

## **First Annual Climate Summit**

**April 21, 2014**

**3:30 – 5:00 pm**

### **Presentation on What You Can Do by Community Organizer, Jamil Jonna**

Dr. Jonna discussed causes of global climate change. It is not purely an environmental problem. It is largely an economic problem. Our economy requires growth. Zero growth and negative growth are extremely disruptive to our economic system. The current system requires profit (growth) to employ people. Leaders of this system believe that a growth economy and a fossil fuels economy equals jobs. Corporations pit “environmentalists” and “workers” against each other saying that environmental regulation costs jobs. However, the current system of economic growth and unrestricted carbon emissions has resulted in increases in inequality, high unemployment, and global climate disruption.

Dr. Jonna advocated for a global climate convergence that includes people concerned with the environment, labor unions, and workers (both the employed and the unemployed). He is an organizer with the national Global Climate Convergence and encouraged audience members to get involved and to help build the movement. The Global Climate Convergence is calling for:

- Full employment with community-based small businesses, worker co-ops, small farmers, and government jobs.
- 100% clean renewable energy by 2030. International binding treaty for swift, deep cuts to carbon emissions. Wealthy polluting nations pay for technology transfer & climate adaptation.
- And more.

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