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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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The Event: ACTS "First Fruits" Spring Banquet

- Date/Time: Tuesday, April 27th, 6:00 – 9:00 PM (doors open at 5:30 PM)
- Location: Holiday Inn, Liverpool, NY
- Attendance Goal: 400 people
- Seat: \$50 per person (\$500 for a table of ten)
- Award: Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Syracuse
- Honorary Chairs: Syracuse Mayor Stephanie Miner, Onondaga County Executive Joanie Mahoney and Congressman Dan Maffei.
- Keynote Speaker: Rev. Dr. James Forbes, Jr. (Riverside Church, NYC)

ACTS' Growing Reputation: 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."*

ACTS First Victories:

- Onondaga County SCHIP Coalition: ACTS created and led the community coalition with the county and state health departments and the region's private health insurance providers in successfully enrolling 3,000 kids into Child Health Plus (the public insurance plan for children above the Medicaid level).
- Community Benefits Agreement (CBA) for Joint-School Construction Project: ACTS signed a CBA with Syracuse City School District that allows high school juniors and seniors to shadow construction workers renovating city schools.
- Say Yes: ACTS was critical in integrating voices of the minority community into the Say Yes Board. Moreover, Say Yes staff and volunteers are working closely with us.
- Identification: ACTS was successful in removing barriers that people face when trying to obtain photo identification after being released from jail and prison.

ACTS Issues in the Works—Highlight:

- CHAIRS: ACTS is organizing to stop the Sheriff's sale of erroneous background checks that are denying people employment, housing, and other opportunities.

ACTS Mission: 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. ACTS does this through a process of dialogue, relationship-building, education, training, research, and action. ACTS is a 501c(3) nonprofit organization.

ACTS Vision: ACTS vision is that of preparing the way for more people, in particular from underrepresented and marginalized communities, to be at the decision-making table. ACTS seeks to equip ordinary people to engage effectively in the public arena, to build community and to collectively accomplish extraordinary things.