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# CALIFORNIA



*We have some quick—and important—updates on our efforts to get a California delegation to the PPC's Moral Action Congress next month. Read on for three ways to get involved, including an event with none other than Danny Glover. We've also got a powerful new interview in which Bishop Barber lays bare the lies that have divided the South.*

## Send our Delegates to the Poor People's Campaign Moral Action Poverty Congress June 2023



**We're standing up for ourselves and our community. And I know that the Poor People's Campaign: A National Call for Moral Revival is giving hope to movements across the world who are seeing the poor and dispossessed here saying, "no more."**

**-- Kenia Alcocer**

**Donate to the California PPC via E.T.I.N.A.**  
<http://www.etina.org/ca-ppc>

### **3 ways to support the Moral Action Congress**

This June 19–22, the PPC will bring together hundreds of poor and low-income people, clergy, faith leaders, social justice advocates and activists from across the country to Washington, D.C. for the Moral Action Congress.

Participants will gather to strategize, learn, share lessons and experiences, and act. The Congress will include workshops and plenary sessions that support social justice movement building, as well as panels and discussions on critical policy issues. We will also take action together to make our voices heard.

You can join in, whether or not you're heading to the capital. Here are three ways you can help us get our California delegates to this transformative gathering.

#### **1. Share our social media posts**

Help us reach a wider audience by sharing our social media posts, like the one pictured above. Check us out on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) for more examples.

#### **2. Make a donation**

[Click here](#) to chip in. Everything helps!

#### **3. Attend our June 4 fundraiser**

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

You're invited to a very special virtual screening of the rarely-seen documentary *King: A Filmed Record... Montgomery to Memphis, Part II*. The event will feature a very special guest: actor and activist Danny Glover. Please save the date and share this [invitation](#).

Proceeds from the event will help us get our delegation to D.C., and we need as much support as possible to meet our goal.



## Upcoming meeting

**Third Reconstruction Agenda/Close the Wealth Gap, CA! planning Wednesdays, 6:30pm | [RSVP](#)**

Join our Close the Wealth Gap, California! initiative and help build momentum for the Third Reconstruction Agenda to Heal the Nation. [Drop by online any Wednesday](#) to find out how you can be involved.

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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.*

**DONATE**

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## PPC in the media

### “Racism and classism are interlocking injustices”

Bishop Barber recently spoke with [Reckon](#) reporter Becca Andrews about the importance of protest, what people get wrong about the South and why the PPC considers racism and classism to be twin pillars of oppression.

Bishop Barber explained how the so-called Southern strategy, beginning in the 1960s, intentionally divided people. Progressives and Democrats, he said, too often make the mistake of dismissing the South and miss the mark with messaging about the “middle class,” avoiding “poor” and “low-income” issues. “If you spend the time and bring people together around their deeply religious, moral values...it would take only 25 percent of poor, low wealth holders of every color who have not voted...to determine who sits in the White House, Senate and governor’s office,” he said.

In 1965, Dr. King spoke on the steps of the Alabama state house about the postslavery Reconstruction movement and how Southern legislatures during that time focused on wages, education and voting rights and were able to show poor and lowwealth white people that they, too, had been harmed by slavery and racism. Bishop Barber said he takes this message of Dr King’s everywhere he goes: “The greatest fear of the aristocracy in this country, especially in the South, is for the masses of Negroes and the masses of poor white people to come together and form a voting bloc that could fundamentally shift the economic architecture of the country.”

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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).*