



Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts

Office of the Bishop *The Rt. Rev. Alan M. Gates, Bishop*

A word from the bishops about the Poor People's Campaign: A National Call for Moral Revival

Dear People of the Diocese of Massachusetts,

The Poor People's Campaign: A National Call for Moral Revival is a faith-based movement to end the interrelated injustices separating us from achieving justice and mercy for all of humanity and creation. We [resolved at our 2022 Diocesan Convention](#) to support and stand with the movement. Now we have the opportunity to show our public support and literally stand with the movement.

This effort will live into our [diocesan mission strategy](#), as it will seek to:

"Influence public policy by advocating for justice for all people and for the creation. As our own lives and communities are transformed, we hope to shine with the light of Christ, bringing love and justice to every part of our life together in this nation and in the whole human family. We have an important witness to offer to our leaders at every level of government as we stand up for the integrity of creation and the dignity of every human being."

On Saturday, March 2 at 11 a.m. the Poor People's Campaign will be holding coordinated assemblies at capital state houses in more than 30 states, including Boston. Our Cathedral Church of St. Paul will serve as a welcoming and warming place before and after the assembly. We invite you to support this event. [Event details and registration can be found here.](#) It will provide a public demonstration of our baptismal commitment to strive for justice and respect the dignity of every human being. We also invite you to announce this event during your Sunday services, especially on Feb. 25.

There are many ways to support this campaign. The [Massachusetts Episcopal Network for the Poor People's Campaign](#), which is working to connect local Episcopalians to the Poor People's Campaign movement and to foster a supportive community among those doing justice work in the Dioceses of Massachusetts, is happy to provide resources. For additional information, please contact the Very Rev. Amy McCreath, Dean, Cathedral Church of St. Paul (amccreath@diomass.org) or Martha Gardner, Missioner for Networking and Formation (mgardner@diomass.org).

We extend to you our Lenten blessings and encourage your participation in this Gospel work.

Faithfully,



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