

Thu, Jun 1, 2023

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The fundraiser for CA PPC's delegation to the Moral Poverty Action Congress is this weekend! If you haven't signed up for the event—a rare screening of an MLK documentary, with special guest Danny Glover—you can do so below. You'll also find info on an urgent pro-diversity gathering in L.A., Bishop Barber's commentary on the debt ceiling deal and more.

Send our Delegates to the Poor People's Campaign Moral Action Poverty Congress June 2023



I would like to be part of the delegation to learn how to better help others like myself to speak up and share the stories of how broken this system is. I want to be able to return to my community with knowledge and a plan to move forward for justice. I work a lot in the senior community and I am the chair for the Richmond, CA Commission on Aging. I want to be able to encourage others and let them know that they matter.

-- Michelle Hayes

Donate to the California PPC via E.T.I.N.A.

<http://www.etina.org/ca-ppc>

Fundraiser to send CA delegates to Moral Poverty Action Congress Sunday June 4, 4pm | [RSVP](#)

You're invited to a very special virtual screening of the rarely-seen documentary *King: A Filmed Record... Montgomery to Memphis, Part II*. Last year we were captivated by *Part I*, followed by an illuminating interview with actor and activist Danny Glover. You won't want to miss this year's event, where Danny Glover will join us again.

Please save the date and [share this invitation](#). Proceeds will help us get our delegation to D.C. for the Moral Poverty Action Congress, and we need as much support as possible to meet our goal.

If you can't make the event, you can still help by [making a donation](#). Everything helps!

NOT TO BE MISSED!
Sunday 6/04/2023 4pm pst

A Virtual Fundraiser to Benefit **CA PPC Delegation to The 2023 Moral Action Congress June 19th - 22nd in Washington, DC**

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Presents a Rarely Seen Historic Documentary

Part II - the Legacy continues
KING: A FILMED RECORD ...MONTGOMERY TO MEMPHIS
joining us Special Guest
Danny Glover

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RSVP to hold your spot
https://bit.ly/CAPPC_MoralCongressFunds

Tomorrow: Peaceful protest planned to support Saticoy Elementary
Friday June 2, 7:30–8:30am
Saticoy Elementary School: [7850 Ethel Ave, North Hollywood, CA 91605](#)

LA PPC supporters are asking for help from anyone available to support the staff and families attending what was planned as a celebration of diversity, but is being undermined by an antiLGBTQIA group. Bring posters: "Thank you, Saticoy Elementary and LAUSD for supporting ALL families." Contact Rev. Dr. Pat Langlois (213-258-8254) if you can be there, and read more about the controversy [here](#).

Upcoming meeting

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

Join our Close the Wealth Gap, California! 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.

News



Mass Meeting in Florida: “The DeSantis Deflection and Deception”

Last Thursday, Bishop Barber and Rev. Theoharis led a [mass meeting](#) in Orlando, Florida. Their goal: to bring people together as a moral fusion coalition and encourage standing up, speaking out, organizing and voting, because of the way Florida legislators and Governor DeSantis’s policy decisions have sacrificed the well-being of Floridians, especially the nearly 10 million poor and low-wage people.

“We know that the policies that impact one state have an impact on the rest of the country, which is why we are coming together as a moral fusion coalition to say we won’t be silent anymore,” reads a PPC statement on the event. “When we come together as a fusion movement we have the power not only to elect leaders who center the needs of the people but also to change the debate about what’s at stake in public life.”

You can watch a [recording](#) of the hour-long livestream.

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 debt ceiling deal: “a default of fundamental human rights”

Yesterday the debt ceiling deal was approved by Congress; it's now headed to the Senate. If it passes, the deal will raise the work requirement age ceiling for SNAP benefits recipients, which Republicans insisted upon.

“The great contradiction of this debt ceiling deal is that, while poverty is the fourth leading cause of death, this deal will make it harder to get food stamps but easier to spend money on war,” Bishop Barber [tweeted](#) on Monday. “This deal is a default of fundamental human rights and love. They may sign it, but we can't be satisfied.”

Speaking with [NPR](#), National Economic Council Deputy Director Bharat Ramamurti emphasized the exemption of veterans and homeless people and said there would be a net increase in people eligible to get the SNAP benefits. But some analysts and policymakers disagree. Sharon Parrott, president of the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, told [Common Dreams](#) that the new SNAP work rules would put hundreds of thousands of older adults aged 50–54 at risk of losing food assistance, including a large number of women. “Doubling down on the existing, failed SNAP work-reporting requirement for adults aged 18–49 without children, this provision ignores the strong evidence that it takes food assistance away from large numbers of people without increasing employment or earnings,” she said.

“A good day to get arrested’: Rev. William Barber leads protest at NC legislature”

Republicans hold the supermajority in the NC state legislature and have enough votes to override Dem Governor Roy Cooper's veto; that's why Bishop Barber led protestors last Wednesday to shine a light on policy decisions and rally against a state budget that he said would hurt the poor. The Charlotte [News & Observer](#) reported on the lively action. Read the article, watch the video and see details of the legislation.

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