

Newsletter: Join Rev. Dr. Theoharis, Congresswoman Lee and your CA PPC family this evening

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Poor People's Campaign

A NATIONAL CALL for MORAL REVIVAL

The statewide convening is almost here! We can't wait to gather with you—and two very special guests—this evening. In addition to celebrating the year's work, we're going to set our course for 2023; read on and RSVP. We've also got recaps of a rousing Starbucks rally and an interfaith gathering in San Diego, plus a letter from Bishop Barber to senate Democrats.

Announcements



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Special guest



Statewide Convening
Thursday Dec 15 6:30 pm pt
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gotv wrap up
and appreciations
join our
"Close the Wealth Gap, CA!
#PPC3rd ReconstructionAgenda "
campaign

Special guest



Rev Liz Theoharis
Co-chair
Poor
People's
Campaign

Barbara Lee
California
Congresswoman



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Rev. Dr. Liz Theoharis and Congresswoman Barbara Lee to attend statewide convening Today! Dec. 15, 6:30pm | [RSVP](https://bit.ly/CAConvening) Don't be late—Rep. Lee will be speaking at 6:35pm

Tonight's online gathering, where we'll celebrate our GOTV efforts and launch our new campaign to close the wealth gap in California, will feature two special guests: PPC national co-chair Rev. Dr. Liz Theoharis and Congresswoman Barbara Lee. Rep. Lee will kick off the proceedings, so make sure to get there on time! We'll share stories and photos of our GOTV actions from the top of the state to the bottom, and we'll outline our plans for 2023. There will be time to get to know each other, learn from each other and get inspired for another actionpacked year.

Child Tax Credit Payments Now!

The health & well-being of millions of children depend on Congress acting!



No work requirements!
Raising children is real work

Action alert: Act now to reinstate the expanded Child Tax Credit

The clock is ticking! Congress must reinstate the refundable Child Tax Credit before the end of 2022. The 2021 expanded CTC was an overwhelming success: By making the payments fully refundable, raising the amount and paying it out monthly, the expanded CTC resulted in the [largest-ever decline](#) in child poverty in a single year. But Congress failed to make that expansion permanent, driving 3.7 million children back into poverty.

Some who are blocking the expanded CTC say it should have a work requirement—but they're ignoring the \$1.5 trillion that unpaid caregivers contribute to the U.S. economy. Mothers and other caregivers are already working! And there is no evidence that the expanded CTC caused a decline in parents who work outside the home.

Who is left out if the expanded CTC is not extended?

- 5 million children in veteran and active-duty military families
- 19 million children left out if the CTC is not fully refundable (that is, covering families with incomes too low to pay taxes, who have been excluded from some tax credits)
- 33 percent of children in rural areas whose families' incomes are too low

Call, write and tweet your senators and representative today: Reinstatement the expanded CTC! Find their phone numbers by entering your zip code at [Find your member of Congress](#) or call

the Capitol Switchboard (202) 224-3121. Find other ways to reach them through the “Contact Us” tabs on their websites. Get more information on the CTC [here](#).

Last newsletter of 2022

The newsletter team is taking a short break. Look for the next newsletter in the first week of 2023. Have a safe and happy holiday season!

Recaps



LA PPC stands with Starbucks workers

Last Friday, LA PPC activists gathered with unions and community members in the Cypress Park neighborhood of Los Angeles to show our solidarity with Starbucks workers across the country. These workers are taking action to make improvements at the coffee giant, demanding adequate staffing, fair pay and protection from harassment. We were joined by

Kait Ziegler, PPC's national co-director of organizing (who lives in Los Angeles when she's not on the road with PPC). Our chant: No Contract, No Coffee!

You can support Starbucks workers by [signing this pledge](#).



Community, faith and song at the Good News Festival

Rev. Dr. Beth Johnson, Jenna Kyle and Van DeShields from the CA PPC attended last Saturday's [Good News Festival](#): a national event hosted this year by the Episcopal Diocese of San Diego. It was a gathering of Episcopalians and others to share resources, workshops and a revival service that focused on connecting faith and social justice.

Rev. Beth, of the San Diego region, hosted a table at the Holiday Market, which we shared with the Interfaith Coalition for Earth Justice, with whom we frequently partner. There were fair-trade crafts, social justice organizations and wonderful music groups in the Exhibit Hall. Folx stopped by to learn about the campaign and sign up. Rev. Beth also participated in a panel on "Creation Care and Crisis," which explored faith-based responses to the climate crisis. Rev. Beth was joined by San Diego PPC members—and amazing social and racial justice activists—Clovis Honore and Yusef Miller. Also on the panel was Lynne Marian of Plant with Purpose, a global organization working on poverty and environmental justice. It was a rich discussion.

The evening ended with a lively revival service with Bishop Michael Curry, Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church. The service featured the Voices of Our City Choir, a San Diego choir composed of unhoused and formerly unhoused San Diegans, other great singing and music, and of course prophetic preaching by Bishop Curry. The core of the message: Love Always.

Support the California PPC!

When over 140 million Americans are poor or living with low-wages, it's time for systemic change. We are building a movement led by poor and impacted folks, building across all lines of division, in order to topple the interlocking pillars of racism, poverty, militarism, environmental destruction and this country's distorted moral narrative. Please help us achieve this goal by clicking below and chipping in whatever you can.

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Bishop Barber's message to senate Democrats

Following Senator Warnock's victory in Georgia, Bishop Barber posted [an open letter to senate Democrats](#). In it, he urges them to not let the 117th Congress come to an end without taking a vote on a number of critical policy issues: the For the People Act, restoration of the Voting Rights Act, a \$15 dollar minimum wage and the protection of a woman's right to choose. "You would not have won the majority you now enjoy without the support of people targeted by voter suppression and low-wage workers," he writes. "In this moment, you have the opportunity to vote for them. Now is the time to call the votes." We urge you to [check out the whole letter](#).

Thanks for reading. If you have any questions, you are welcome to reply to this newsletter or email california@poorpeoplescampaign.org.