

Peace and Justice Work Group

May 2, 2020 Report to Presbytery



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Poor People's Campaign – www.poorpeopescampaign.org

A National Call for Moral Revival

The Mass Poor People's Assembly and Moral March on Washington will be the largest gathering of poor, dispossessed and impacted people, faith leaders, and people of conscience. **This year's gathering is digital and scheduled for 10am EDT Saturday June 20, 2020.**

You can help the campaign demand that both major political parties address systemic racism, poverty, ecological devastation, militarism and the distorted moral narrative of religious nationalism. Here's how:

Register for the gathering www.june2020.org

Launch an accessibility campaign for those without personal resources to join the meeting.

Look up your state's coordinating committee.

www.peoplescampaign.org/take-action/

United, the campaign will move the moral and political imagination of society to redress injustices that force 43% of the nation (140M) to live without **health insurance**, **living wages**, **clean water**, and **voting protections**.



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Donate your Stimulus Check in Santa Clara County

Showing up for Racial Justice

<https://www.surjatsacredheart.org/>

Sacred Heart Community Services and Showing Up for Racial Justice are working together to vet and distribute funds to vulnerable folks in San Jose who are not receiving federal stimulus checks in their [Dream Bigger Campaign](#)

Human Agenda – SOLO Solidarity Fund

<https://www.humanagenda.net/>

For undocumented immigrants in removal or asylum proceedings, undocumented immigrants with children in ICE custody, and undocumented immigrants who are homeless. Human Agenda is one of the coalition partners of the Rapid Response Network of Santa Clara County.

Human Agenda - SOLO fund

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Donate your Stimulus Check in Monterey County

Dorothy's Kitchen

www.dorothysplace.org

With Love, respect and compassion, Dorothy's Kitchen provides essential services and transitional support to people experiencing the injustice of homelessness and extreme poverty. Three facilities: *Dorothy's Place*, the *Chinatown Health Services Center*, and *House of Peace – Jefferson Street*, offer health services, a drop-in center, and a homeless shelter. Service teams are comprised of health workers, social workers, behavioral health and housing specialists to get people into permanent housing.

I-Help

Interfaith Homeless Emergency Lodging Program

www.ihelpmontereybay.org

Usually a "rotating shelter" between several churches - one for men, and another for women. Now both groups are "sheltering in place" within two separate churches.

Volunteers continue to provide evening meals with appropriate safeguards. Increased costs arise from 24/7 staffing and transportation to a shower facility for the women's group, among other needs.



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Donate your Stimulus Check in Santa Cruz County

Wings Homeless Advocacy

www.wingsadvocacy.org

WINGS HOMELESS ADVOCACY is committed to living out our values of compassion, dignity, and respect for all people by uniting our community to be volunteer advocates for those moving out of homelessness and onto a path of healing—working together to end chronic homelessness in Santa Cruz County.

Community Foundation of Santa Cruz County

cfhelp@cfsc.org

This Foundation is committed to responding quickly to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic: families are not able to pay the rent, layoffs are increasing, nonprofits are facing closure, and the demand for basic essential services is growing by the hour. Many want to help; many others are in dire need of support. We established the [COVID-19 Local Response Fund](#) to invite our community to come together, take action, and support our ability to endure and recover from the crisis.



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Local and State Housing Updates

Tiny Homes in San Jose

San Jose City Council approved funds for an emergency tiny homes "bridge housing" village in District 2 for homeless community members, partnership with Destination Home and Habitat for Humanity.

Project Roomkey

This partnership with Governor Newsom and Motel 6 furthers "Project Roomkey" to protect homeless community members from COVID-19 by temporarily housing them in Motel 6 locations across the state.

Eviction and Rent Hike Moratoriums

SJTenants, affiliated with Silicon Valley Debug, clears up confusion surrounding tenants' rights in Santa Clara County. The website has a wealth of resources and support for tenants and landlords who want to understand policy changes due to COVID-19.



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Homelessness and the Virus, by Bob Stromberg

Links to Resources

Santa Clara County

[Addressing COVID-19 in the Homeless Community](#)

Santa Clara County Homelessness Prevention System Launches [Financial Assistance Program for Low-Income Residents Impacted by COVID-19](#) as part of Silicon Valley Strong (www.siliconvalleystrong.org)

San Jose

Emergency Interim Housing - [Response to COVID-19 and City Shelter Crises Declaration](#)

[COVID-19 Assistance for the Homeless Community](#)

The need to identify sites for construction of new **supportive housing and lowest-income affordable housing** remains a high priority. Two exciting developments are currently moving forward on faith community land in San Jose. Opportunities exist to connect the Presbytery to the nonprofit developers and faith communities involved in those efforts. A broad range of resources that currently exist for this kind of development means that it can be financially beneficial to participating communities.

Ultimate Need: Land

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Upcoming meetings

- May 20, 10:30am
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Regular Meeting on Zoom
(Third Wednesday each Month)
- June 20, 10:00am
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