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Cincinnati Interfaith Workers' Center is a long-time grantee of the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD), having received \$435,000 in Catholic funds since 2008. Its most recent grant, found on the [CCHD's 2020-2021 grants list](#), shows that it received \$55,000 for that year.

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Diocese	Grantee	Issue Area	Grant
Archdiocese of Cincinnati	Cincinnati Interfaith Workers' Center	Workers' Rights	55,000.00

In 2012, the Reform CCHD Now Coalition produced [a report](#) showing that Cincinnati Interfaith Workers' Center (CIWC) had serious issues regarding its leadership and its membership in Interfaith Worker Justice. In the report, it was shown that CIWC's executive director at that time, Sameerah Ahmad, was a participant in a gravely perverted LGBT conference called the "[Second Annual Five College Queer Sexuality & Gender Conference](#)."

Second Annual
Five College
Queer Sexuality & Gender
Conference



At Hampshire College
In Franklin Patterson Hall (FPH)
March 5th 2011

Sameerah Ahmad is a graduate student at Umass-Amherst where she is finishing up her Master's in Labor Studies. She was very active with United Students Against Sweatshops during her undergrad and has worked with the United Electrical Workers Union in Chicago the past two summers. After she graduates she wants to continue organizing. Sameerah identifies as a queer woman of color from a working class family.

Queer International and People of Color Caucus
Sameerah Ahmad - Classroom 108
This is a closed dialogue amongst Queer identified International and People of Color. We want to use this time and space to discuss intersecting identities.

Page 21 of the conference program - which was filled with the most depraved and morally repugnant workshops imaginable - provided Ahmad's bio, indicating that she "identifies as a queer woman of color." Page 8 of the program showed that she ran the "Queer International and People of Color Caucus."

In addition to this, The Reform CCHD Now Coalition reported that CIWC is a [member of the Marxist-run Interfaith Worker Justice \(IWJ\)](#). The report on IWJ is way too long to summarize in this report, but you can see the proofs that IWJ is thoroughly committed to Marxism in [this report, here](#).

After completing the report on CIWC, the Reform CCHD Now Coalition contacted the local CCHD representative, Tony Stieritz. Stieritz responded to the report in two parts: First regarding Ahmad's participation in a sexually depraved conference, and second regarding CIWC's membership in IWJ. Asserting that "neither [CIWC] nor its membership have ever taken any positions remotely related to the concerns noted" in the report, Stieritz wrote:

"To suggest that there is somehow a relationship between what has been discovered on the internet about this staff person's private life and the mission, agenda, activities and publicity of the Worker Center would be a more sensational accusation than substantive one."

With regard to CIWC's membership in IWJ, Stieritz wrote:

"Our investigation into the Cincinnati Interfaith Worker Center's relationship with IWJ reveals that it is a loose affiliation that does not constitute dues or any financial support of IWJ."

Ahmad is no longer the executive director of CIWC, but its development as a Marxist organization has become far more obvious, as well soon be illustrated. What will be shown in this report is that CIWC's leadership are self-professed socialists and Marxists, and that as a result, CIWC is also professing socialist and Marxist ideologies. We'll start with CIWC's own activities and then provide information about the Marxist ideologies of its leadership. What will become obvious is that CIWC is a Marxist organization run by Marxists, and it is working for the advancement of socialism in the United States. But before we do that, let's remind everyone that socialism is absolutely condemned by the Catholic Church. In fact, socialism is possibly the most consistently and soundly condemned ideology in the history of the Church. It was condemned by the following popes:

- Pope Pius IX:
 - [Nostis et Nobiscum](#), December 8, 1849
- Pope Leo XIII:
 - [Diuturnum](#), June 29, 1881
 - [Humanum Genus](#), April 20, 1884
 - [Quod Apostolici Muneris](#), December 28, 1878
 - [Libertas Praestantissimum](#), June 20, 1888
 - [Graves de Communi Re](#), January 18, 1901
- Pope Pius X:
 - [Notre Charge Apostolique](#), August 25, 1910
- Pope Benedict XIV:
 - [Ad Beatissimi Apostolorum](#), November 1, 1914
- Pope Pius XI:
 - [Quadragesimo Anno](#), May 15, 1931
- Pope Pius XII:
 - [Summi Pontificatus](#), October 20, 1939
 - [Decretum Contra Communismum](#), July 1, 1949
- Pope John XXIII:
 - [Mater et Magistra](#), May 15, 1961
- Pope Paul VI:
 - [Octogesima Adveniens](#), May 14, 1971
- Pope John Paul II:
 - [Centesimus Annus](#), May 1, 1991
- Pope Benedict XVI:
 - [Deus Caritas Est](#), December 25, 2005

