



## Poor People's Campaign - June 18, 2022

### Participate Virtually or In-Person

**Who:** We are urging all Franciscans and Franciscan-hearted people to participate in the [Mass Poor People's and Low-Wage Workers Assembly](#) in Washington, DC, on June 18, 2022.

**Why:** Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. called for the first Poor People's Campaign in 1967 and he was assassinated just a month before that first

march on Washington occurred. Dr. King sought to unite poor and low-wage workers of all social and racial backgrounds in a common effort to address the unjust social, political, and economic systems that lead to poverty and injustice across the United States and the world.

Today, [Rev. Drs. William J Barber and Liz Theoharis have revived Dr. King's call](#) and they are organizing this Moral March on Washington as a sign and symbol of the power that the poor and marginalized and their allies have to provoke change. As Franciscans we are drawn to the poor and marginalized and we are committed to a preferential option for their needs. Because of this, in the spirit of St. Francis and St. Clare, we feel called to participate in this national mobilization and in turn we urge you to join us!

**How:** OPTION 1 – *Participate in person as an individual or as part of a group.*

- **Saturday, June 18 @ 9:00 am** = Gather at [St. Patrick's Catholic Church](#) in Washington, DC
  - 619 10<sup>th</sup> St. NW, Washington, DC 20001
  - Vehicles can drop off nearby on G Street
  - Parking is available at numerous garages nearby
  - Those traveling by METRO can use two nearby stations
    - [Metro Center](#) (red, orange, silver, blue lines)
    - [Gallery Place-Chinatown](#) (green, yellow, red lines)
- We will have a short prayer service at 9:00 am, then we will join those marching on Pennsylvania Avenue from Freedom Plaza to the assembly location at 3<sup>rd</sup> & Penn. Ave.
- The assembly begins at 10:00 am and continues throughout the day until 2 pm.
- **NOTE: for those with disabilities or mobility issues, the walk from the church to the assembly is approximately 1 mile on relatively flat surface streets and sidewalks. Attendees may bring folding chairs/stools. Alternately, those with mobility issues may be dropped off near the assembly stage at 3<sup>rd</sup> Street and Constitution Ave.**
- **Getting there:**
  - **Driving Yourself:** Park at any MetroRail station with a garage or parking lot and ride to our gathering point at St. Patrick's Church. Parking is also available at numerous garages nearby.
  - **Being Driven:** If someone is dropping you off downtown, they can drop you at the corner of G and 10<sup>th</sup> Streets NW, very near to St. Patrick's Church.
  - **Coming from a Distance by Bus:** If you need a ride to the Poor People's Assembly, [Rally.co](#) is currently working to organize over 325 buses from around the country.

OPTION 2 – *Watch at home or hold a watch gathering in your local community.* The Moral March will be broadcast via the [Poor People's Campaign website](#) and social media as well as on the websites and social media of many partner organizations, including our own Facebook page [@franciscanactionnetwork](#)