to support several of our current issues.

We are excited to report back to the community on the considerable progress we have made. We invite you to be part of the excitement and the action by attending the April 27<sup>th</sup> Banquet and by placing your supporting ad in our Program Booklet. Your support will sustain ACTS in our vital vision and work of transforming our greater Syracuse community for the better!

Sincerely,

Prof. Shiu-Kai Chin  
President

Rev. Kevin Agee  
Co-President

