

Thu, Sep 28, 2023

CALIFORNIA



We're fired up for Saturday's Moral Action Team prep session, which will get us set up to take our anti-poverty fight to our local representatives' offices and beyond. RSVP below; you'll also find an update from Laney, an MSNBC report on the Jackson water crisis and essays from Bishop Barber and Rev. Theoharis about why we do what we do.

Announcements

Poverty=Death

We Have Solutions to End Poverty

Join a Moral Action Team to reach out to your member of Congress with our message...

Poverty is a Policy Choice!

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prep session
Saturday
September 30
10:30 -12:00
on zoom

CALIFORNIA Poor People's Campaign
A NATIONAL CALL FOR MORAL REVIVAL

Poor People's Campaign
REVIVAL

This weekend! Moral Action Team prep session Saturday Sep 30, 10:30am | [RSVP](#)

When was the last time you heard your congressperson talk about ending poverty? Never? Here's your chance to change that, and to make sure our elected officials are truly addressing how to end poverty from the bottom up. By joining a [Moral Action Team](#), you will be working with others in your community to engage your member of Congress, push out the Campaign's demands and spread our Third Reconstruction Agenda far and wide.

Attend the prep session this Saturday to learn what a Moral Action Team is and how you can be part of this exciting and necessary campaign to shift the narrative about who is poor and why. [RSVP](#) now!

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It's time for a 3rd RECONSTRUCTION
It's Time to Fully Address Poverty and Low Wages from the Bottom Up!

LANEY POOR PEOPLE'S CAMPAIGN TEACH-IN FALL 2023

FEATURING SPEAKERS FROM GOVERNMENT & ACTIVE COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

TRULY AFFORDABLE HOUSING FOR ALL, INCLUDING STUDENTS!
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JOIN THE DISCUSSION
TUES. OCT. 10
11:30 AM - 3 PM
ON ZOOM AND IN PERSON
DETAILS TO COME SOON

ONE OPPORTUNITY TO COME TOGETHER!

TRUE JUSTICE & EQUALITY ARE POSSIBLE IF WE COME TOGETHER!

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Save the date: Fall teach-in at Laney College Tuesday Oct 10, 11:30am | [RSVP](#) (online and in person)

It's been a busy year for CA PPC's Laney College members: As far back as March we reported on their fight for affordable student housing. This teach-in follows the panel discussion held at Laney earlier this month, and it promises to deliver more lively conversation. Keep an eye on this newsletter for details.

Upcoming meeting

Los Angeles regional meeting Sunday Oct 1, 3pm | [RSVP](#)

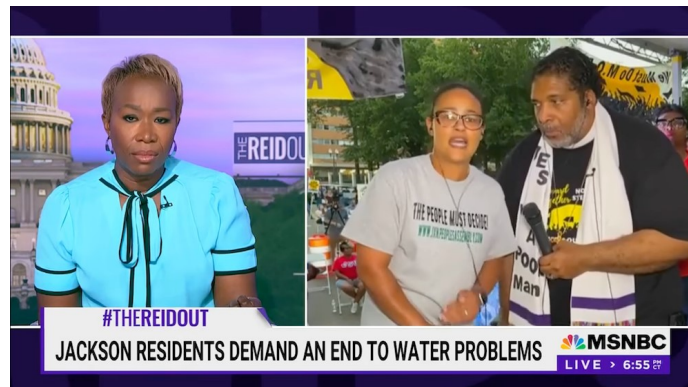
Please join us on this first day of October, when we'll begin efforts to reach out to elected officials with our Moral Action teams. We'll also practice our PPC "elevator pitch," which we can use with decision makers and community groups, and we'll have updates on local and state issues we're supporting. Invite your friends, neighbors, community members— all are welcome.

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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In the media



Joy Reid interviews Bishop Barber about the Jackson water crisis

In the midst of the continued water crisis in Jackson, Mississippi, and the city and state's dismal response, Joy Reid interviewed Bishop Barber and Brooke Floyd, a local mother and resident, on [MSNBC](#). Residents are seeking class action status to file a lawsuit against the state, saying the water crisis was "foreseeable."

Brooke said citizens have the right to sue the state after decades of trying to get the funds to make adequate repairs to water systems. "It's overwhelming as a parent," she said. "When the water is gone, the schools are closed. Our children are at home for long stretches of time because the water lines are broken.... It's exhausting, and it's not safe."

“If this was anywhere else, if this were an affluent community, this would not be happening,” Bishop Barber said, adding that “these people have been organizing for years.”

Solidarity Now: Bishop Barber and Rev. Theoharis reflect on why we organize

“To make change, movements need to build endurance—the capacity to keep people showing up despite their differences,” writes Mie Inouye, assistant professor of political studies at Bard College, in a *Boston Review* piece that serves as the cornerstone to a series called [Solidarity Now](#). She asks, “Why do we organize?” and shares smart and challenging responses from many, including our own Bishop Barber and Rev. Theoharis.

In his response, titled “[Moral Fusion](#),” Bishop Barber recounts his experience organizing a fusion movement in North Carolina and the rightwing backlash it drew. In the face of discriminatory redistricting and a Republican supermajority they kept on, launching Moral Mondays and protesting at the state legislature. He answers Inouye’s reflections on the challenges of building solidarity with a miniature history lesson: “After marching from Selma to Montgomery in 1965, Dr. King said that the great fear of the ‘Southern aristocracy’ was that poor whites and poor Blacks would see their common interests and stand in solidarity against plantation capitalism. Moral Mondays helped me to see that we are called to realize that fear—and, in the process, to hopefully transform some of our adversaries into friends.... This work is ongoing, and these lessons outline the strategy we are trying to put into practice.”

In her response, “[Poor Organizing](#),” Rev. Theoharis writes about her first experiences organizing at the age of 18 in a racially diverse part of Philadelphia deeply affected by deindustrialization. She recalls that the group saw their work as symbiotic “projects of survival.” “As we think about building solidarity today, I believe our society still has much to learn from the plight, fight and insight of its unsung heroines.”

She continues: “Struggling every day to get by, poor women, especially women of color, depend on an ability to organize communities across lines of historic division. The fusion of their economic, racial and gender analysis [emerging from the 1960s] was years ahead of their time, anticipating the notion of intersectionality. Their policy demands were pioneering and prescient—from guaranteed adequate income to universal health care, from affordable housing demands to the right to thrive rather than barely survive.”

Read their thought-provoking essays, along with other forum responses, published together as [On Solidarity](#).

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