

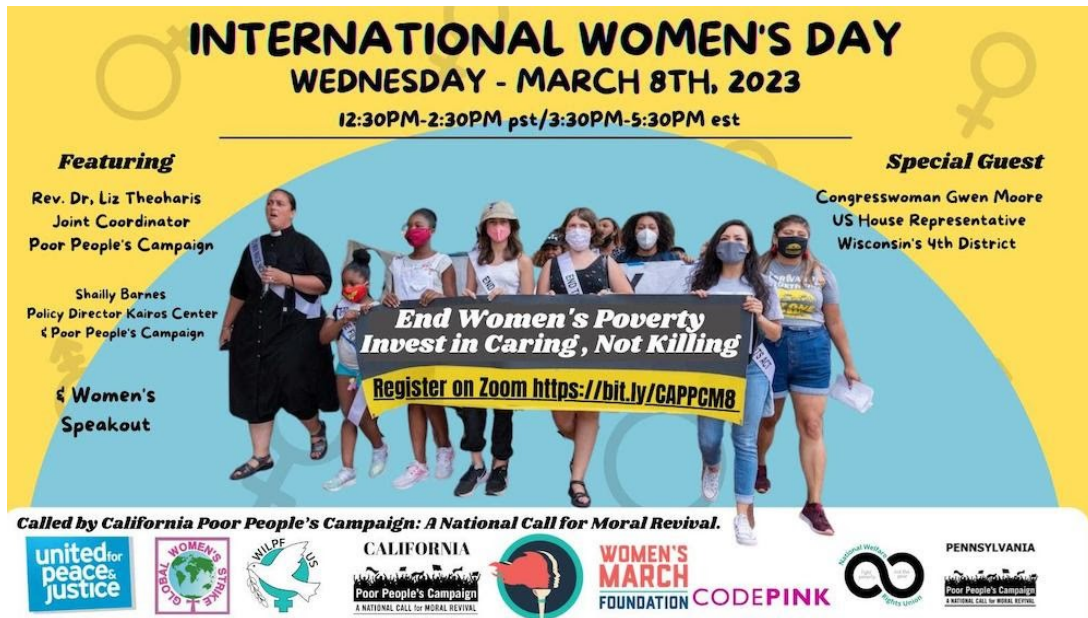
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Two days into Women's History Month, excitement is building for our International Women's Day event. And because Black History Month is with us year-round, we have a recap of a stirring BHM gathering we hosted in February. We also have invites to some important meetings and a link to a fascinating NPR interview. Read on—and forward together!

Announcement



INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY
WEDNESDAY - MARCH 8TH, 2023
12:30PM-2:30PM pst/3:30PM-5:30PM est

Featuring
Rev. Dr. Liz Theoharis
Joint Coordinator
Poor People's Campaign
Shailly Barnes
Policy Director Kairos Center
& Poor People's Campaign
Women's
Speakout

Special Guest
Congresswoman Gwen Moore
US House Representative
Wisconsin's 4th District

**End Women's Poverty
Invest in Caring, Not Killing**
Register on Zoom <https://bit.ly/CAPPCMB>

Called by California Poor People's Campaign: A National Call for Moral Revival.

Logos: united for peace & justice, GLOBAL WOMEN'S STRIKE, WILPF US, CALIFORNIA Poor People's Campaign, WOMEN'S MARCH FOUNDATION, CODEPINK, PENNSYLVANIA Poor People's Campaign.

Next week! International Women's Day celebration

Wednesday Mar. 8, 12:30pm PT | [RSVP](#)

Our special nationwide celebration of International Women's Day—titled *End Women's Poverty, Invest in Caring Not Killing*—is growing fast. Featuring stories and testimonies from women from across the country and around the world, the event will focus on how women's poverty impacts our families and wider communities, and what we can do to address the [interlocking injustices](#) that hurt women and children.

Special guest Congresswoman Gwen Moore, representing Wisconsin's 4th District, will join us, as well as PPC co-chair Rev. Dr. Liz Theoharis and Shailly Gupta Barnes, policy director of the Kairos Center and the PPC.

