

► Josh Zinner remembers the first advice he received from Sister Nora who said, “the Franciscan gift of relationship is a call to ‘stay at the table’ with an active and listening ear.”



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## JOSH ZINNER

“JOSH’S LIFE AND WORK—HIS COMMITMENT TO SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC JUSTICE—CLOSELY ALIGNS WITH THE MISSION AND VALUES OF THE SISTERS. I AM HONORED TO CONTINUE THIS WORK WITH HIM.”

— TOM MCCANEY

Josh Zinner met the Sisters of St. Francis in 2016 when he became the CEO of The Interfaith Center on Corporate Responsibility (ICCR). ICCR is a coalition of more than 300 institutional investors collectively representing over \$4 trillion in invested capital. One of his first calls was to Sister Nora Nash, the congregation’s former director of Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR). “I was moved by her tenacity and her passion for protecting those most negatively impacted by corporate practices,” Josh said. Josh has since been active in many corporate engagements with both Sister Nora and Tom McCaney, the current director of CSR—pressing companies to do better for the climate, on human rights, on the dangers of tobacco and gun violence, and on the community impacts of fracking.

ICCR’s members engage with their portfolio companies to help them mitigate environmental, social, and governance impacts that affect both people and the planet. As CEO, Josh manages a staff of 25 and oversees the organization’s programs and operations. ICCR provides program support for corporate engagements, which allows the Sisters of St. Francis to advance their commitment to integrating their Franciscan identity and vision. “As long-time members of our organization, the sisters have had a tremendous influence on our community,” Josh said. ICCR continues to be on the leading edge of the movement to improve corporate practices.

Josh is a long-time public interest lawyer who has spent his career working to promote social and economic justice and corporate accountability. Prior to joining ICCR, he co-directed the New Economy Project, an organization that works with community groups on economic justice issues; worked with Oxfam America on private sector campaigns including access to medicines; as a housing lawyer to low-income seniors; and as a social worker working with adjudicated youth. When he’s not working, Josh enjoys spending time with his family camping and hiking, playing basketball, riding his bike, watching live music, and reading.

Josh boasts that this is the best job he’s ever had, “due to the great members and staff, and the rich variety of issues that we are engaging on. It is incredibly rewarding to know that after 50 years, ICCR’s advocacy continues to positively influence how companies behave in the world.”



▲ Josh lives in Brooklyn with his wife Sarah Leah Whitson and their three children: Lena, Toby, and Julian. The family spends a lot of time together and everyone loves to cook.

► Josh, Sister Nora, Tom, and other ICCR members continue to challenge corporations—at present our priority issues are climate change, equitable supply chains, advancing worker justice, and health equity.

