

CALIFORNIA



The eyes of the world are on the state of Tennessee, and the PPC will be there in force next week. Read on and learn about what will undoubtedly be a charged and fusion-fueled Moral Monday. We also have updates on the important work the Laney PPC has been doing in support of the East Bay's unhoused communities, a recap of a Good Friday workers' rally and more.

Announcements



SAVE THE DATE
MONDAY APRIL 17, 2023
MORAL MONDAY IN
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

"AS CLERGY, AS PROPHETIC VOICES, WE CAN NO LONGER JUST DO THE PASTORAL WORK. WE MUST DO THE PROPHETIC WORK OF CHANGING POLICY,"
BISHOP BARBER

More information will be available on the Repairers of the Breach website
<https://www.breachrepairers.org/>
by April 11, 2023

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OF THE BREACH

Moral Monday in Nashville Monday Apr. 17, time TBD | Livestream on the [PPC Facebook page](#)

At a press conference held yesterday, Bishop Barber and Tennessee and national faith leaders issued a call to clergy nationwide to join a special Moral Monday rally next week in Nashville. This Moral Monday will highlight the senseless deaths of America's children to assault weapons and the urgent need for gun control—declaring that attempts to silence the voices of those impacted by gun violence will fail.

"When it comes to our people, our lives and our children, there's too much death from poverty, too much death from denial of health care, too much death from guns," Bishop Barber said. "None of these deaths have to exist. They are policy murder. We can stop it."

Bishop Barber has repeatedly voiced his support for Justin J. Pearson and Justin Jones, the Tennessee state legislators who were expelled for using the House floor to protest gun violence following the horrific shooting in Nashville late last month.

"Tennessee GOP says the #TennesseeThree bring dishonor to the House of Reps. through their actions," he tweeted last week. "The real dishonor is with Republicans who cut off debate, refuse to hear the cries of our people, and leave no choice for the three but to engage in non-violent direct action."

Keep an eye on PPC social accounts and your inbox for updates on the rally.

News



Laney College PPC turns out to support Wood Street encampment

The Laney College PPC is actively involved in supporting the unhoused people at Wood Street encampment, located near the 580 and 880 interchanges in West Oakland. The site has housed some 200 to 300 people on 40 acres. Leaders from Wood Street have attended Laney PPC meetings for ideas on getting their demands out to the press and the city government. Laney PPC people have also helped Wood Street residents plan two press conferences: One drew attention to the eviction of the Wood Street unhoused community, pointing out that it's a violation of human rights; the other highlighted the need for the city to provide housing and support services to the community members.

A member of the Wood St. encampment will be speaking at the [Laney PPC teach-in](#) next Wednesday (see announcement above).

Laney College PPC is part of a coalition of housing and anti-poverty advocates who are trying to prevent eviction. The coalition also includes the Anti Police-Terror Project and the Sacramento Homeless Union. At a recent [press conference](#), PPC activist and professor of psychology at Laney College Kimberly King explained that "city, county and state governments have decided to prioritize real estate development and profits over a human right to housing."

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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Recaps



Standing with workers on Good Friday

On Good Friday, LA PPC joined Los Angeles Catholic Worker, Clergy and Laity United for Economic Justice (CLUE) and UNITE HERE Local 11 in a Stations of the Worker's Cross event to support hospitality workers. The stakes were, and are, high: More than 100 labor contracts between the union and hotels, stadiums, and food service locations are set to expire.

At one station, a worker told us that after working years at her job she still only makes \$18.04 an hour. As a single mother, she can't always afford to pay all of her bills and she worries about what will happen when she can't work anymore. "That's why we're fighting for a pension, so that we can retire with security and dignity."

LA PPC activists were among the readers at the stations, telling the story of the sufferings of Christ in Christian faith traditions alongside the struggles of hospitality workers in Southern California and beyond. You can learn more about the event in this [ABC7 article](#).

What should we do about the war in Ukraine? Two perspectives

Last weekend, peace activists Medea Benjamin and Bill Fletcher, Jr. engaged in an in-depth discussion about how to bring peace to Ukraine. Their different perspectives provoked thoughtful questions from the audience and a lively debate on the war and the best way to a lasting peace.

Listen to this [recording](#) to learn more about this critical issue—an issue that affects all of us, even though we are far away from the fighting on the ground.

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