CIWC Actively Promotes Socialism, Marxism

CIWC has a [facebook group](#) that is run by its members.

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Centro Interreligioso de Trabajadores de Cincinnati

Group by Cincinnati Interfaith Workers' Center

Cincinnati Interfaith Worker Center
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About

The Cincinnati Interfaith Workers Center (CIWC) was established in March 2005 to help mobilize, educate and organize low wage and immigrant workers. These efforts are designed to give low-income workers from all walks of life the opportunity to creatively challenge the power relationships with their employers and improve their working terms and conditions.

<http://www.cworkers.org/> See less

- Public**
Anyone can see who's in the group and what they post.
- Visible**
Anyone can find this group.
- Cincinnati**

There are a number of posts in this group promoting socialism and Marxism, such as [this one from October 2017](#), inviting CIWC members to join with Cincinnati Socialist Alternative and DSA Metro Cincinnati to support a socialist candidate for public office.

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Griffin Ritze shared an event.
October 20, 2017

Tomorrow! Join Cincinnati Socialist Alternative and DSA of Metro Cincinnati & Northern Kentucky for a fundraiser / night of dancing to support SA's candidate Ginger Jentzen for Minneapolis city council.

An organizing seat in Minneapolis would be a platform for working class demands for \$15, universal healthcare, and affordable housing for the entire Midwest

Dance Dance Revolution
RED SCARE EDITION

FUNDRAISER FOR GINGER JENTZEN
MINNEAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL, SOCIALIST ALTERNATIVE

SAT, OCT 21, 2017
Dance Dance Revolution: Red Scare Edition!
McMicken FreeSpace
74 people interested

[Interested](#)

[This one from March 2021](#) provides the launch video for the Democratic Socialists of America for their "Pass the PRO Act to win a Green New Deal" campaign.

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Raya Bay shared a live video.
 March 7, 2021 · 🌐

DSA national PRO Act campaign launch is live now!

WORKERS & THE WORLD UNITE!

SPEAKERS:
NAOMI KLEIN
Author, filmmaker, activist
SARA NELSON
International president of the Association of Flight Attendants-CWA
JAMAAL BOWMAN
*US Representative
 New York's 16th District*

DSA's Campaign Launch to Pass the PRO Act to win a Green New Deal

Sunday, March 7, 2021, 5:00-6:30 PM
 Eastern Standard Time

<http://bit.ly/dsaproactlaunch>
 Powered by Zoom

On [May 5, 2021](#), this post in the CIWC facebook group calls Karl Marx "One of the greatest thinkers and influencers of all time."

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Jorge Fernando Lopez Mendez shared a link.
 May 5, 2021 · 🌐

203 years of Karl Marx
One of the greatest thinkers and influencers of all time

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BBC.COM
 5 cosas que Karl Marx hizo por nosotros y por las que no le damos crédito - BBC News Mundo

