



REV. WILLIAM BARBER

Reverend Doctor William Barber is an American Christian minister, lifelong political activist and vocal advocate of the poor. He is the co-chair for the Poor People's campaign in honour of the campaign of the same name started by Martin Luther King Jr. in 1968.



Selected Quotations

- "The nation's problem isn't that we don't have enough money. It's that we don't have the moral capacity to face what ails society."
- "When faith and church becomes merely a place for privatized religion and privatized salvation and privatized relationship with the divine, it is actually counter to Scripture. Jesus said that nations would be judged for how we treat the poor, the sick, the stranger, the immigrants and the least of these."
- "Republicans have racialized poverty, and Democrats have run from poverty. And we're forcing them to deal with the reality. We are very political, but we're not partisan..."
- "There is not some separation between Jesus and justice; to be Christian is to be concerned with what's going on in the world... All the victories we enjoy today—voting rights, Social Security, minimum wage—100 years ago were seen as virtually impossible... Everything we won, people had to start winning in the midst of opposition that looked like it was overwhelming. I believe that's the moment we're in right now."
- "Not only must we know the arguments on all sides of any debate, we must also seriously consider the questions that are not being asked and their implications for everyone involved."



Online Materials:

- [Video report from Time magazine on Rev William Barber](#)
- [Official Launch Video - Poor People's Campaign](#)
- [Rev. William Barber's response to the idea that the state is has no social responsibility](#)
- [A podcast discussion with Rev. William Barber \(2020\)](#)

Further Reading

- We Are Called to Be a Movement (2020)
- Revive Us Again: Vision and Action in Moral Organizing (2018)