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Progressive Episcopalians of Pittsburgh to host a Pittsburgh screening of Sundance award-winning documentary *Inequality for All*

Special screening of Inequality for All to be held at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Highland Park on November 14, 2014, followed by a brief discussion of the documentary

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania – The award-winning documentary *Inequality for All*, about income inequality, the shrinking middle class, and how this has affected America's economy and democracy, will be shown at 7 PM, November 14, at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 5801 Hampton St., Pittsburgh, PA 15206. The event is sponsored by Progressive Episcopalians of Pittsburgh (PEP) and is co-sponsored by the Social Justice and Outreach Committee and the Commission on Race and Reconciliation of the Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh. The screening is free and open to all. A brief discussion will follow the showing.

The American economy is in crisis. The rich are getting richer, and everyone else seems to be getting left behind. In *Inequality for All*, Robert Reich, Secretary of Labor under Clinton, professor, pundit, and author of thirteen books, helps viewers understand what is happening in our economy and why we should find it alarming. He points out that, in the last century, the widest economic inequality occurred in 1928 and 2007, in each case, just before a catastrophic economic downturn.

Robert Reich is a rigorous, yet gentle and entertaining guide to what might otherwise be dry economic facts. The documentary makes extensive use of charts and graphs that are informative and arresting, even for viewers not conversant in the so-called dismal science.

For Christians, of course, the widening income gap is about moral integrity as well as economic stability. In the Old Testament, God is seen as having special concern for the poor and vulnerable in society, a concern emphasized by Jesus, who taught us to love and care for our neighbors. We cannot, as our Baptismal Covenant demands, love our neighbors as ourselves and respect the dignity of every human being if we are complicit in a society that progressively transfers wealth from those who have little to those who have much.

Whether out of deep Christian concern for social justice or out of enlightened self-interest and concern for our democratic republic, you must see *Inequality for All* for its timely call to action.

N.B. Anyone interested in participating in a deeper conversation about inequality and what can be done about it, should consider joining us January 22-24, 2015, at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Mt. Lebanon, 1066 Washington Road, to participate in the 2015 Trinity Institute Conference entitled "Creating Common Good: A Practical Conference for Economic Equality." The documentary *Inequality for All* will also be shown as part of this conference. For additional information about the event, visit <http://www.trinitywallstreet.org/trinity-institute/2015/home>.

Visit <http://InequalityForAll.com> for more information about *Inequality for All* and to view the movie trailer.

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