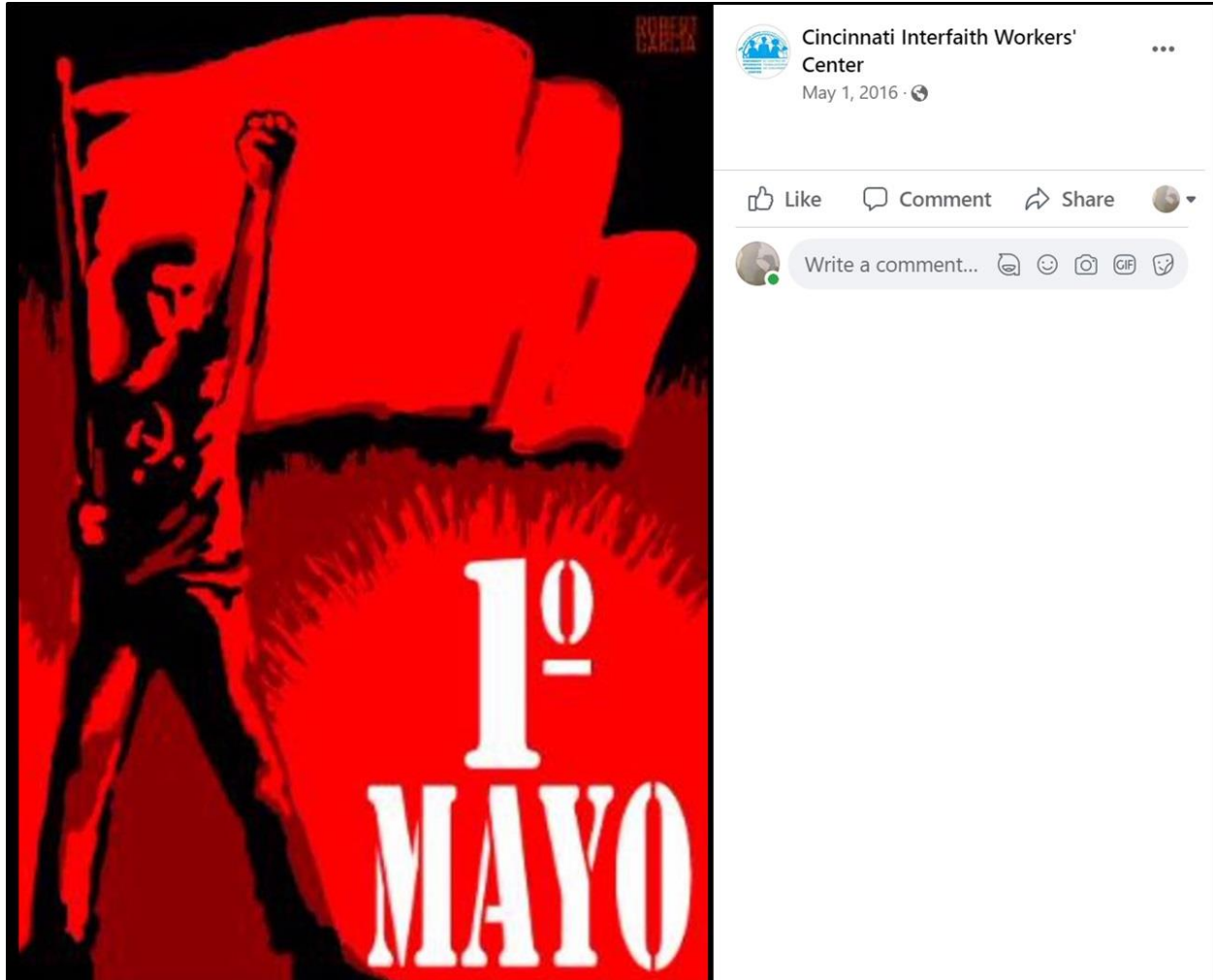
What's interesting about this post is that it was put up by a man named Jorge Fernando Lopez Mendez. The reason this is important is because Mendez isn't just another member of the group, [he's on the Board of Directors for CIWC](#).

In fact, according to [CIWC's tax form 990 from 2020](#), Jorge Fernando Lopez Mendez is listed as the vice-chair of the organization.

So far, from what we've shown, CIWC is responsible for a facebook group that is actively promoting socialism and Karl Marx, and this activity includes the vice-chairman of CIWC's board of directors. But CIWC appears to have no difficulty promoting communist imagery in celebration of the Marxist Haymarket revolution of 1886.

In this post from [May 1, 2016](#), CIWC celebrates the "martyrs" of the Haymarket revolution. The "martyrs" were all socialist revolutionaries.

On the same day, [CIWC posted this image](#) of a man with a hammer and sickle logo on his shirt.



Here's [another communist image](#) (hammer and sickle) posted by CIWC that day.



