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Poor People's Campaign

A NATIONAL CALL for MORAL REVIVAL

The votes are in! Learn about CA PPC's efforts to mobilize Georgians and read Rev. Barber's thoughts on the results. We'll be celebrating the Georgia campaign and all of our 2022 work next week; be sure to register. We've also got info on an action to support Starbucks workers, a visit to the U.S.-Mexico border, a screening to celebrate the International Day to End Violence Against Sex Workers and a word on the liberation of Brittney Griner.

Announcements



Georgia Update

Thank you to everyone who showed up for our Georgia special election text banks. In this season of action, 1,300 PPC people from around the country volunteered and sent over 1.3 million messages to registered poor and low-wealth, low-propensity Georgia voters with information about early voting, polling hours and locations, how to get help if they needed it and more.

About 1.9 million runoff votes were cast by mail and during early voting, and a robust Election Day turnout added about 1.4 million more—slightly more than the Election Day totals in November. With Rev. Raphael Warnock now the U.S. senator from Georgia, Rev. Barber reminded us of the work ahead in a [tweet](#) addressed to the senator: “I pray you will go back to D.C. and call the Senate to pass a living wage, John Lewis’ For the People Act and a restoration of Roe before McCarthy takes over the House.”



**Tomorrow, stand with Starbucks workers
L.A. action at Florence Nightingale Middle School**

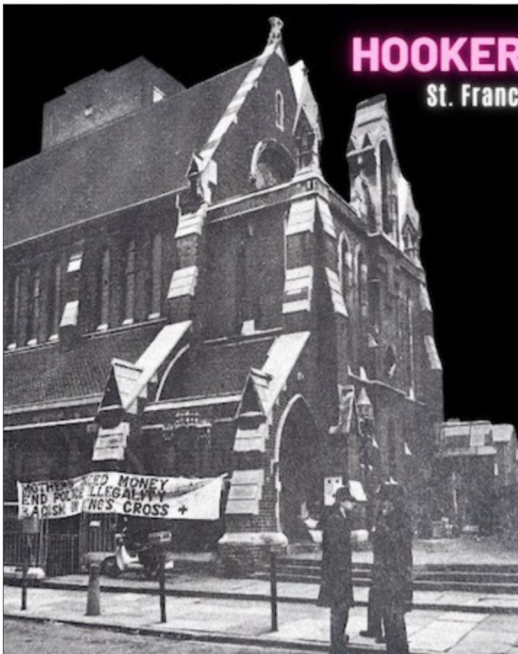
PPC stands in solidarity with Starbucks workers across the country who are taking action to make improvements at the coffee giant, demanding adequate staffing, fair pay and protection from harassment.

In the past year, 7,000 Starbucks workers have organized in over 265 stores to unionize. Rather than meeting workers at the bargaining table, Starbucks has fired over 125 workers who are participating in unionization efforts and closed stores where unions are building. Workers have been waiting more than six months and, in some cases, more than a year to bargain.

Billionaires can't fire their way out of a union. The people who fight against labor rights are the same people fighting against voting rights, civil rights, access to healthcare and LGBTQIA2S+ rights. We understand that it's all the same fight. Union busting is immoral and goes against our deepest moral and constitutional values. All workers deserve the right to a union, living wages and decent working conditions.

On December 9, workers will commemorate the past year of organizing by demanding that Howard Schultz and the Starbucks Board of Directors stop mistreating baristas and bargain for a fair contract.

If you're in L.A., [join the action at Florence Nightingale Middle School](#) in Cypress Park. No action near you? Sign the [No Contract No Coffee Pledge](#).



HOOKERS IN THE HOUSE OF THE LORD
St. Francis Lutheran Church - 152 Church Street - San Francisco
Saturday, December 10 - 2pm-3:30pm

Join us to view historic film clips of the 1982 English Collective of Prostitutes' occupation of the Church of Holy Cross, followed by a panel discussion.

To mark International Day to End Violence Against Sex Workers &
40th anniversary of US PROStitutes Collective in the San Francisco/Bay Area.

Called by the US PROStitutes Collective, Global Women's Strike, Women of Color/GWS and In Defense of Prostitute Women's Safety Project.

For info contact: uspros@prostitutescollective.net or st@allwomencount.net or call 415 626-4114

Movie screening this weekend: *Hookers in the House of the Lord*

Saturday Dec. 10, 2pm; online and livestreaming | [RSVP](#)

St. Francis Lutheran Church

[152 Church St, San Francisco, CA 94117](#)

Join this CA PPC-endorsed event to mark the International Day to End Violence Against Sex Workers and the 40th anniversary of the US PROStitutes Collective in the San Francisco Bay Area. The event will feature historic film clips of the 1982 English Collective of Prostitutes' occupation of the Church of Holy Cross, followed by a panel discussion featuring Bay Area PPC activists. Topics will include campaigns to provide mothers with money so that they can raise their children and protests against police crackdowns and for greater police accountability. Can't make it to the church? You can [livestream the whole thing](#).

The event is sponsored by the US PROStitutes Collective, Global Women's Strike, Women of Color/GWS and In Defense of Prostitute Women's Safety Project.



Rev. Barber to join faith leaders at the U.S.-Mexico Border

Sunday Dec. 11, 12:30pm

Friendship Park, [1250 Monument Rd, San Diego CA 92154](#) ([livestream](#))

Rev. Barber will join faith leaders and community members at a visit to the [Border Church](#), a bi-national worshiping community of migrants, the deported, and their loved ones. Also attending will be the Rt. Rev. Dr. Susan Brown Snook, the first woman bishop in San Diego; Presiding Bishop Michael Curry; and Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) Synod Bishop David Nagler.

Since November 2011, people from the United States and Mexico have gathered each Sunday afternoon to share communion at [Friendship Park](#), the historic border meeting place at the western edge of the border, overlooking the Pacific Ocean.

Worship begins at 1:30pm. Guests will gather on the U.S. side at 12:30 to hike to Friendship Park. Attendees are encouraged to be prepared to hike for two miles in each direction and bring water, hats and comfortable clothes.

Upcoming meetings

Statewide convening

Thursday Dec. 15, 6:30pm | [RSVP](#)

As the year comes to a close, join our online gathering to celebrate our GOTV efforts and launch our new campaign to close the wealth gap in California. 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 action-packed year.

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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News

Brittney Griner is on her way home

PPC has been speaking out for [Brittney Griner's release](#), and she is now free! In July PPC circulated a [petition](#) calling for the White House to prioritize her release and ensure that she is safely brought home. This morning Rev. Barber summed up our thoughts in a [tweet](#): "Thank God, Brittney's wife, Cherelle, President Biden, Vice President Harris, the WNBA, activists, clergy, & everyday people, both here & abroad who prayed & stood for her release. Most of all, thanks to Brittney who maintained dignity, perseverance, character & hope."

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