

# MAIN 2010 Conference—November 5th

“Whose House? Our House! *Moving Forward to Gain Economic Justice!*”

*Join Us to Help Decide MAIN's Priorities & Choose MAIN Leaders!*



**Friday, November 5th**

8:30 am – 4:00 pm

State House, Augusta

- Sliding Scale fee - \$0 to \$20
- Lunch provided
- Nearby child care (register by Oct.28th)
- Travel & child care reimbursement

**Register NOW!** [www.peacebreadjustice.org](http://www.peacebreadjustice.org) **or** fill out and return the enclosed form.

This Conference is the 1<sup>st</sup> step in choosing the issues—legislative and other—that MAIN will work on over the next two years. Join us November 18th to help make our final decisions (see bottom of page 2).

*At the conference, you will:*

- ◆ **Discuss Issues & Vote on MAIN's Priorities:** You will take part in one of the following groups. You will be able to share own your concerns and experiences in the group. We will talk about what we can do to help us move forward to gain economic justice and security. Each group will make a list of their ideas to share with everyone at the conference. After hearing all the ideas, you will vote on the ones you think are most important. This will help MAIN decide which issues to work on—with your help—during the 2011 & 2012 legislative sessions.

- Health Care
- Housing/Heating
- Safety-Net programs (TANF, General Assistance, Food Stamps, etc.)
- Education & Training
- Work related (wages, paid sick time, unemployment insurance, etc.)
- Economic Human Rights (Right to health care, housing, jobs etc.)
- Legal Representation

**Examples:** Housing/Heating idea - Use the HOME Fund for more truly affordable housing.

Safety-Net Programs idea - Make sure General Assistance rules are enforced.

Legal Representation idea: Work with the Justice Action Group to increase the number of lawyers who can assist people with low income.

- ◆ **Elect the MAIN leadership team:** Please read the information on page 3. Consider joining the Team! Call a MAIN leader to find out more. **Nominations Deadline—Friday, OCTOBER 20th.** Contact a MAIN Leader before October 20th if you want to be considered to be on the MAIN Leadership Team.
- ◆ **Explore the State House by yourself or with friends.**

**MAIN members and those interested in becoming members are welcome to attend this conference.**

## 2010 MAIN Conference Schedule

Hall of Flags – 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the State House

**8:30—9:30 Registration.** Enjoy snacks. Talk with others. Visit information tables. Explore the State House on your own or with friends.

House of Representatives chamber – 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of the State House

**9:30—10:20 Welcome by MAIN Leadership Team.** Guest Speaker – To be announced

State House meeting rooms

**10:30—12:20 Issue discussion groups:** Share your concerns and experiences. Discuss what you think we can do to improve:

- Health Care
- Housing/Heating
- Safety-Net programs
- Education, Training & Work related issues
- Economic Human Rights
- Legal Representation



Cross Office Building Cafeteria—1st Floor

**12:30—1:30 Lunch.**

House of Representatives chamber.—3rd Floor of State House

**1:40 Elections of MAIN Leadership Team - introductions and voting.**

**2:10 Report from discussion groups.**

Hall of Flags – 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the State House

**3:45 “Dot-mocracy”** Using your 7 sticker dots, you will vote on your top priorities from the lists of ideas that came out of the discussion groups. This will help MAIN decide the issues to work on—*with your help*—in the 2011 & 2012 legislative sessions.

**To register for the conference**, fill out and return the enclosed form **OR** register on our website.

[www.peacebreadjustice.org](http://www.peacebreadjustice.org)

*We can help with...*child care and travel expenses.

Please look at the registration form for more information.

Contact a MAIN Leader if you have questions.

**There will be a special MAIN meeting on Thursday, November 18th to make final decisions on MAIN priorities for 2011 and 2012.** We will look at the results of ‘dot-mocracy’ and decide what work we are able to take on depending on our resources. All MAIN members are invited to attend this meeting and take part in these final decisions. The meeting will be from 10:00 to 12:30 in the Maine Equal Justice conference room, 126 Sewall St. in Augusta (across the street from the State House).

