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Colleagues,

The Missouri Association for Social Welfare is proud to announce that our 108th Annual Conference will be held October 22-23, 2008 in Columbia Missouri.

This year's theme, *Economic Injustice—The Increasing Divide and Rising Economic Insecurities* will highlight the rising economic insecurities that continue to plague our most vulnerable citizens.

The intent is to explore the complex intersection of economics and policy and how we might work to even the playing field in combating growing inequalities.

In order to insure a successful conference we need your knowledge in serving as a workshop leader and subject matter expert. We have identified four general issue areas or foundational pillars as follows:

Money Issues: (topics might include affordable housing, foreclosures, predatory lending, progressive taxation, social security retirement, personal credit crisis—OTHERS THAT YOU MIGHT OFFER);

Labor Issues: (topics might include pay discrepancies, affirmative action, collective bargaining, employee free choice act, living wage campaigns, minimum wage, mandatory-arbitration provisions, health and safety regulations, paid parental need--OTHERS THAT YOU MIGHT OFFER);

Health Issues: (topics might include universal access, single payer health insurance, personal bankruptcies caused by health costs, mental health parity, health insurance irregularities-- OTHERS THAT YOU MIGHT OFFER);

Vital Services: (utilities, energy assistance, privatization of vital services, educational funding formula, banking services, micro finance, criminal justice services, sustainable energy. OTHERS THAT YOU MIGHT OFFER).

Please see the attached form to indicate your interest in presenting at the conference. We ask that you complete the form and send to MASW no later than April 25, 2008.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and we look forward to hearing from you. Please call to discuss further specifics.

The Welfare of the People Shall Be the Supreme Law