And with that in mind, it should come as no surprise that CIWC hosted the Democratic Socialists of America of Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky (DSA Cincy & NKY) for their May Day Brunch on [May 1 in 2017](#).



DSA Metro Cincinnati & Northern Kentucky
@DSACincy

...




DSA Cincy & NKY table at Cincinnati Interfaith Workers' Center May Day Brunch.



6:05 PM · May 1, 2017 · Twitter Web App

CIWC Leadership

But the promotion of socialism and Marxism within the social postings of the organization shouldn't be a surprise, considering that its leadership is deeply in bed with the same. We've already mentioned the pro-Marx posting by the Vice-Chairman of the board, so let's take a look at Brennan Grayson, the [Director of CIWC](#).





Workers' Rights Hotline:
513-621-5991
 215 East 14th Street, Cincinnati, OH 45202

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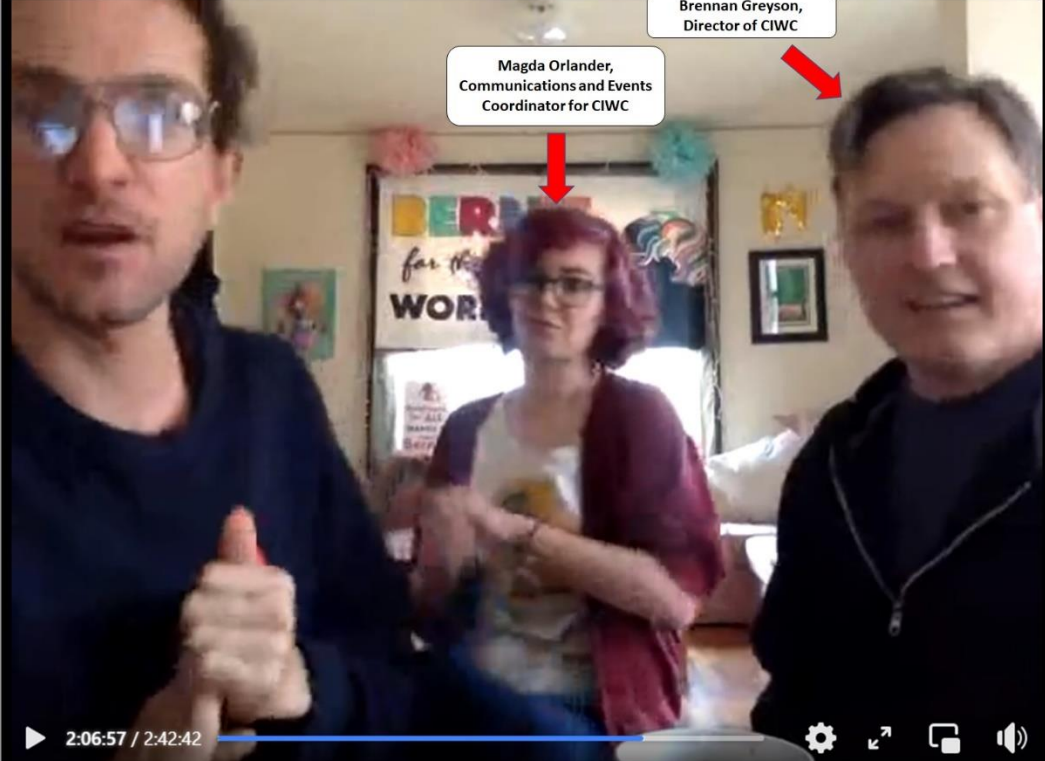
Staff

- [Brennan Grayson](#), Director
- [Manuel Perez](#), Membership Coordinator/Organizer
- [Magda Orlander](#), Communications & Events Coordinator

Brennan Grayson is a self-professed socialist and he is an actual member of the Democratic Socialists of America (DSA). In this [video posting from March of 2020](#) by the DSA of Metro Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky, Brennan Grayson talks about his membership in the DSA. The video is a rally for Bernie Sanders in his pursuit of the Democrat nomination for the presidential race of 2020. At the 02:06:50 mark of the video, Brennan Grayson is introduced as a "DSA Member" and a "comrade." To his right is Magda Orlander (CIWC's Communications and Events Coordinator), also a member of the DSA. At the 02:15:21 mark, Grayson talks about his beginnings as a socialist.

