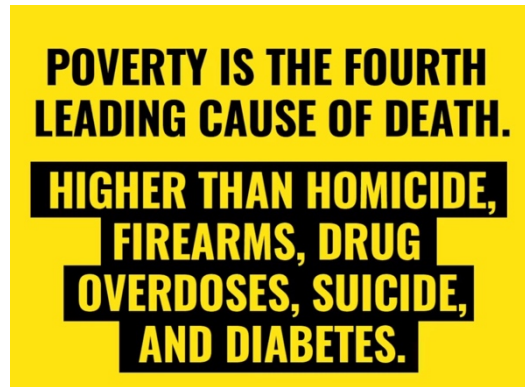


CALIFORNIA



CA PPC was one of many groups that took to the streets for workers last weekend. It was an inspiring time, and you can get a glimpse of the action below. You can also register for a panel on the Supreme Court's repeal of Affirmative Action and read Bishop Barber's thoughts on the recent shooting in Jacksonville. "If you are going to use the mic to spread division, deception and distraction," he says, "we're going to take the mic from you."

Announcements



Join the life-or-death fight against poverty

“Poverty kills more people than homicide, respiratory disease, gun violence and opioid overdoses. It’s stress, it’s starvation, it’s disease. And it’s all unnecessary.

Policymakers have many tools to counter the death by poverty that is ravaging America. But they have neglected the simplest one in their toolkit for far too long: raising the federal minimum wage.”

—Bishop Barber and Rev. A. Kazimir Brown

The time is now for a Third Reconstruction to lift our nation’s 140 million poor and lowwealth people from the bottom up, including raising the outdated minimum wage to a living wage and ensuring all people have access to affordable health care.

You can help us grow our movement to take action. Fill out this [form](#) to get involved. Whether it’s joining a Moral Action Team to engage your congress member, posting on social media, speaking to your organization or congregation or tabling at a public event, we all have a role to play in ending poverty!



Understand the impact of the Supreme Court’s recent Affirmative Action ruling Community United for Higher Education forum

Saturday Sep. 16, 10am | [RSVP](#)

Los Angeles Mission College ([13356 Eldridge Ave., Sylmar](#))

Access to higher education is an essential PPC demand. Why? Learning and creativity at all levels is important to solve real problems. And a more educated society will likely focus on a form of living that is considerate of the environment and ecosystem, improving the quality of life for all. That’s why the CA PPC is an endorser of this event.

The recent Supreme Court ruling on higher education threatens to widen the gap in educational access based on race. You'll find all the details, including guest speakers and [RSVP](#) info, in the flier above. Share the flier and attend the event if you can.

Upcoming meetings

Los Angeles regional meeting

Sunday Sep. 10, 3pm | [RSVP](#)

LA PPC activists: We're gearing up for the fall, forming Moral Action Teams to engage our members of Congress, reaching out to our communities as we prepare to go to Sacramento in February, and learning quick and easy ways to promote our actions on social media. We'll also catch up on local actions. Invite a friend; all are welcome.

Recaps



PPC folks up and down the state march with workers over Labor Day weekend

On Friday, LA PPC members showed up to support [UNITE HERE Local 11](#) hotel workers in a raucous march through downtown L.A. and past several major hotels. Betty Doumas Toto, local activist said it best: "There was no way any of the hotel guests got their rest!"



On Monday, supporters marched with [SEIU-United Healthcare Workers West](#) healthcare workers in Oakland and Los Angeles, where workers demanded a healthcare system that provides quality patient care and keeps good jobs in our communities. Lenore Navarro Dowling reported from L.A. that she asked a worker this question: "Besides pay and benefits, what are you asking for?" She said, more staffing; they have a heavy workload and need more staff. A

frequent protester with the hotel workers, she noted that healthcare workers as well as hotel workers are carrying signs with the message, 'I can't afford to live where I work.'”



In Oakland, PPC supporters joined hundreds of workers in front of the main Kaiser facility there. Their demand: Patient care should never be compromised for profits.



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

“Racist shootings don’t happen in a vacuum”: Bishop Barber on the Jacksonville shooting

After yet another racist killing, this time of three Black people at a Dollar General in Jacksonville, Florida, and as we mark 60 years since the horrific 16th Street Baptist Church bombing that killed four young Black girls, a new “Take Back the Mic from Haters” campaign is being kicked off. Bishop Barber and a diverse group of faith leaders are planning events in Jacksonville and online to “cease and desist from sowing division and hate.”

[Democracy Now](#) and [MSNBC](#) interviewed Bishop Barber about his article in the [Guardian](#), in which he condemns the Republican Party and Florida Governor Ron DeSantis for their racist rhetoric and policies, reminds us of the history of failing politicians using culture-war tactics to sow hatred and calls for a political movement of love.

“Words of hate create an ethos of hate, an atmosphere of hate, a political, social petri dish of hate,” he told Democracy Now. “Eventually, spoken words become deeds.” Citing several historical examples from the early 1900s and 1960s, Bishop Barber went on: “There is this history of not just who kills, but what kills and what creates the atmosphere. And spewing hate from the most powerful levels of government gives license. It ‘others’ people. It puts it in the ethos and suggests that it’s alright to eliminate folks.” He shared that at the funeral for the four young girls who were killed in 1963, Dr King said, “We must not just talk about who, but what: *what* killed them.”

Throughout his article and interviews, Bishop Barber reminds us that poor and low-wealth people can be the change when just a small percentage vote. “If you are going to use the mic to spread division, deception and distraction and create an ethos of death and violence, we’re going to take the mic from you, send you home the best way we can, in love and through our votes. Our votes are going to speak, our voices are going to speak, because what we cannot have in this moment is leaders who use powerful positions to create a kind of a pathological atmosphere and an ethos of violence and destruction. It’s been deadly in the past, and it’s deadly in the present.”

Read the Guardian [article](#) and the Democracy Now [interview](#), and watch MSNBC videos by [Joy Reid](#) and [Julian Castro](#).

“Voices of Faith: Rev. Dr. Liz Theoharis”

As part of a continued conversation with panelists following their eighth annual [Diane & Adam E. Max Conference on Women’s History](#) in March, the New York Historical Society is sharing panelists’ stories of persistence in promoting social good. Our own Rev. Dr. Theoharis was featured last week in their [Voices of Faith](#) series.

Speaking of the PPC, Rev. Theoharis said that “over the past five years, we have built one of the strongest and most compelling social movements of our time.” And when asked about working for cultural change, she added, “my theory of change is drawn from a study of history: the most transformative movements have always relied on generations of impacted leaders who are clear, committed, competent and connected. These often unsung leaders, emerging out of poor and oppressed communities, have been the first to feel the pain of injustice and the first to strike out against it.”

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