

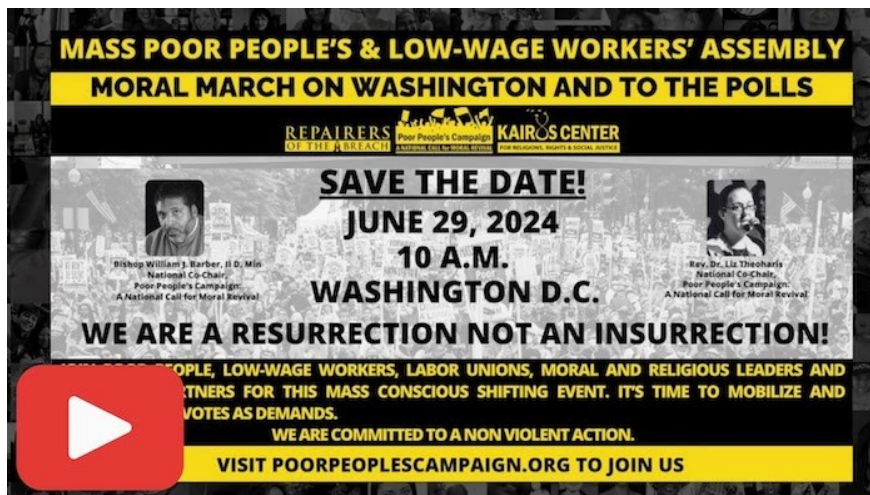
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CALIFORNIA



This week, we have a new video to get you fired up for our June 29 March on Washington. We also have a report on a housing justice teach-in hosted by our Laney College chapter and an article on poverty by our own Rev. Rowan Fairgrove. Read on, and forward together!

Announcement



Moral March excitement builds New promo video released

Last week, the PPC released a short [video](#) featuring a mosaic of powerful words and protest from all over the country. At times upsetting but always inspiring, it's a preview of and an invitation to the June 29 Mass Poor People's and Low-Wage Workers' Moral March on Washington and to the Polls.

In the video, Bishop Barber lays out the potential of this event: "34 million eligible poor and low-income voters did not vote in 2016. If just 20 percent of those voters in swing states were mobilized around an agenda, they could change the political outcome of every election. So we're launching the most massive voter mobilization and turnout campaign in the history of poor and low-wage voters, allies and religious leaders." [Watch the video](#) and, more important...

SIGN UP

We'll see you in D.C. (or online) next month!

Meetings

Statewide organizing meetings Wednesdays, 6:30pm | [RSVP](#)

Our Wednesday meetings are a time to meet activists from around the state and take part in educating, registering and mobilizing our communities for the November election and more. It's a place to lend a hand and to learn from one another. Here's what we'll be focusing on at the upcoming meetings...

May 15: Continuing our work to organize watch parties for the June 29 mobilization.

May 22: Our monthly faith all-call meeting. We'll be planning our online statewide screening of [Bad Faith](#), a documentary on Christian nationalism.

Recap



Student Voices for Housing Justice teach-in

Last week, the Laney College Chapter of CA PPC held a [teach-in](#) to bring attention to the lack of affordable housing in the Bay Area. They joined the May Day Commemoration held at the Oscar Grant Plaza in Downtown Oakland and marched through the streets calling for jobs, housing and peace in the Middle East. At the Plaza's amphitheater, students from Laney PPC rallied with Tiny Village Spirit, Wood Street Commons and Oakland Sin Fronteras with this message: **housing for all!**

Speakers included Genie Sullivan, a Laney College alum now attending UC Berkeley; Laney College student Sydney Lester; and Ray Corona, Jose Navarro and Inti Gonzalez from Tiny Village Spirit, who shared their perspectives about homelessness, lack of food resources and how a change can be made for all.

Inti Gonzalez recounted her experience as an unhoused youth organizer for Tiny Village Spirit, a group that builds tiny homes for unhoused folks in the Bay Area. "Systematic change is the only way to really change things," she said. "You are so much more powerful than you think, but you still can't save the world alone."

Wood Street Commons tenants were also present, advocating for their homes as the City of Oakland displaced and evicted them over a year ago from their organized community.

Watch a video from the teach-in on the CA PPC [Facebook page](#).

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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News



PPC featured in national partner's newsletter

The Women's International League for Peace and Freedom (WILPF), an organizational partner of the PPC, ran an article about our work in their latest quarterly [newsletter](#) (starting on page 10). Written by Rev. Rowan Fairgrove, CA PPC volunteer and WILPF4PPC liaison, the article explains PPC's findings that "poverty = death" and looks at our country's outdated way of measuring poverty.

"We need a cost-of-living poverty measure that accurately assesses what it takes for all people to have a dignified life wherever they happen to live," she writes. "All people' emphatically includes people living alone, single parents, elders, two-parent households with few or lots of children, and other household types. An accurate poverty measure would not only be good for the people but for the nation as well."

The article also includes an invitation to join the PPC in D.C. this June. We urge you to [read the whole thing](#).

Founded in 1915, the WILPF is one of the oldest continuously operating women's peace organizations in the world. WILPF works to achieve the following through peaceful means: world disarmament, full rights for women, racial and economic justice, an end to all forms of violence, and to establish those political, social, and psychological conditions which can assure peace, freedom and justice for all.

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