# MAIN Invites YOU to Join the Leadership Team!

MAIN will elect a leadership team of 7 to 9 MAIN members. Leaders serve a two-year term. To be a leader, you must be a MAIN member for at least one year and be committed to MAIN's mission— to be a voice for people with low income on public policy issues. Leaders must be willing and able to dedicate 6 to 8 hours each month to this work. Working as a team allows us to:

- Share responsibilities so no one takes on more than they can handle,
- Learn or improve our leadership skill, and
- Support and encourage each other.

Leadership Team duties include:

- Representing MAIN in the media and before the Legislature and at other public events.
- Facilitating Monthly meetings.
- Doing the work necessary to keep MAIN functioning.
- Finding people affected by proposed legislation to share their experiences.
- Communicating with members.
- Fostering relationship with member organizations.
- Maintaining the banking account.
- Helping develop a yearly budget and fundraising plan.
- Meeting once a month, usually by conference call.
- Attending regular MAIN monthly meetings.

MAIN Leaders are reimbursed for travel and other necessary expenses.

If you want to be considered for the MAIN Leadership Team or have questions, **contact one of the MAIN leaders before Friday, OCTOBER 20th.**

Barbara Rankins  
513-6292

Nikki McLean  
772-0074

Tammy Trask  
968-2009

Tracey Hair  
469-7961

Vickie McCarty  
687-6033

Dot Treadwell  
782-4624



## Help Make the Conference a Success!

*Volunteer to:*

- Help with set-up or clean-up
- Take notes during the discussions
- Help raise funds
- Invite people to attend

- Facilitate a discussion groups
- Give someone a ride
- Bake or get goodies for morning snack
- Be a greeter

*To Volunteer:* Contact any MAIN Leader listed above or leave a message with Chris at MEJP toll-free 1-866-626-7059 ext 204.



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**Tuesday, Nov. 2nd—Election Day**    Look inside for more information & VOTE!

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**Conference Information & Registration Form Inside**

### **Directions to the MAIN Conference at the State House in AUGUSTA:**

Take Exit 109 Augusta/Winthrop. On the ramp there is a fork, bear right towards Augusta. This takes you onto Western Avenue. Take Western Avenue to the 4th set of traffic lights. (The Armory will be on your left and Fire Station on your right). Turn **RIGHT** onto Armory St. which becomes Capitol Street. Capitol Street bears left around a big corner and down a hill to a set of lights at the intersection with Sewall Street. You will see the State House with the Dome in front on the right.

**For child care**, go to Maine Equal Justice: turn **RIGHT** onto Sewall St. and go a short distance to MEJP at 126 Sewall. Grey house on the right side of the street. **To park for the Conference:** turn **LEFT**. You will now see the parking garage on your right. This is free parking. After parking, exit the garage so you are back on Capitol Street. Cross the street to the Cross State Office Building and look for MAIN Conference signs by the side entrance to the building. To get a map, go to:  
**[www.mejp.org/maps.htm](http://www.mejp.org/maps.htm)**

### **Statewide MAIN Meetings**

Get updates. Help make decisions.  
Get involved in helping to make change.

#### **Special MAIN meeting to finalize our legislative agenda.**

**Thursday, November 18th**

Maine Equal Justice conference room  
126 Sewall St. Augusta 10:00 am—12:30 pm

#### **Regular MAIN monthly meetings 2nd Thursday of every month**

December 9th	January 13th	
February 10th	March 10th	
April 14th	May 12	June 9th

Maine Equal Justice conference room  
126 Sewall St. Augusta 10:00 am—12:30 pm

#### ***Need more info? Want a meeting notice?***

Contact a MAIN Leader or  
Chris Rusnov toll-free at 1-866-626-7059 ext 204

# Election Day is Tuesday, November 2, 2010

Mark your calendar,  
get information & VOTE!

## You can also vote from home by Absentee Ballot:

Call your town office or city hall to ask for an absentee ballot. It will be sent to you so you can vote by mail. You may also vote before November 2nd in person at your town office or city hall. Call them to find out when.

