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I also work for the Office of Public Witness to advocate, and help the church to advocate, the social witness perspectives and policies of the Presbyterian General Assembly. I recently attended a strike of low-wage federal contract workers to protest poverty pay. The entire time I was present at the strike, I felt such a feeling of unity and strength. Hearing the stories of those striking brought me to tears. I see God at work in smiles and thank yous from guests or experiencing the unity of those suffering.

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