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Resource paper: Building a Moral Fusion Movement

The Poor People's Campaign: A National Call for Moral Revival

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There is an emerging movement in the United States that, I believe, has the vision and potential to bring together the broad, durable coalition needed to address the systemic roots of our predicament and build real political power: The Poor People's Campaign; A National Call for Moral Revival.

Exactly one year before his tragic assassination in 1968, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. declared: "I am convinced that if we are to get on the right side of the world revolution, we as a nation must undergo a radical revolution of values....we must rapidly begin the shift from a thing-oriented society to a person-oriented society. When machines and computers, profit motives and property rights, are considered more important than people, the giant triplets of racism, extreme materialism, and militarism are incapable of being conquered."

The Poor People's Campaign: A National Call for Moral Revival, has picked up Dr. King's unfinished work, weaving the interlocking injustices of systemic racism, systemic poverty, environmental devastation, militarism and the war economy and a distorted moral narrative of Christian nationalism, into one "moral fusion" campaign.

The Poor Peoples Campaign Moral Budget calls for cutting U.S. military spending by half (\$350 Billion) including by closing 60% of U.S. foreign military bases, ending wars in Iraq, Afghanistan, Syria, Yemen, and elsewhere, and *dismantling and eliminating nuclear weapons*.

With active state-based organizations in 45 of the 50 United States, the burgeoning Poor People's campaign is being supported by an extraordinary range of constituencies including labor unions, faith organizations, racial justice, anti-poverty, environmental and peace groups, and is building political power through its We Must Do M.O.R.E. campaign – Mobilizing, Organizing, Registering and Educating for a movement that votes.

As nuclear disarmament advocates, it is our responsibility to share our knowledge of the ever-present and growing dangers of nuclear war with other issue constituencies. Let us work together to understand the common causes of our multi-faceted crises as we work with the Poor People's Campaign and others to build the massive, multi-generational, multi-racial, international, *moral fusion* movement we will need to overcome systemic State violence and build a peaceful, just, sustainable and inclusive world.

Resources

[Poor People's Moral Budget – Poor People's Campaign](#)

[A Moral Policy Agenda to Heal and Transform America: The Poor People's Jubilee Platform – Poor People's Campaign](#)