

International Longshore and Warehouse Union
Longshore, Clerk, and Walking Boss Caucus
Vancouver, British Columbia
May 22-26, 2006

Resolution: Miscellaneous #6
M/S/C to adopt
05/25/06 p.m.

JOBS WITH JUSTICE

WHEREAS: Jobs with Justice is a national coalition of labor, faith, community and student organizations committed to mobilization campaigns in support of workers' rights, including organizing, contract struggles, demanding living wages and community social justice; and

WHEREAS: Jobs with Justice is an effective force in making union battles into public fights evoking wide community support; and

WHEREAS: Jobs with Justice played a major role in organizing national support for the 2002 Longshore contract fight, mobilizing labor and community activists throughout the nation in actions to pressure West Coast Waterfront Coalition members; and

WHEREAS: The 2002 Longshore contract fight has made it clear that the ILWU needs to develop strong, broad coalitions with community and faith-based organizations; and

WHEREAS: In Oregon and Washington – the two ILWU States with Jobs with Justice coalitions – almost all ILWU and IBU locals and regions are active members of their local Jobs with Justice organization; and

WHEREAS: In 2002, Jobs with Justice Coalitions - made up of labor, community, faith-based and student organizations - worked on 215 workplace justice campaigns, supporting over 250,000 workers; and

WHEREAS: Jobs with Justice in 2002 collaborated with over 200 local unions on organizing and bargaining campaigns, representing 32 different unions, helping more than 15,000 workers to gain union representation; and

WHEREAS: National union membership in Jobs with Justice involves an annual membership contribution of between \$5,000 and \$25,000; THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED: That the Caucus urge the International to investigate becoming a member of the national Jobs with Justice; and BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED: That the Caucus urge ILWU Locals and IBU Regions in areas with Jobs with Justice Coalitions to become active participants in those coalitions.

Submitted by:

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