

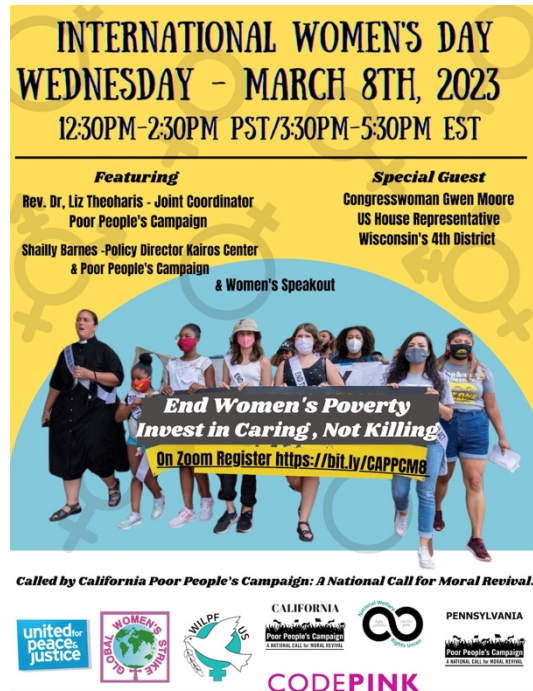
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March is already looking to be a major month for the PPC. Next week sees the 58th anniversary of Bloody Sunday, and our national co-chairs have advised the president and our legislators not to use the occasion as a cheap photo op. The week after that we will celebrate International Women's Day with an online speakout. Read on and get involved.

Announcements



International Women's Day event adds cosponsors and special guests Wednesday March 8, 12:30pm PT | [RSVP](#)

California PPC is taking the lead in organizing a nationwide online event for International Women's Day. Its theme, *End Women's Poverty, Invest in Caring Not Killing*, reflects 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](#).

We are excited and honored that national PPC leaders Rev. Liz Theoharis and Shailly Gupta Barnes have agreed to speak at the event. Congresswoman Gwen Moore, representing Wisconsin's 4th district, will also be joining us. In the bottomup tradition of PPC, the program will include testimony from those impacted and music.

Cosponsors include Global Women's Strike, Code Pink, Women's International League for Peace & Freedom-US, United for Peace & Justice, the National Welfare Rights Union and the Women's March Foundation.

With International Women's Day less than two weeks away, we must organize now to make it a powerful and successful day. That's why we're meeting [every Thursday at 12pm](#). We welcome your participation.

Register here: <https://bit.ly/URI-PPC1>



Faith in the Public Square

The Interfaith Case for Social Justice

Co-Sponsored
By:



Featuring:
Jenna Kyle



The Poor People's Campaign: A National Call for Moral Revival is an American anti-poverty campaign led by William Barber II and Liz Theoharis.

California Poor People's Campaign Faith Leader

How does interfaith cooperation engage with the challenges posed by 21st-century politics and society? How are we called to engage in this moment of overlapping injustices while maintaining our commitment to repairing the world? Join us and the Poor People's Campaign to engage deeply in this conversation from the context of URI's mission and values.

Friday, February 24th 2023
10:00-11:30 AM PST

Zoom: <https://bit.ly/URI-PPC1>

Questions? tsharma@uri.org

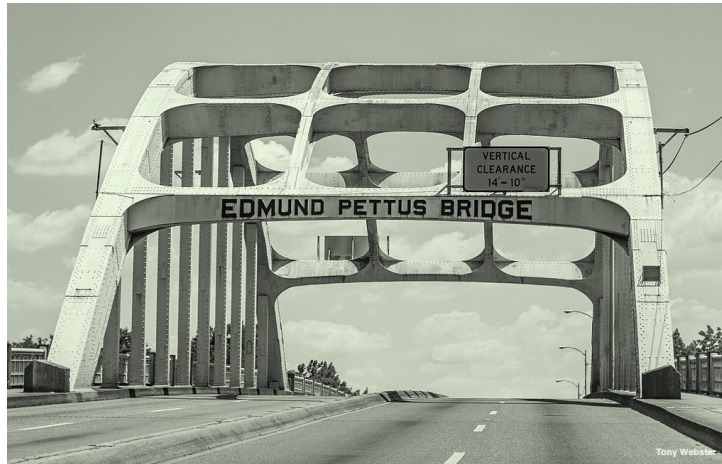


Faith in the Public Square: The Interfaith Case for Social Justice

Friday Feb. 24, 10am | [RSVP](#)

Tomorrow, United Religions Initiative (URI) will host an online interfaith gathering featuring our very own Jenna Kyle. Jenna will share her experience and background as a woman of color and how that informs her work with the PPC, and participants will explore this question: How does interfaith cooperation engage with the challenges posed by 21st century politics and society?

News



“This is no time for foolishness”

Ahead of Bloody Sunday, Breach Repairers send a message to Washington

The 58th anniversary of Bloody Sunday, when civil rights demonstrators marching for voting rights were beaten by police officers in Selma, Alabama, will be commemorated March 2 through 5 this year. Looking ahead to that occasion, faith and civil rights leaders sent an open letter to President Biden and members of Congress demanding that they take action on voting rights, living wages and rural economic investment.

Organized by Repairers of the Breach and signed by Bishop Barber and Rev. Dr. Theoharis, the letter states that if politicians plan to go to Selma, they must do more than bring empty platitudes. Addressing Democrats and Republicans alike, the letter declares that Selma is sacred ground, not a place for political pretense, and that leaders who are truly committed to honoring the legacy of those beaten on Edmund Pettus Bridge in 1965 must do more to intensify the fight against inequality.

“Those of us who are planning to be in Selma to honor the struggle for voting rights and economic justice should be willing to protest and engage nonviolently if politicians attempt to do moral harm to the memory and the sacredness of what happened on Bloody Sunday,” the letter’s authors write. “This is no time for foolishness, photo-ops and flaky commitments.”

All are encouraged to [add their names to the letter](#) at the Repairers of the Breach website. Read more about the letter and the political failings it addresses [here](#).

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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Upcoming meetings

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.

Los Angeles regional meeting

Sunday Mar. 5, 3pm | [RSVP](#)

L.A. activists: Join us online as we get ready for our Spring events and actions. We'll have updates on International Women's Day, upcoming national PPC trainings and local activities to Close the Wealth Gap, California! Invite your friends, neighbors, community members—all are welcome. We hope to see you there.

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