 **DSA of Metro Cincinnati & Northern Kentucky**
 March 14, 2020 · 

Brennan Grayson, from the Cincinnati Interfaith Workers Center (and a DSA member!) talking about why organized labor should want a Bernie presidency and universal healthcare!
<https://t.co/dzLymfJQFq>



Magda Orlander, Communications and Events Coordinator for CIWC

Brennan Greyson, Director of CIWC

2:06:57 / 2:42:42

Grayson is also a [board member of the Marxist Interfaith Worker Justice](#).



The screenshot shows the website header for Interfaith Worker Justice, featuring a logo with five stylized faces and the text "Interfaith Worker Justice". Navigation links for "ISSUES" and "OR" are visible. The main content area is titled "Board of Directors" and features a profile for Mr. Brennan Grayson, located in Cincinnati, OH. Below the name are three social media sharing buttons: "Share on Facebook", "Share on Twitter", and "Share by Email". To the left of the profile is a photograph of three women at a protest, holding signs that read "ALL RELIGIONS BELIEVE IN JUSTICE".

In October of 2020, [Grayson posted on twitter](#) how the DSA "just keeps getting better."



The screenshot shows a Twitter post from the user "brennan grayson" (@brennangrayson). The post is a reply to @LizaANewman, @DemSocialists, and @DSACincy. The text of the tweet reads: "Welcome! DSA just keeps getting better." The tweet was posted at 1:13 PM on October 22, 2020, via Twitter for iPhone. The profile picture shows a group of people.

In February, [Brennan cited Karl Marx](#) on the notion that job creation is one of the core functions of government.



brennan grayson
@brennangrayson

Replying to @grtnrr

Marx says somewhere that one the state's core functions is to generate jobs for the lumpen-bourgeoisie.

2:09 PM · Feb 15, 2022 · Twitter for iPhone

In [February of 2021](#), Grayson retweeted the Carolina Socialists in promotion of their Marxist book club.

[brennan grayson Retweeted](#)

Carolina Socialists @UofSCSocialists · Feb 15, 2021 ...

If you're interested in reading and discussing some great left-wing writing, then look no further than our book club!

We'll update this thread with all the books that we've read/are currently reading, as well as the date/time for our discussions. We'd love for you to join us!

1 4 18

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On June 24 of this year, the day SCOTUS overturned Roe v. Wade, Grayson retweeted a communist slogan about running fast because "the old world is right behind you."

[brennan grayson Retweeted](#)

zoe hu @z_hu_ · Jun 24 ...

roe overturned, and im thinking today of the old May '68 slogan: "cours vite, camarade, le vieux monde est derriere toi"— run fast, comrade, the old world is right behind you

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As indicated earlier, Magda Orlander is also a self-professed socialist who joined Grayson on video for the DSA, promoting Bernie Sanders (when two-thirds of the staff are present for a partisan event, it's hard to wonder how it does not constitute an official organizational event as well). [Orlander's facebook page](#) is littered with "likes" for pro-abortion, pro-LGBT and Marxist entities.



Magda Orlander

Posts About Friends Photos Videos Check-ins

Likes



BQIC



Cincinnati Black Pride



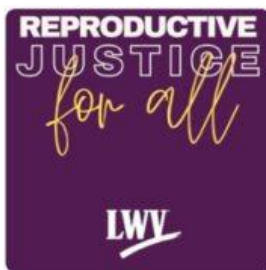
Familia: Trans Queer Liberation Movement



Feministing.com



[Heartland Trans Wellness](#)



League of Women Voters of Oxford




[Sex+Positive Self Love](#)



[Portland IWW](#)

Orlander also posts images [celebrating same-sex "marriage"](#) and [promotion of homosexuality](#).