## To get an absentee ballot application:

- Call your town office, or
- Go to <http://www.maine.gov/cgi-bin/online/AbsenteeBallot/index.pl>

Mail or take the application to your town clerk's office. They will send you a ballot or deliver one to your home (or you can vote when you are there). Ballots are available 30-45 days before November 2nd. Vote and then mail or deliver your ballot so it arrives anytime before 8:00 pm on Election Day – November 2nd.

## Need Info About Voting?

Go to the Maine Secretary of State's website.

<http://www.maine.gov/sos/cec/elec/>

You can find all kinds of info including:

- your polling place,
- the candidates and issues, and
- info about what will be on the ballot.

## How to Register to Vote:

If you've moved since you last voted, you'll need to register again.

- Register at your town office.
- Register on-line:
  - <http://www.maine.gov/sos/cec/elec/>
- Register at the polls on Election Day.
- Most social services agencies and the Division of Motor Vehicles have voter registration cards.
- If you've moved since you last voted, you'll need to register again.

## Who can register?

### Who can vote?

- You must be at least 18 years of age on or before Election Day.
- You must be a United States citizen, live in Maine and register in the town or city where you live. Contrary to popular belief, ex-felons, those incarcerated, and people who are homeless can vote in Maine.
- If you've moved since you last voted, you'll need to register again.

## How do I vote & where do I vote?

[Go to your town office or local public library to see the ballot.](#)

Call your town office to find out where to vote and when the polls are open. All polling places close at 8:00 p.m. You can also find your polling place at: <http://www.maine.gov/sos/cec/elec/>

## Accessible Voting:

You can also ask for help at the polls. Every polling place has an accessible voting system. If you need it, ask to use it. This system actually reads the ballot to you privately.

# November 5, 2010

## MAIN Conference Registration Form

**To Register: mail in this form** or go to **www.peacebreadjustice.org**. This will be a great help to us as we plan. To register after October 24th, email [crusnov@mejp.org](mailto:crusnov@mejp.org), or call Chris toll-free 1-866-626-7059 ext 204. You can register at the door if needed.

You must pre-register for on-site child care by October 28th.

**Please PRINT clearly.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Organization (if attending as org. representative) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Town/city \_\_\_\_\_ Zip code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

**Conference fee:** \$0 to \$20 (whatever you can afford).

Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_ I'll donate at the Conference \_\_\_\_\_ I can't attend but here's a donation \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Here's an extra donation to help with expenses. \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**I need Child Care.** Number of children \_\_\_\_\_ Age(s) of children \_\_\_\_\_

Child care will be in the conference room at Maine Equal Justice at 126 Sewall Street right across the street from the State House. Qualified child care providers will provide this service. There is no cost to you for child care. Lunch is provided. MAIN can also help with childcare expenses, if you need to arrange your own to better meet your child's needs. Let us know if your child has any special needs. We will do our best to accommodate them.

**Lunch** for conference attendees is provided. Check if you need a meatless lunch. \_\_\_\_\_

**Travel & Child Care Reimbursement** will be given out at the conference. If you have questions about rates, contact a MAIN leader. (Please fill in this section to help us plan. If you can't fill it out, you will still be able to request reimbursement on the day of the conference.)

I will need travel reimbursement. Estimated Miles round trip \_\_\_\_\_ . Bus ticket \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

Please car pool if you can. It's fun, saves money and is better for our environment.

I can give \_\_\_\_\_ number of people a ride. I need a ride \_\_\_\_\_. (We'll do our best to link people up but we must know by October 24th if you need a ride or can give a ride.)

I need to arrange and pay for child care myself. It will cost me \$ \_\_\_\_\_. (MAIN can help with this expense.)

**Special needs?** Let us know and we will do our best to accommodate them.

**Choose ONE group discussion to attend.** \_\_\_ health care; \_\_\_ housing/heating;  
\_\_\_ safety-net programs; \_\_\_ education and training; \_\_\_ paid work issues;  
\_\_\_ legal representation; \_\_\_ Economic Human Rights

**I can help** set-up at 8:00 am \_\_\_\_\_; clean-up at 4:00 pm \_\_\_\_\_; other \_\_\_\_\_

**Send registration form to: MAIN, P.O. Box 69, Hallowell, ME 04347**