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**USW Local 3657
Civil Rights Committee
Committee Report for August 2016**

The Committee met this month and reports the following:

Regarding the call letter from the USW International for its 17th Annual International Civil Rights Conference, December 5-8, 2016 in Birmingham, Alabama, the Committee recommends sending Elizabeth Laux and Doug Ward based on their being active members of the Local 3657 CRC and their being representative of the Local's membership in the sense that one works in the field and the other at USW Headquarters.

Regarding local constituency group activities: Pittsburgh LCLAA is currently leading a campaign to stop the detention and deportation of a local community activist, Martín Esquivel Hernández. A petition calling on his release and return to his wife and children can be found at www.keeptheesquivelfamilytogether.com. The CRC urges Local 3657 members to visit the website and sign onto the petition. Pittsburgh LCLAA has been organizing weekly noon-time interfaith prayer vigils on Fridays in front of the federal court house on Grant Street. Local 3657 members of all faiths are encouraged to attend.

Regarding the CRC Diversity Report for the Local, a subcommittee lead by Co-chair Doug Ward has been formed to begin drafting the report. The CRC hopes to have monthly progress reports on the report's completion.

Finally, the CRC is also in the process of developing proposal to create a workshop on the topic of institutional racism and White privilege that it hopes to make available to Local 3657 members and other locals in District 10 sometime next year.