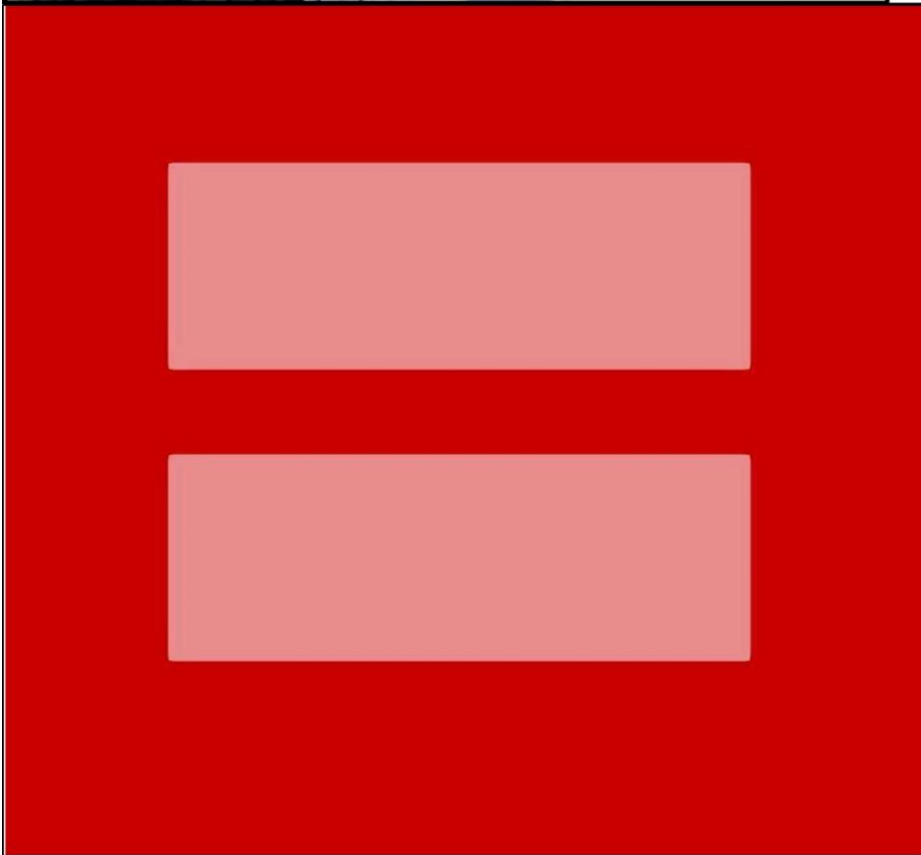


 **Magda Orlander**
March 7, 2015 · 🌐

Unity Day 2015 Pride ❤️

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 **Magda Orlander**
March 27, 2013 · 🌐

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 Share

Affiliate of Interfaith Worker Justice and Food Chain Workers Alliance

On the CCHD portion of the USCCB website, the [CCHD first asks and then answers the question](#), "Does CCHD fund groups that act against Catholic values?" CCHD falsely claims "no," and then explains its "thorough application process," before asking the follow-up question:

"What about participation in coalitions for a good purpose, like better wages or housing, that include groups acting against Catholic values on other issues?"

Here's what the CCHD says:

What about participation in coalitions for a good purpose, like better wages or housing, that include groups acting against Catholic values on other issues?

CCHD encourages groups to work across geographical, racial, ethnic, economic, and ideological lines to overcome poverty and advance the common good. However, CCHD will not fund groups that are knowingly members of coalitions that have as part of their organizational purpose or coalition agenda, positions or actions that contradict fundamental Catholic moral and social teaching (e.g. promotion or support of abortion, same-sex marriage, euthanasia, racism, as well as the use of the death penalty punitive measures toward immigrants, etc.). Prohibited activities include participation in or endorsing actions that promote legislation, and ballot initiatives (including voter guides and other written materials) that contradict Catholic moral or social teaching.

This means that membership in coalitions that take formal positions against Church teaching are grounds for disqualification of funds. The [CIWC website](#) clearly states that:

"The CIWC is affiliated with Interfaith Worker Justice and the Food Chain Workers Alliance."

As we mentioned at the beginning of this report, IWJ's connections to Marxism, homosexuality, and abortion have been [fully detailed in an earlier report](#) that is too long to restate here. The response from the CCHD representative, Tony Stieritz, regarding CIWC's affiliation with IWJ claims that IWJ's membership is nothing more than "a loose affiliation that does not constitute dues or any financial support of IWJ."

