

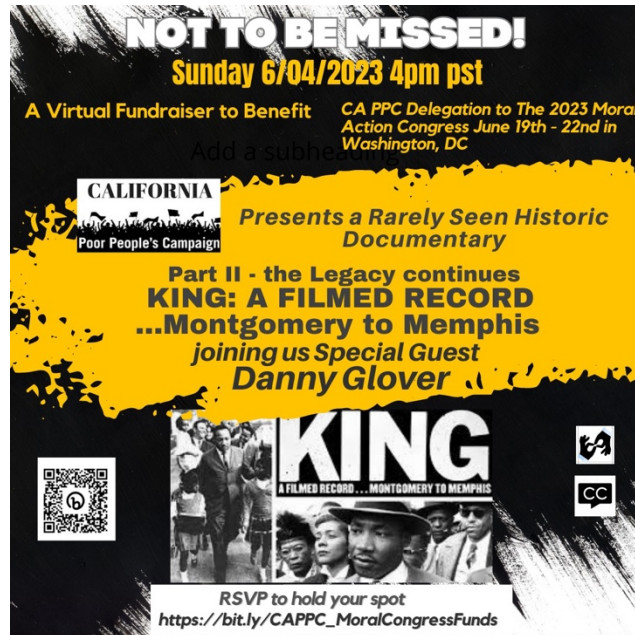
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Momentum is building for the PPC Moral Poverty Action Congress, taking place next month in D.C. You can be a part of it wherever you are (and you won't want to miss the special guest at our fundraiser); read on to learn how. We also have a recap of a rally for homelessness prevention in L.A., an op-ed from our national co-chairs and more.

Announcement



Update: Danny Glover is headlining our fundraiser!

More details on *King: A Filmed Record...Montgomery to Memphis* screening Sunday June 4, 4pm | [RSVP](#)

You're invited to a virtual film screening of the rarely-seen documentary *King: A Filmed Record...Montgomery to Memphis*, including the special guest for the afternoon: actor and activist Danny Glover.

This fundraising event will help us send our 20-member delegation to the national PPC Moral Poverty Action Congress on June 19. Activists from across the country will head to Washington D.C. for a three-day gathering that will include panels, workshops, trainings and opportunities to meet with and learn from other states' PPC campaigners, with the aim of strengthening our capacity across the country. It's a continuation of our work of building power to change policies that are hurting the nation's 140 million poor and low-income people.

Here's why delegate Miracle Law-White wants to go to the Moral Congress:

I have been active in the Laney College chapter of the Poor People's Campaign and have participated in teach-ins and other events advocating for unhoused students. I have first-hand experience with homelessness and I want to be an advocate for

others....There are almost no resources or policies benefiting homeless students and people who are involved in their community. There are supposedly "scarce" resources for poor students but there is an abundance of wealth in the United States.

Please save the date and share the [invitation](#); we need as much support as possible to meet our fundraising goal. If you'd like to show some love in advance of the screening, [click here to make a donation now](#).

Upcoming meetings

Faith organizing meeting Wednesday May 24, 6:30pm | [RSVP](#)

Calling all PPC supporters who are faith leaders (including people of faith who don't identify as leaders) from the beautiful and powerful array of diverse spiritual traditions: Please join us and meet other people from all over the state with the goal of increasing the involvement of people of faith in our work.

At this Wednesday's meeting, we'll be focusing on base-building within our faith communities, strengthening our interfaith work and raising funds to send our delegation to the Moral Congress. We hope you will join us!

Recap



“No Evictions on Stolen Land!” L.A. activists rally for homelessness prevention

On Tuesday, LA PPC activists joined community members and faith leaders from many denominations on the steps of Pasadena City Hall for a “Home is Sacred” rally to support state bill [SB 567](#), the Homelessness Prevention Act. This bill would provide many tenant and eviction protections—but amendments have been made and the bill has stalled in the Senate Appropriations Committee. The action was organized by [LA Voice](#) to deliver an urgent message to State Senator Anthony Portantino, chair of the Appropriations Committee: Support the bill in its original form and shepherd it through the committee and to the Senate floor.

The spirit-filled crowd continued on to the First Baptist Church of Pasadena, where they phoned Portantino’s office, heard testimonies from impacted people and were treated to music by Urban Voices Project. Their rallying cry of the day was, “There should be no evictions on stolen land!”

All are encouraged to keep phoning Sen. Portantino’s office: (916) 651-4025.

News

Update: Affordable housing fight for Peralta Community College District students

At a recent Peralta Board of Trustees meeting, student government representative and Laney PPC member Jon Sullivan asked the board to build 2,000 additional housing units (the district plans for 200–300), partner with land trusts to buy hotels and open student cooperatives. “I live in my vehicle, and I go to school here,” he told the board, adding that more housing for families must be high among the priorities, given many students have dependents. Dorm location is also a sticking point, and low-income students asked for additional resources, including transportation, social services and crisis resources.

Read this [Oaklandside article](#) for details.

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

“The Poor People’s Campaign Launched on Mother’s Day 2018”

In an op-ed published last Sunday by [The Nation](#), Bishop Barber and Rev. Theoharis acknowledged the fifth anniversary of the Poor People’s Campaign: A National Call for Moral Revival. They reflected on the movement’s major milestones, recommitted to the work ahead and laid out the connections between the PPC and the special day on which it was launched:

We remember mothers of the movement like Rachel in the Bible, who refused to stop her protest in the face of evil leaders. We remember Mother Jones, who declared, “You ought to be out raising hell. This is the fighting age. Put on your fighting clothes.” And as all the mothers in the movement get up every day saying “no” to reality as it is and declaring, as mother and grandmother Yara Allen says, “Somebody’s hurting our people and it’s gone on far too long and we won’t be silent anymore.”

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