

Thu, Aug 24, 2023

# CALIFORNIA



*Over the next few days, you'll have two chances to commemorate—with action, testimony and reflection—the 60th anniversary of the March on Washington. (Start this Sunday and honor both the March and Black August.) You can also explore practical strategies for ending poverty, continue the work of our suffragist forebears and learn how organizations like ours are pushing back on Christian nationalism. Details below.*

*Forward together!*

# Announcements

**Aug 6th, 6-7 PM ET**  
Lessons from the 1965 Watts Uprising

**Aug 13th, 6-7 PM ET**  
Lessons from the Original Rainbow Coalition

**Aug 20th, 6-7 PM ET**  
Honoring the Patron Saints and Martyrs of the Liberation Struggle

**Aug 27th, 6-7 PM ET**  
Commemorating the 1963 March on Washington & Building the Beloved Community

**Sept 3rd, 6-7 PM ET**  
Hot Union Summer: Revolutionary Workers Movements from the League of Revolutionary Black Workers to Today

**Freedom Church of the Poor x Black August Series**  
Sundays, 6:00- 7:00PM ET  
August 6th - September 3rd, 2023  
RSVP [bit.ly/FCOPsignup](https://bit.ly/FCOPsignup)

Freedom Church of the Poor | Highlander | DREAM DEFENDERS

## Freedom Church of the Poor’s Black August Series: Commemorating the 1963 March on Washington Sunday Aug 27, 3pm | [Details](#)

Join the [Freedom Church of the Poor](#) as they continue their Black August Series, this week focusing on the 1963 March on Washington and building the Beloved Community. The hourlong gathering will be filled with personal testimony, reflection on sacred texts and other cultural offerings.

The [Freedom Church of the Poor](#), a project of the Kairos Center, seeks to develop moral and spiritual leadership for the struggle to end poverty, systemic racism, ecological devastation, militarism and the false moral narrative of Christian nationalism. In addition to weekly online services that reach thousands of people, the Freedom Church holds regular Bible study and is working on ways to provide ongoing prayer and support to the church community. Recent recordings are available on the [Kairos Center YouTube channel](#).

**"SHE SPEAKS"  
MORAL MONDAY  
CALL TO CONSCIENCE**

**ONLINE ASSEMBLY  
MONDAY, AUGUST 28 | 6 PM ET**

Join us at: <https://shespeaksmonday.org/> or  
<https://www.breachrepairers.org/>

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**FORWARD TOGETHER  
NOT ONE STEP BACK!**

REPAIRERS OF THE BREACH | LWV | BACK VOTERS MATTER

## “She Speaks” Online Assembly Monday Aug 28, 3pm | [RSVP](#)

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From the event's organizers: "For decades, women have been at the forefront of our nation's social justice movements fighting for truth, equality, and love. On the 60th anniversary of the #MarchOnWashington, we're gathering women faith leaders, impacted people, and activists from across the country to 'Speak Up and Speak Out' about the state of the nation and demand a life-saving agenda that includes ending poverty and protecting voting rights, reproductive health care, living wages, environmental justice and more."

## Real and Lasting Change? Models That Work to End Poverty

A Kairos Center event

Monday Aug 28, 8–10am | [RSVP](#)

This [online event](#) will feature three speakers discussing how to eradicate systemic poverty through three effective models: community organizing, movement-building and public policy advocacy. Put on the coffee and join Denzel Mitchell, Associate Organizer from Richmonders Involved to Strengthen Our Communities; Rev. Jimmie R. Hawkins, Director of the Presbyterian Church (USA) Office of Public Witness in Washington D.C.; and our own Rev. Dr. Liz Theoharis.

## News



### League of Women Voters launches petition: "Support Women's Equality Now"

Just over a century after the ratification of the 19th Amendment, the League of Women Voters has issued a [petition](#) calling on Congress to protect women's voting rights, ensure constitutional equality preventing sex discrimination and restore reproductive freedom. Rev. Theoharis shared the petition on the social site formerly known as Twitter, adding "Together, our power is in fact undeniable!"

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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

### **“Christian nationalism’s opponents are getting organized”**

Earlier this month, [Religion News](#) ran a story on “[All of U.S.: Organizing to Counter White Christian Nationalism and Build a Pro-Democracy Society](#),” a sweeping report commissioned by the Kairos Center and the MoveOn Education Fund and supported by an advisory committee made up of policy organizers, strategists, pastors and researchers from diverse cultural backgrounds. The report is intended to sound the alarm and foster urgent collective action.

The Religion News [article](#) includes recent examples of faith groups organizing to push back against white Christian nationalism, such as the “We All Belong” campaign launched by 100 faith leaders in Milwaukee and a [resolution](#) passed by the Disciples of Christ denomination denouncing Christian nationalism at their general assembly.

Part of this effort, as articulated by Rev. Theoharis, is the undoing of popular misconceptions. “When people are celebrating abortion bans, they’re articulated as Christian,” she says. “But when people are feeding migrants in the desert as part of their faith practice, they’re talked about as activists.”

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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).*