Financial support is a moot point as that isn't one of the stipulations regarding CCHD's claim that "CCHD will not fund groups that are knowingly members of coalitions that have as part of their organizational purpose or coalition agenda, positions or actions that contradict fundamental Catholic moral and social teaching." If the coalition is acting against or taking formal positions against Catholic moral or social teaching, then membership is forbidden, regardless of financial arrangements. That said, paying dues would make the relationship all the more egregious.

As such, CIWC's membership in the [Food Chain Workers Alliance](#), which is forbidden under CCHD grant guidelines, as will soon be made clear, is a dues-paying relationship. According to the Food Chain Workers Alliance's [most recent tax form 990](#), the organization does indeed collect dues from its members. And the Food Chain Workers Alliance has taken formal positions regarding same-sex "marriage," and abortion.

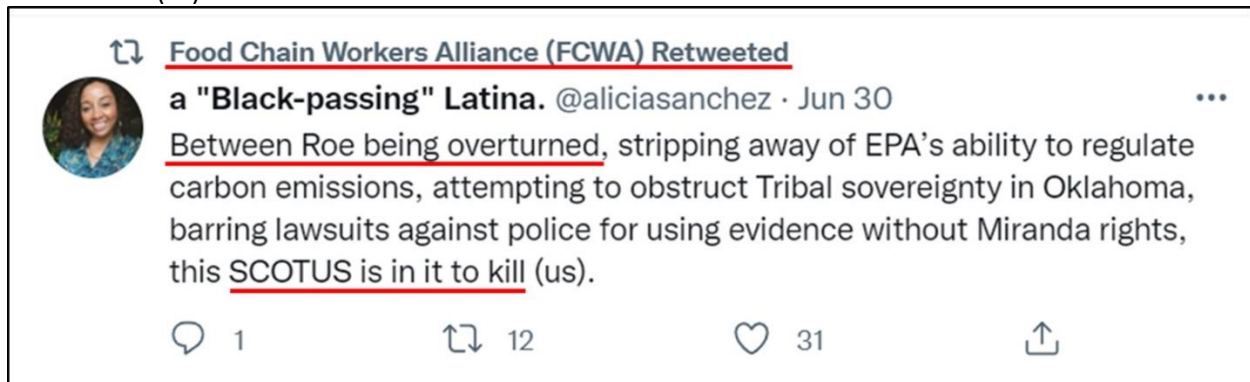
On June 26, 2015, the [Food Chain Workers Alliance celebrated](#) the SCOTUS decision on same-sex "marriage."



Even more egregiously, just this year, after the Dobbs V. Jackson decision that overturned Roe V. Wade, [FCWA issued a formal statement](#) on the SCOTUS ruling, saying,

"We are outraged by the U.S. Supreme Court's brazen agenda to disempower our communities while expanding the reach of corporations and the carceral state. SCOTUS rulings of the past year have protected the interests of the corporate class while **stripping away our rights to bodily autonomy, privacy, and reproductive choice;**"

Concomitant with that, FCWA retweeted a statement that overturning Roe is an indication that "SCOTUS is in it to kill (us)."



Conclusion

As has been shown, the leadership of Cincinnati Interfaith Workers Center are Marxists who actively work in league with Marxist organizations and causes. The Vice Chairman of the Board of CIWC called Karl Marx "one of the greatest thinkers and influencers of all time." The Director of CIWC is a member of the DSA who routinely advances socialism and Marxist ideologies. The Communications and Events Coordinator for CIWC is also a member of the DSA and advances grave immorality. CIWC has been proved to collaborate with the DSA, even hosting the DSA for a "May Day Brunch." CIWC is also a member of the Marxist Interfaith Worker Justice, and CIWC's Director, Brennan Grayson, is on the board of IWJ. Additionally, CIWC is a dues-paying member of the pro-abortion and pro-same-sex "marriage" organization, Food Chain Workers Alliance.

This is an absolutely clear case where the leadership of CIWC are Marxists and they are using the CIWC to advance both political and cultural Marxism. And they have done so with \$435,000 in Catholic funds.