## Why We Need to Go to Albany on March 2nd

On Saturday, March 2nd, the Poor People's Campaign: A National Call for Moral Revival will march and rally in state capitals across the country, bringing the demands of poor and low-wealth people for living wages, healthcare, housing, education, environmental justice, and voting rights directly to our lawmakers. Thousands of poor and impacted people, clergy and advocates in 32 states and DC will call for an end to poverty in this, the richest nation on earth.

We will break through the distorted narrative that poor people are the cause of their own poverty and tell the truth about the injustices in our society, demanding—as spelled out in our <u>petition</u> to the Governor—that she make no cuts to life-saving services, fully invest in our communities, and make the rich pay their fair share.

We will assemble at 10:00 am at the First Presbyterian Church in Albany and march the short distance to West Capital Park for a mass assembly at 11:00, the same time that other states will be doing the same, staggered only by time zones. Our goal is to have hundreds and hundreds of demonstrators, so we hope that you will help us spread the word and mobilize people to commit to join us. We will have a bus going from Long Island, so please encourage people to <a href="Register here">Register here</a> right away and to respond to this email or to <a href="Iongislandppc@gmail.com">Iongislandppc@gmail.com</a> to let us know if they'll be going by bus and whether from Suffolk or Nassau, as seating will be limited and on a first-come, first-served basis.

## Stops will be:

**Suffolk** - 525 Wicks Rd, Brentwood; *Park & Ride Directly across the street from Mobil gas station*. Please be there by 5:45; the bus will leave promptly at 6:00 am.

**Nassau** - 500 Searingtown Rd, Roslyn; *This is Christopher Morley Park.* Please be there by 6:15; the bus will leave promptly at 6:30 am.

The march and rally being on a Saturday, the Capitol Building will be closed and our elected officials not present. So our plans include having a group of clergy deliver our petition in person to the governor and to every elected official in the House and Senate on Monday, March 4<sup>th</sup>.

And this is just a part of the Poor People's Campaign's nationwide 40 weeks of massive mobilization across the US. We are starting with the

state capitals, because that is where so much impactful legislation is passed. On June 15<sup>th</sup> we will confront our national legislators with a Mass Poor People's Assembly in DC and a massive outreach to get poor and low income voters registered and to the polls. If you care about promoting a moral revolution in this country, you can help us work toward a 3<sup>rd</sup> Reconstruction, demanding the abolition of poverty as the 4th leading cause of death in the US, living wages, full voting rights, no more voter suppression, worker's rights and labor rights, healthcare for all, affordable and adequate housing, an end to gun violence, profit, and proliferation, clean air and water, environmental justice, fully-funded public education, just immigration laws, and an end to systemic racism, white supremacy, and the extremist political agenda.

Forward Together,

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