



Local 100 – United Labor Unions held a panel discussion at Mount Olive Lutheran Church on July 17, 2010, concerning City of Dallas sanitation workers being forced to make ends meet on the minimum wage of \$7.25. During the panel discussion, the workers made clear they need a Living Wage (which is nowhere near \$7.25 an hour). The solution is getting the mayor and City Council of Dallas to understand these workers are humans doing a very difficult job in 100 degree weather. But the job must be done to make the City function. As one of the signs at the rally said “I AM A MAN” which is the same sign used in 1968 in Memphis when garbage workers went on strike trying to get paid above the minimum wage. It is hard to believe that workers are fighting the same struggle in Dallas in 2010, over 40 years later. Martin Luther King, Jr. was in Memphis in 1968, speaking up for garbage workers when he was assassinated. After the panel discussion, Local 100 marched to the Martin Luther King, Jr. statue for a rally in memory of the Memphis struggle--in hope that someday the City of Dallas garbage workers will go to “the mountain top” and finally earn a salary that will enable them to provide for their families and live with dignity and respect in their community.