



Sept. 2017

Upcoming Events

September 4

Taking Back Labor Day!!

33rd St. and Southwest Trfwy
Rally at 8 am – March at 9am
March for higher pay and union rights

September 6

The Color of Law

Program 6:30 pm
Kansas City Public Library – Central Branch
Author Richard Rothstein discusses his book

September 7

Phone Bank for Local Candidates

5:00 – 8:00 pm
Johnson County Library – Central Branch
Bring your cell phone – help get the vote
out for PSNKC and Indivisible K3

September 12

Protest: What is it Good For?

Panel Discussion
Johnson County Library – Central Library
6:30-7:30 PM

September 15

Empowering Older Adults

Kansas Advocates for Better Care
Sylvester Powell Community Center
12:30 – 3:00 pm
RSVP by 9/10 at info@kabc.org

September 30

KC Wildlands – National Public Lands Day

Help remove invasive woody plants from
Swope or Shawnee Mission park
Lunch provided
<https://bridgingthegap.org/events/>

September

Saturdays at 2:00

Resisting Hate Through Education

Workshops on education for disability,
Muslim, Transgender, Latino communities.
Check web page for locations.
www.Resisthatekc.org

Social Justice at Green Guitar Folkhouse

Four folk acts and 17 social justice organizations came together on August 26th to connect people together with music and social justice opportunities.

The Shapiro Brothers (Mikal Shapiro with Chad Brothers), Kasey Rausch & Kyle Reid, Patrick Mureithi, and Zachary Stevenson each performed, entertaining the crowd of approximately 150 attendees. At the end of the night, these artists led the audience in singing protest songs.

Before the concert and between each artist, exhibitors from over a dozen organizations met people and signed people up for information and action. The diverse group of exhibitors included:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Represent Us • March Forward KC • Kansas People's Agenda • Kansas Interfaith Action • Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America • Dialogue Institute • KC for Refugees • ACLU of Kansas • Food not Bombs | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planned Parenthood • True Blue Women • Cross Border Network for Justice and Solidarity • Joco Q-Space • SAFEHOME • Harvesters • League of Women Voters • KKFI 90.1 FM |
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For more information about connecting to these organizations, please contact someone from the Social Justice Team.

MLK's 1968 "Poor People's Campaign" Revived in 2017-2018

The evening of August 21 drew hundreds to the Topeka First United Methodist Church to hear the inspiration, vision, and strategy for the Poor People's Campaign: A National Call for Moral Revival. The campaign aims to build a broad and deep national moral movement to unite our country from the bottom up.

Religious leaders from organizations across Kansas and throughout the KC Metro Area were represented with Rev. Sarah Oglesby-Dunegan from UU Fellowship of Topeka, Reverend Rose Schwab and others from SMUUCH assisting, and personal stories from Rabbi Moti Rieber of the Kansas Interfaith Action, Dr. Sofia Kahn of KC for Refugees, Darnell Hunt, and more.



The inspirational leader of the movement, Reverend Dr. William J. Barber of the Greenleaf Christian Church in Goldsboro, NC and former President of the NC NAACP rallied the crowd with a message that it is immoral that our political leaders continue to develop policies and laws that maintain and increase racism, poverty, environmental destruction, and military infrastructure. The fight for a new social morality moves beyond religious teaching, social and economic differences, and nationality. It is a unifier that brings us together for a common good – to strategically “push forward concrete demands, build unity across lines of division, and draw on art, music, and religious traditions to challenge the dominant narrative that blames poor people for poverty.”



The Poor People's Campaign will be asking for 1000 Kansans a day for 40 days in early summer 2018 to commit to non-violent,

coordinated civil disobedience to communicate the people's desire to change the way our country deals with racial and economic disparity.

You can join the Poor People's Campaign and pledge assistance to commit to civil disobedience, mobilize the community, make financial donations, or other ways at <https://poorpeoplescampaign.org>



Watch the beginning of the meeting here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wxTD0cTvrGQ>
Watch Rev. Dr. William Barber here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7FjRv-ltdU&t=440s>