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...Oregon unions to meet in Bend on Sept. 27-29

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lege and hate have always been with us," he stated. "The question is: what are we going to do about it? ... We are a small part of the 150 million Americans who work for a living. We can't win economic justice only for ourselves, for union members alone. It's just not possible right now. All working people will rise together, or we will keep falling together."

To that end, newly organized members of unions and workers who are involved with the Oregon AFL-CIO's allied community organizations will be highlighted at the 53rd convention, which has been named "The New Face of Labor."

Speakers will include national AFL-CIO Secretary-Treasurer Liz Shuler and Executive Vice President Tefere Gebre, Oregon Gov. John Kitzhaber, and U.S. Sen. Jeff Merkley, as well as AFL-CIO-allied organization leaders Ramon Ramirez and Jeana Frazzini. Ramirez is president of Woodburn, Ore.-based farmworkers union Pineros y Campesinos Unidos del Noroeste (PCUN), and Frazzini is executive director of Basic Rights Oregon, an organization dedicated to ending discrimination based on sexual ori-

entation and gender identity.

National Domestic Workers Alliance Director Ai-Jen Poo will be speaking as well.

The convention will be held at The Riverhouse Hotel and Convention Center: 3075 N Business 97, Bend.

Registration opens Friday, Sept. 27. That evening, starting at 5:30 p.m., a Welcome Party will be held and the Oregon AFL-CIO's "Legislator of the Year" will be announced.

Convention business gets under way Saturday morning, Sept. 28. Several workshops will be held, including "Best Practices for Effective New Organizing," "The 2014 Oregon Ballot: Pushing Back Against Corporate-Funded Attacks on Workers," "Building a Movement: The Challenge of Change and Inclusion," and "Labor - Community Alliances: Building Power in Oregon."

After the close of convention business Sept. 28, delegates will join with community members at 5:30 p.m. to rally and march for a Strong Voice for Strong Families.

The popular Union Label Show is scheduled Saturday evening.

For a complete schedule of convention events, go to www.faceoflabor.org.

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