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, Pennsylvania Poor People's Campaign and the Women's March Foundation.

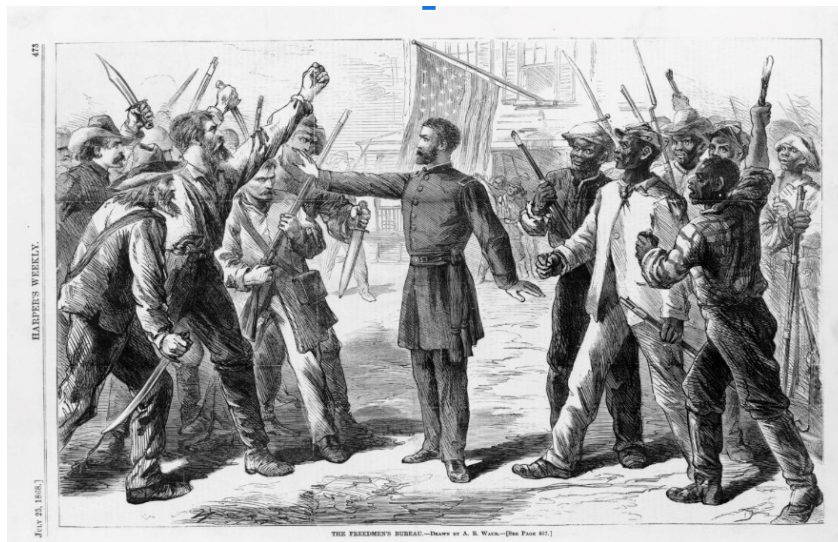
This is a time to recognize the women in our lives whose struggles and contributions inspire us. Please [register](#) (you'll be emailed a link to the event) and [share the invitation](#) with them and others in your community. See you on International Women's Day!

Upcoming meetings

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 a special presentation on [United to House L.A.](#)—a local measure that, with our help, became law this year—and find out what we can do to make sure millionaires and billionaires pay their fair share. We'll also have updates on International Women's Day and state actions to "Close the Wealth Gap, California!" Invite your friends, neighbors, community members—all are welcome.

Recap



Our Black History Month gathering

On February 16, more than 50 California PPC activists met online for a moving and information-packed observance of Black History Month. Vocalist Arnaé Batson set the tone with a stirring rendition of "Lift Every Voice," as well as a powerful song she wrote called "Conversations About Reparations." Rev. Monica Cross led us through a history of the First and Second Reconstructions, sharing events that most of us never learned in our school history classes (such as the [Freedmen's Bureau](#), pictured above). Jacqueline Johnson bravely shared her personal history of activism and racism in the 1960s, and Michelle Hayes read [I, Too](#) by Langston Hughes, describing the experience of being Black in a racist society. By the end more than a few of us were in tears.

This deep look at our country's past helps us understand our call for a [Third Reconstruction](#). If you missed it or want to be inspired again, you can [watch the whole event](#).

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

“The civil rights movement was an economic movement too”

On the Feb. 23 episode of [NPR's Marketplace](#), Kai Ryssdal interviewed Dr. Robin D.G. Kelley, professor of history at UCLA, about the economic component of the civil rights movement. To Dr. Kelley, the movement was “always an economic movement, because legalized segregation was an economic system.” He noted that the economic work of the civil rights campaigns in the 1960s continued with the work of the National Welfare Rights Organization in its fight to extend welfare rights and basic income, and in Coretta Scott King’s push for the Full Employment Act.

Rysdall then asked if there’s a connection between that time and what’s happening in our country today. “There is,” Dr. Kelley replied. “The inheritor of the economic justice agenda of civil rights is the Poor People’s Campaign, led right now by Bishop William Barber and Rev. Liz Theoharis.” To hear the interview, [click here](#), scroll down to the segment titled “The civil rights movement was an economic movement too,” hit play and skip to 17:20.

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