Senior Advisor on Environmental Justice

Organization:
The Jesuit Conference coordinates the ministries of the Society of Jesus (Jesuits) in Canada and the United States and facilitates relations with the Jesuit international headquarters in Rome. Located in Washington, DC, the Jesuit Conference also maintains an advocacy office which aims to educate and inform legislators, public officials, and multinational corporations on issues of importance which affect the Jesuits’ mission of social justice and faith. The office is nonpartisan and seeks to express how Catholic values such as human dignity and the common good are at stake in policy decisions. The office adopts its advocacy priorities in conjunction Jesuit works throughout the United States and Canada, and in partnership with Jesuit institutions abroad.

The Jesuit Conference seeks a full-time employee to fill this position. Salary is commensurate with experience and compensation includes an excellent benefits package.

Position Description:

• Develop for the Jesuit Conference an advocacy strategy on issues related to environmental justice, working in collaboration with Jesuit Conference staff, Jesuit provinces, and Jesuit/Ignatian institutions at the local, national and international levels
• Increase awareness of the local, national and global impacts of climate change, environmental degradation linked to the extractive sector, and human rights risks linked to poor natural resource management
• Partner with Catholic, interfaith and secular organizations to advocate on common priorities related to the impact of environmental health on poor or vulnerable people
• Work in collaboration with the Jesuit Committee on Investment Responsibility to support corporate dialogues with environmental justice implications
• Represent Jesuit Conference positions on environmental justice issues in meetings with Congress, relevant government agencies, inter-governmental bodies and in public forums
• Draft policy documents, letters and create materials analyzing the impact of environmental degradation on poor, underrepresented and marginalized communities; propose sustainable solutions to mitigate harms
• Create cross-sectoral advocacy opportunities to invigorate education, action and advocacy among natural constituencies, particularly where environmental justice issues touch other Conference priority areas of migration, race, and domestic poverty
• Highlight and feature findings and research published by Jesuit institutions that can help to move forward policy discussions on environmental justice issues
• Strengthen the communications capacity of the Advocacy Office across priority focus areas by growing social media presence, increasing media outreach capacity, and developing materials to translate complex policy issues for constituency consumption
Skills/Requirements

- Minimum five years relevant work experience
- Advanced degree preferred
- Comfort and familiarity working in a faith-based context
- Familiarity with basic tenants of Catholic Social Teaching/rights-based approach to social justice
- Demonstrated ability to bring a critical lens to environmental justice issues
- Excellent writer
- Social media proficient
- Experience in developing outreach/educational materials for non-expert audiences
- Experience in media engagement preferred
- Ability to work well in a team and independently
- Spanish proficiency preferred

Please send a cover letter and resume to the attention of Shaina Aber jcemployment@jesuits.org with subject line: “Senior Environmental Advisor.” Deadline for applications is August 7, 2015.