



Canadian Labour Congress

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## **\*\*MARK YOUR CALENDARS\*\***

Dear Sisters & Brothers:

We are pleased to tell you about a very important campaign that is underway nationally and one that the Regina & District Labour Council will be engaged in locally. The Canadian Labour Congress has initiated a sustained campaign that will raise the level of awareness on a variety of women's issues.

With this in mind, the Regina & District Labour Council will be hosting a Woman's Dinner, followed by a program to launch this very important campaign. The event will be held **Thursday evening, March 27, 2008**. The theme of this event will be **"Raising the Wage - Closing the Gap."** We are asking that you mark your calendars today and watch for upcoming posters and information on ticket sales.

Why are we doing this? All levels of government are ignoring the continued, and in some cases, growing economic inequality of women. There is a lack of attention paid to the causes of inequality and little attention being paid to solutions. It's time to raise awareness not only on the issues themselves, but on the fact that women's economic equality is being ignored at all levels of government and by the media. As a result the issues are not on the public radar screen.

Through local labour councils and community partners, the Canadian Labour Congress will create opportunities to raise awareness regarding the lack of attention paid by politicians and the media to the growing economic inequality of women. This campaign will aim to mobilize union women in every age group to talk within their unions, their families, the public, the media and with politicians about very important and prevalent issues. These issues include child care, pay equity, employment standards improvements, better access to EI, improvements to CPP, OAS and GIS, as well as the advantages of belonging to a union.

Finally, we invite you as local unions and activists to get involved in this year long campaign. To find out more contact the Regina & District Labour Council to see how you can make a difference and get involved in supporting woman's issues in Regina and across the country.

In solidarity,

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