North Carolina Poor People's Campaign

A NATIONAL CALL for MORAL REVIVAL

NCPPC Newsletter - May 7, 2024

On **June 29, 2024**, North Carolinians will join poor and low-wage workers, religious leaders, and advocates from more than 30 other states for the **Poor People's Campaign Mass Assembly & Moral March on Washington DC**. We will gather in our nation's capital to challenge poverty, racism, war, ecological devastation, and religious nationalism, and to say together, *"Everybody in… nobody out!"*

We're asking for your help to bring a delegation from North Carolina to DC, and we need everybody in to make it happen.

- First, **RSVP to join us in DC on June 29th and sign up for a seat on buses leaving from across NC**! We will provide bus transportation for as many people as possible (no fee required).
- Second, **help us meet our fundraising goal of $17,600 to pay for buses**! Your donation will raise the voices of poor and low-wage North Carolinians by ensuring that everyone who wants to join us in DC will have a seat.

[Visit our June 29: Everybody In... for Washington DC page to RSVP and/or donate.]

Bad Faith Documentary Screenings

The North Carolina Poor People's Campaign is sponsoring screenings of the documentary film *Bad Faith*, which reveals how "Christian Nationalist leaders have spread fear and anger for decades, distorting political issues into Biblical battles between good and evil. Financed through the secretive Council for National Policy, Christian Nationalists have succeeded in taking over the Republican Party, turning it into a powerful weapon to demolish democracy from within."

Current planned showings include:

- **May 11, 2pm, Wesley Grant Sr. Community Center in Asheville**
- **May 18, 7pm, The Rialto in Raleigh**

News from Witness Wednesday

From NC Newsline: “On Wednesday, nearly 200 supporters of the North Carolina Poor People’s Campaign traveled to Raleigh to remind lawmakers returning for the legislative short session that low-income voters make up more than 41% of the state’s electorate. If low-income eligible voters voted at the same rate as higher-income voters, campaign leaders warned, they could control the outcome of elections.” Read more at NC Newsline.

From WRAL: “The Poor People’s Campaign, a progressive anti-poverty group, was pushing for state leaders to boost spending on child care, health care and more.” Read and watch more at WRAL.

Watch the livestream and see more photos here.

Important Updates

May 16 is Child Care Day of Action in Raleigh

The Child Care for NC coalition is bringing providers, parents, and supporters from across the state together to demand our leaders solve the child care crisis before a June funding cliff. "We’re planning a Day of Action May 16 and we need YOU!" - *Child Care for NC*

RSVP here

Press Conference from May 6 "Pack the Court" with Forward Justice

On Monday, May 6th, Forward Justice was in Winston-Salem for the North Carolina NAACP's federal court challenge to the discriminatory North Carolina Voter ID Law. - *Forward Justice*

Watch press conference

NC Senate Approves Bill Requiring Sheriffs to Hold Prisoners for ICE

Over objections to racial profiling by El Pueblo, the Alliance for Immigrant Rights, and other immigrant rights groups, the NC Senate approved HB 10, which "will require all 100 sheriffs in the state to notify ICE if they are unable to determine the legal status of a person charged with certain high-level offenses. It would compel sheriffs to honor ICE requests to detain individuals suspected of being in the country illegally for up to 48 hours." - *NC Newsline*

Read more

Bishop William J. Barber II Preaches Sermon on "War, Genocide, and the Gospels"

On April 26, Bishop Barber gave a sermon at the Pullen Memorial Baptist Church in Raleigh, North Carolina on America's complicity in genocide on our continent and across the globe. "Everyday people do not slaughter their neighbors without political campaigns that first demonize those neighbors and suggest they are worthy of elimination. And this demonization can be stopped when people stand up and say, 'No.' But when we don't stand up, allowing one form of genocide over here can encourage or facilitate allowing it somewhere else." - *Fusion Films* (also reprinted as an article in *The Nation*)

Watch the full sermon

TransparUNCy Gathers Close to 5,000 Signatures After Protest Crackdown

After the events of April 30 and Interim UNC Chancellor Robert's response to pro-Palestinian protestors, TransparUNCy garnered thousands of signatures in a vote of no confidence.
- *TransparUNCy*

View the petition

NCAE Responds to NC Senate's Plan to Spend $500 Million on Private School Vouchers

Said President Tamika Walker Kelly, "Our state lawmakers' plan to spend more than $500 million of taxpayer money on private school vouchers

next year will take vital opportunities away from the 85% of our K-12 students that go to public schools. Rather than funding posh private schools, imagine how much brighter our students' future would be if lawmakers invested in their public schools." - *NCAE*

Read more

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Pennsylvania PPC Hosts Educational on Homelessness Supreme Court Case

Pennsylvania PPC is hosting an online education about Grants Pass v. Johnson to break down the case,

share calls to action, and talk about what we can learn. Join them on Zoom, Wednesday May 29th, 7-8. - *Pennsyvlania PPC*

Read more and register

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