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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 sponsor the ACTS "First Fruits" Spring Banquet, which will take place on Tuesday, April 27th, 6:00 – 9:00 PM, at the Holiday Inn, in Liverpool, NY. We expect at least 400 people will attend the banquet and many more members of our member organizations will know of your support!

At the April 27th Banquet, we will award Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Syracuse as our "Ally for Positive Change." Our Honorary Chairs 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 3rd, 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. 1st 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 sponsoring our April 27th Banquet. 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

