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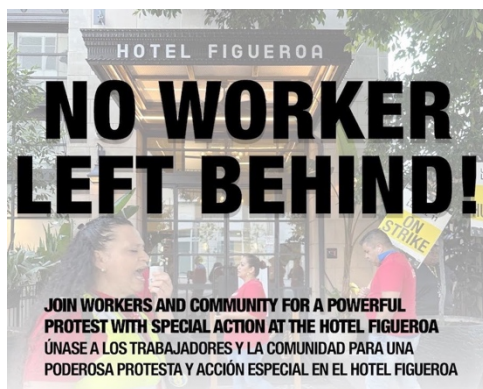
# CALIFORNIA



**Good morning! In this issue...**

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- Two events for Hiroshima and Nagasaki
- A deep dive on Project 2025
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## Announcements



### **No Worker Left Behind**

**Wednesday Aug 7, 4pm**

**Hotel Figueroa (939 S Figueroa St, L.A.)**

More than a year into the largest hotel strike in U.S. history, thousands of workers throughout southern California have won life-changing wages, health care and pensions, the right to grow their union, workload protections, protections for immigrant and formerly incarcerated workers and so much more! But they're not stopping until every worker gets their contract, justice and dignity. Let's show our solidarity with workers at one of the holdout hotels: the Hotel Figueroa.

For more information, email [Matthew Horn](mailto:Matthew.Horn@clue.org), Organizer at CLUE, or call (562) 400-3683.



### **79th anniversary of the U.S. atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki**

Events are happening around the world this week to mark the 79th anniversary of the U.S. bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. Details for two California actions are listed [here](#).

### **The Imperative of Nuclear Abolition!**

**Tuesday Aug 6, 8:30am | [Details](#)**

**Livermore Lab–West Gate**

This year's Livermore action is part of the national Back From the Brink campaign, bringing communities together to prevent the growing threat that nuclear weapons pose to our health, the environment and all we hold dear. Speakers include our own PPC quad chair Rev. Monica Cross.

After the rally there will be a traditional Japanese Bon Dance, inviting ancestors to join, followed by a nonviolent witness and direct action for those who so choose.

If you're driving, here are directions: From I-580 E, take the S. Vasco Rd exit. Stay on S. Vasco for 1.4 miles to West Gate Dr. Park on side streets.

The event will be livestreamed: Zoom link and more information can be found at [Tri Valley Cares](#).



### **Lanterns of Hope: Remembering Hiroshima and Nagasaki**

**Friday Aug 9, 6pm | [Details](#)**

**Gloria Molina Grand Park (Fountain Plaza; [200 N Grand Ave, L.A.](#))**

A traditional Japanese village dance performance, speakers and a moment of silence will be followed by the release of paper water lanterns, each individually decorated, to honor the victims of the bombings.

Kikuko Otake, a survivor of the atomic bomb in Hiroshima and author of *Masako's Story: Surviving the Atomic Bombing in Hiroshima*, will share her family's experience. Other speakers include Dr. Jimmy Hara, board member of [Physicians for Social Responsibility—Los Angeles](#); Eddie Laiche, student activist and cofounder of [Students for Nuclear Disarmament](#); and Manon and Kanon Iwata, student activists and founders of [Teens 4 Disarmament](#).

The event is sponsored by Physicians for Social Responsibility—Los Angeles, Back from the Brink, Teens 4 Disarmament and Students for Nuclear Disarmament.

## Meetings & events

### **Los Angeles regional meeting**

**Sunday Aug 4, 3pm | [RSVP](#)**

Angelenos, join us next Sunday to continue our planning for getting out the vote this fall. We'll be focusing on how to reach low-income and infrequent voters, especially youth, people who are unhoused and Spanish speakers. Share your ideas while we learn from each other. Invite your neighbors, families and friends—all are welcome!

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We are the swing vote! Join our GOTV team!

*We are mobilizing 15 million poor and low-wage workers and people to the polls this November. You can be part of this effort.*

**JOIN THE TEAM**

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In the media



### **“Project 2025’s Terrifying Christian Nationalist Vision for America”**

In an article published in [TomDispatch](#), [Common Dreams](#) and [Salon](#), Rev. Dr. Liz Theoharis and Shailly Gupta Barnes share eye-opening insights on Project 2025, the vision of Christian Nationalists with close ties to the Trump campaign and its wealthy supporters. “The wholesale capture of the state is the ultimate goal of its Christian nationalist architects,” they write. “Project 2025 simply clarifies just how they plan to implement their drive for power. If you’re not frightened, it’s because you haven’t studied what they explicitly say they will do if given the chance.”

Rev. Theoharis and Gupta Barnes call the 900-page document at the heart of Project 2025 “a new Pax Romana (Roman Peace),” referring to a series of oppressive policies enforced during the Roman Empire, which had a devastating effect on the poor. They connect these concepts to today’s war on the poor and demonstrate how Project 2025 is already underway with recent Supreme Court rulings, legislative action stripping away freedoms in many states and bloated military spending. “Although its authors unabashedly deploy the language of conservative populism, the plan is chiefly concerned with how to put ever greater control of both people and resources in the hands of a small minority of mostly white, mostly male, wealthy Christians,” they write.

They close with a note of resistance—that the leadership of the poor can prove to be stronger than this new Pax Romana. [Read the article](#) and view a 6-point summary from the [Kairos Center](#).

### **Faith leaders kick off Moral Monday Prayer series**

“Today I joined faith and moral leaders outside the U.S. Supreme Court for the first in a series of Moral Monday prayers ahead of this year’s important elections,” Bishop Barber [posted](#) on Monday. Watch the [video](#) of the first Moral Monday Prayer.

## **Bishop Barber dispels poverty myths on *Washington Journal***

In an interview shared on [C-SPAN](#), Bishop Barber talked at length with John McArdle of *Washington Journal* and answered questions from viewers. He confronted many of the myths that exist in the U.S. around poverty, and the realities that he and his coauthor Jonathan Wilson-Hartgrove witnessed around the country in writing their book *White Poverty*.

“When I talk about the poor, I’m talking about that woman who bags your groceries but can’t hardly afford food in that same place,” he said. “The person who works in a manufacturing plant but sleeps in their car at night. Someone who has health insurance but can’t afford to go to the hospital.... What we’re saying to poor, low-wage folks is that it’s time to go on the offensive now and rise, because we have this powerful voting block that can fundamentally transform the American electorate.” Watch Bishop Barber’s interview on [C-SPAN](#).

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