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Halfway through Black History Month, we continue to honor our forebears and mobilize against racism. Meanwhile, we're looking ahead to International Women's Day, coming up on March 8. Read on to learn how we're preparing. You'll also find meeting invites and a powerful new article on inequality written by Rev. Theoharis.

Announcement



Save the date: International Women's Day Wednesday March 8, time TBD

California PPC is taking the lead in organizing a nationwide online event for International Women's Day, where we'll recognize the struggles and contributions of women in our communities and our movement. The event will focus on women's poverty and its impact on our families and wider communities, as well as the impact on women and children of all the [PPC pillars](#). Women's unpaid caregiving work alone contributes \$10.9 trillion to the economy, yet the US women and children make up 70 percent of the nation's poor.

We are excited and honored that national PPC leaders Rev. Liz Theoharis and Shailly Gupta Barnes have agreed to speak at the event. In the bottom-up tradition of PPC, the program will include testimony from those impacted and music.

With International Women's Day less than a month away, we must organize and plan now to make it a powerful and successful day. That's why we've already begun to meet [each Thursday at 12pm](#). We welcome your participation. Check here next week for more details and how to join on March 8.

Upcoming meetings

Policy and Education working group Today! Thursday Feb. 16, 12pm | [RSVP](#)

CA PPC's Policy and Ed working group is back! We are focusing on organizing a webinar to commemorate International Women's Day (March 8) along with other interested states and women's groups. And we have lots more to do beyond Women's Day, including working on the reintroduction of the [Third Reconstruction Resolution](#) and a call for a permanent expanded Child Tax Credit. Whether you're a regular participant or just finding us now, we look forward to having you join our dynamic group.

Close the Wealth Gap, CA organizing meetings Wednesdays, 6:30pm | [RSVP](#)

Join any Wednesday to discuss and plan future events. It's also a place to get answers to your questions about the Third Reconstruction Agenda, learn about organizing efforts and pick up new skills.

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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PPC in the media

"A World Fragmented by Inequality"

"Gleaming sardines." That's how Rev. Theoharis describes the line of private jets whose owners convened last month for the World Economic Forum (more commonly known as Davos), where they would "discuss the most pressing issues of our time, many of which they are chiefly responsible for creating."

Her most recent [TomDispatch](#) article proceeds from Davos to a barrage of statistics on economic inequality here and worldwide. Charity and mitigation won't fix poverty, she writes; we must turn to systemic changes, like higher taxes on the wealthy. Rev. Liz concludes with a look at the "new and unsettling force" that's been rising since the original Poor People's Campaign was established in 1968. A quote from Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., one of the PPC's founders, beautifully distills this work: "We must develop, from strength, a situation in which government finds it wise and prudent to collaborate with us."

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