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# CALIFORNIA



*Right now we're standing between two major Moral Mondays: Earlier this week thousands gathered in Nashville and cried out for an end to gun violence; and next week PPC people will be celebrating the tenth anniversary of Moral Monday in Raleigh. Whether or not you can be there in person, you'll want to check out the updates and recaps below.*

## Announcement



### Moral Monday's 10th anniversary and "recommitment rally" approaches Monday April 24, 2:30pm PT | [livestream](#)

Ten years ago, seventeen North Carolinians walked into the North Carolina General Assembly to bear witness to the immoral attacks on their most vulnerable residents. This was the beginning of one of the largest direct action campaigns at a state legislature in U.S. history, and the beginnings of the new Poor People's Campaign: A National Call for Moral Revival.

This Monday's rally is our recommitment to restore and realize the promises of our democracy, and to continue to build a people's moral fusion movement for the decade to come. Even if you can't go to North Carolina, you can show your support by joining [online](#).

## News



### An interactive art build at UCLA

Los Angeles PPC activists took over a corner of Bruin Walk at UCLA on Tuesday to build support for the Poor People's Campaign. They took the creative approach of making art right

there, screening “Fight Poverty, Not the Poor” patches and giving them away to passers-by. That led to conversations with students of all ages, as well as faculty and staff, about affordable housing, student debt and the need to close the wealth gap here in California.

## Upcoming meeting

**Third Reconstruction Agenda/Close the Wealth Gap, CA! campaign Wednesdays, 6:30pm | [RSVP](#)**

Join our Close the Wealth Gap initiative and help build momentum for the Third Reconstruction Agenda to Heal the Nation. [Drop by online any Wednesday](#) to find out how you can be involved in this work.

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## 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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## Recap



### **Thousands protest gun violence in Nashville**

On Monday, Bishop Barber joined thousands of Tennesseans in a march from McKendree United Methodist Church to the state Capitol to demand gun safety legislation. Less than a month after a mass shooting at a school in Nashville left six dead, the gathering carried child-size caskets and laid them outside the Capitol building as a symbol of those lost to gun

violence. Representative Justin Jones, one of two lawmakers who were expelled from (and quickly reinstated to) the Tennessee House following an earlier gun-violence protest, walked with Barber and fellow faith leaders.

In a rally before entering the Capitol, speakers included Sarah Neumann, a Covenant School mom. She wept as she recounted a conversation with her five-year-old:

“Mommy, has this happened before?’ And I said yes. He asked, ‘A lot, Mommy?’ I said yes...”

The action culminated inside the Capitol, with protesters singing and chanting through the hallways. Rep. Jones attempted to bring one of the caskets into the legislative chamber but was not allowed. The group waited for hours to protest proposed legislation in the House that would arm teachers, but the legislature abruptly adjourned.

Back outside, Bishop Barber reminded the crowd that “Moral Monday is not a moment; it’s a movement. The same people in Tennessee and across the South who block gun laws also block healthcare, living wages and voting rights. We won’t accept this policy violence anymore. We must stand together. If there are enough of us, they can’t stop us.”

You can [watch the rally and march](#) on the Repairers of the Breach website.

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*Thanks for reading. If you have any questions, you are welcome to reply to this newsletter or email [california@poorpeoplescampaign.org](mailto:california@poorpeoplescampaign.org).*