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Rev. Lucy Kolin
Resurrection Lutheran Church, Oakland, CA
Oakland Community Organizations

Pastor Kolin has been at the center of Oakland Community Organization’s (OCO) successful education and violence prevention organizing. With OCO, Pastor Kolin helped develop a New Small Autonomous Schools Movement that has led to the creation of 50 new small schools in Oakland

and has completely reshaped the school district. Pastor Kolin has also been at the center of OCO’s work to reduce youth violence in Oakland, helping develop the “Oakland Homicide and Violence Reduction Strategy,” an on-the-ground strategy to connect young people most at risk for gun violence to lifelines of opportunity.

Rev. Cory Sparks
Faith United Methodist, Lafayette, LA
PICO Louisiana



Rev. Sparks has been an inspirational figure in PICO Louisiana’s – PICO’s statewide organization in Louisiana – organizing work after Hurricane Katrina in 2005. In the months after Katrina, Rev. Sparks helped connect congregations throughout the PICO network with congregations along the Gulf Coast to assist them in the process of reconstruction. Rev. Sparks also led a delegation from PICO Louisiana to Capitol Hill just weeks after Katrina to press for federal reconstruction money, eventually helping to bring over \$4 billion to the Gulf Coast.



Rev. Heyward Wiggins
Camden Bible Tabernacle Church, Camden, NJ
Camden Churches Organized for People

Rev. Wiggins has been a clergy leader with Camden Churches Organized for People (CCOP) and PICO National Network for over 10 years. Rev. Wiggins has played a central role in CCOP’s successful campaign to bring \$175 million in redevelopment money to Camden; as well as PICO’s national campaign to reauthorize and expand the State

Children’s Health Insurance Program (SCHIP). As part of PICO’s SCHIP campaign, Rev. Wiggins testified before Congress about the moral imperative to provide health insurance coverage to all the nation’s children, and together with Rep. John D. Dingell and Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton, announced the introduction of the Children’s Health First Act in March 2007.