

# WHITE-COLLAR WORKERS SAY NO TO RETALIATION AND LONG HOURS!

In June 2002, a young woman worker was retaliated against and unjustly fired for speaking out against the abusive working conditions she endured while working at the World Conference on Religion and Peace, a world renowned non-profit organization affiliated with the United Nations. Not only was Nancy Eng forced to work long hours—at times even required to be on call for 24 hours—she was denied recognition of the most basic of rights—the right to eat and take time for meals. While WCRP claims to be committed to bringing about peace and to end world conflict, the way they treat their workers, especially young women workers, is contrary to the organization’s so-called beliefs.

This is just one of many examples of how working conditions for white-collar workers are deteriorating. Hours spent on the job and away from the family are increasing while health coverage, salaries, and job security are shrinking. Meanwhile, there are no laws to protect workers from bosses who force them to work long hours, the leading cause of workplace injuries.

*We, the undersigned, demand:*

- 1) **World Conference on Religion and Peace reinstate Nancy Eng to her position at WCRP and compensate her for wages lost since termination.**
- 2) **World Conference on Religion and Peace recognize workers’ rights to eat and take time for meals, request salary increases, and most of all, the right of workers to organize to improve conditions in the workplace.**
- 3) **The immediate passage of legislation like the New York State *Workers’ Health & Safety Bill #A09270* to prohibit mandatory overtime so we can say **NO to long hours!****

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