



Economic Crisis Workshop

## **AVERAGE INCOME WALK**

### **Requirements of this activity:**

**(1) 6 volunteers**

**(2) Floor marked PROPORTIONATELY e.g. each 1 foot = \$10,000; suggestion: for \$0 - \$150,000 mark every \$10,000; then mark \$300,000 and \$1,125,000**

**(3) 12 envelopes labeled by quintile and by year with instructions for each year in separate envelopes – each volunteer gets both the 1979 & the 2006 envelope for his/her quintile**

## **1979 Income Walk**

**You are Quintile #1 – the lowest 20% of all households by income (approx 16.2 million households)**

1979: please walk to the \$10,369 income level (2006 \$)

**You are Quintile #2 – the second 20% of all households by income (approx 16.2 million households)**

1979: please walk \$25,790 income level (2006 \$)

**You are Quintile #3 – the middle 20% of all households by income (approx 16.2 million households)**

1979: please walk to the \$42,520 income level (2006 \$)

**You are Quintile #4 – the second highest 20% of all households by income (approx 16.2 million households)**

1979: please walk to the \$62,398 income level (2006 \$)

**You are the top Quintile – the highest 20% of all households by income (approx 16.2 million households)**

1979: please walk to the \$111,892 income level (2006 \$)

**You are the top 1% of all families by income (approx 810,000 households)**

1979: please walk to the \$314,000 income level (2006 \$)

## **2006 Income Walk**

### **You are Quintile #1 – the lowest 20% of all households by income (approx 22.5 million households)**

2006: please move to the \$11,352 income level – how does this compare to where you walked to in 1979?

### **You are Quintile #2 – the second 20% of all households by income (approx 22.5 million households)**

2006: please move to the \$28,777 income level – how does this compare with where you walked to in 1979?

### **You are Quintile #3 – the middle 20% of all households by income (approx 22.5 million households)**

2006: please move to the \$48,223 income level – how does this compare with where you walked to in 1979?

### **You are Quintile #4 – the second highest 20% of all households by income (approx 22.5 million households)**

2006: please walk to the \$76,329 income level – how does this compare with where you walked to in 1979?

### **You are the top Quintile – the highest 20% of all households by income (approx 22.5 million households)**

2006: please walk to the \$168,170 income level – how does this compare with where you walked to in 1979?

### **You are the top 1% of all households by income (approx 1,125,000 households)**

2006: please walk to the \$1,124,297 income level – how does this compare with where you walked to in 1979?