BACKGROUND
We all know stories about someone lost to unsafe workplaces. Sometimes it makes the news, but most of the time the more than 5,000 workers who lose their lives on the job every year do so silently. But now it is their time. We must remember the dead and fight for the living, Mother Jones said, and today we translate that to creating a fitting memorial to the victims of unsafe workplaces.

NATIONAL LABOR COLLEGE
The National Labor College will proudly serve as the home of the National Workers Memorial, which we plan to construct by spring of 2009. The memorial is the only national monument for those killed on the job. Here, in this center for union learning, we can strengthen unionists who can fight for the living so that tomorrow’s workplaces are safer and healthier.

GRANITE BENCHES
Placed throughout the monument will be numerous granite benches, each engraved with a special memorial message from supporting unions and organizations. We hope you will memorialize those who have died because of workplace injury or illness. For a $10,000 contribution, your lost members can be remembered in a lasting place.

Most of the monument will be devoted to simple brick pavers, which will be replaced over time, one-by-one with bricks engraved with the names of fallen workers. These may be sponsored at an individual level or within the reach of a few friends passing the hat on the shop floor. Slate pavers will honor events and places where workers have died.