

Thu, Jun 15, 2023

# CALIFORNIA



*Up and down the California coast, the workers who keep our cities running often can't afford to live in them. Next week, a coalition of economic justice groups will rally in L.A. for fair wages and more. Read on for details, plus an update on the Moral Poverty Action Congress (also next week!) and a link to a profound conversation with Bishop Barber.*

# Announcements



## Four days away...

The Moral Poverty Action Congress begins on Monday in Washington D.C., and California will be in the house! The Congress is a vital step toward our 2024 campaign, which will include actions at statehouses nationwide, our nonpartisan Get Out the Vote effort and the third Mass Poor People's and Low-Wage Workers' Assembly and Moral March on Washington and to the Polls. It provides a crucial opportunity for us to build on our work and strategize for the coming year, ensuring that the voices of poor and low-wealth individuals are well-represented in the upcoming election and beyond.

We'll be posting about the Congress on the [CA PPC Facebook page](#), and you can check the [national PPC website](#) for updates and livestreams.

There's still time to [make a donation](#) toward this event. Every dollar helps!

**HOUSING IS A HUMAN RIGHT**  
JUNE 22ND, 2023 @ 4PM ON CENTURY BLVD

JOIN CLUE AND UNITE HERE LOCAL 11 FOR A RALLY AND HISTORIC SIT-IN AS WE FIGHT FOR WORKING ANGELENOS AND OUR RIGHT TO LIVE WHERE WE WORK.

We stand with hospitality workers as they lead the charge for housing affordability and a living wage.

**JOIN US! RSVP FOR RALLY INFO**

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**Housing Is a Human Right: Rally & Sit-In**  
**Action to support Los Angeles hospitality workers**  
**Thursday June 22, 4pm | [RSVP by June 18](#)**

[Clergy & Laity United for Economic Justice \(CLUE\)](#) and [UNITE HERE! Local 11](#) invite CA PPC activists to join them at a rally and direct action to support hotel, hospitality and tourism workers as they prepare to go on strike.

Last week, thousands of hotel, hospitality and tourism workers [voted to authorize a strike](#) for life-changing wages, pensions and healthcare, as well as more sustainable workloads and protections for housing, immigrants and racial justice. These workers— housekeepers, cooks, waiters, janitors, food concession workers and more—are essential to our tourism- and entertainment-focused economy in Southern California, and they're integral members of their mostly working-class and BIPOC communities. But too often they are unseen—and since they are underpaid while housing is so unaffordable, they are being displaced from their communities. In this unprecedented moment of labor organizing and solidarity, they are fighting not just for themselves and their families, but for the right of all Angelenos to live in dignity and economic security.

The event will include a direct action sit-in. To participate, please [complete this form](#) (where you'll also sign up for a training session) by Sunday, June 18 and reach out to Matthew Hom. You can also contact him for more information and to hear about other ways to support the strike:

**Matthew David Hom (he/him)**

Faith-rooted organizer in Los Angeles and Santa Monica at CLUE [mhom@cluejustice.org](mailto:mhom@cluejustice.org)  
(562) 400-3683 or (562) 286-1807

## Upcoming meeting

**Faith organizing meeting**

**Wednesday June 28, 6:30pm | [RSVP](#)**

We won't be meeting next week but please join us on June 28, when we'll be gathering PPC supporters who are people of faith and faith leaders from the beautiful and powerful array of spiritual traditions. We'll meet with people from all over the state with the goal of increasing the involvement of people of faith in our 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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## PPC in the media

**Bishop Barber talks Third Reconstruction on State of Belief**

As a guest on the [State of Belief](#) podcast, Bishop Barber recently spoke with Rev. Paul Brandeis Raushenbush about pastoral responsibility, the Third Reconstruction movement and why he sees public policy injustice as a matter of life and death. He voiced concerns about people who call themselves evangelical pastors while ignoring injustices in their communities,

citing a Pew Research Center study in which it was found that “poverty didn’t even register in what was being preached by the vast majority of American pulpits.”

When asked how he formed his perceptions and beliefs, Bishop Barber told a story: He was born two days after the Civil Rights March on Washington, despite his mother going into labor three days earlier. His family jokes that he was waiting: “Let’s see how this march goes before I come into the world.”

Bishop Barber also spoke at length about the history of reconstruction in the US. He described a rising of justice and love and explained that the PPC is coming together to build the [Third Reconstruction](#) and challenging the false moral narrative in this pivotal moment. He reminded listeners that, throughout history, unjust actions and laws have served to rouse the oppressed. Both Bishop Barber and the host encouraged listeners to get involved in PPC, which was applauded as a movement welcoming people from all backgrounds and ethnicities.

We encourage you to [check out the whole episode](#).

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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).*

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