



May 2018 Solidarity Calendar

The following events, actions, and campaigns for March were endorsed and approved at our Steering Committee meeting. Come out and show up for other people's struggles!

Portland Clean Energy Fund



Join [Climate Jobs PDX](#) in petition gathering at the St. John's Parade to help get the Portland Clean Energy Fund measure on the November, 2018 ballot. 42,000 signatures are needed by July 6th.

Saturday, May 12th. Training at 8:30 am and then everyone will go out in pairs. Meet at the City of Portland Water Lab, [6543 N Burlington Ave.](#) Some breakfast snacks provided.

Please [Click Here](#) to RSVP.

PCEF would raise \$30 million per year to help mitigate climate change by weatherizing buildings, providing rooftop solar, and creating local food production. This ground breaking measure was created by a coalition of people of color organizations and environmental organizations like NAACP, Asian Pacific American Network of Oregon, NAYA Native American Youth and Family Center, Coalitions of Communities of Color, Sierra Club and [350.org](#).

[Click Here](#) to learn more about the Portland Clean Energy Fund.

Rally for a Fair Contract for VOA Workers!



During the most recent bargaining session, VOA management's 'final offer' included a contract with:

- *no wage increase*
- *no guarantee of future cost-of-living raises*
- *no regular wage scale*
- *no union security*

Monday May 14 from 11-12pm at Volunteers of America (3910 SE Stark)

Please join JwJ, workers, and other community members to rally on the upcoming bargaining session to let VOA workers know that the community is with them and that these conditions are absolutely unacceptable! VOA workers work hard to make their communities strong, resilient, and healthy. It's time they had a contract that affords them the same. It's time for the community to come out, show up, and help these workers bring in the victory!

[Click Here](#) for more info and to share this event on social media.

Oregon Poor People's Campaign: Rally and Nonviolent Direct Action at the Capitol



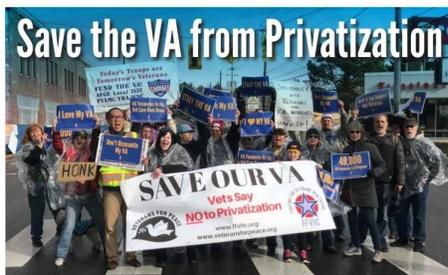
Oregon is one of over 40 states across the country and in Washington, DC heading to their state capitals on May 14 to force a serious national examination of the enmeshed evils of systemic racism, systemic poverty, ecological devastation and the war economy.

Join us on May 14 from 11am-6:30pm in nonviolent moral fusion direct action as we show our elected leaders we will no longer allow attention violence to keep poor and disenfranchised people down. We are a new and unsettling force and we are changing the narrative and confronting the systems that put and keep us in poverty.

Please RSVP to receive more details. <http://bit.ly/salem-may14>

[Click Here](#) to share this event on social media.

Save the VA from Privatization



Please join us at a special event with prize winning journalist [Suzanne Gordon](#), author of the recent book "The Battle for Veterans' Healthcare".

Suzanne will discuss the value and importance of the VA healthcare system, and the current threats to the VA from privatization and outsourcing. She'll be joined by a panel of folks who will update you on these threats to the VA, to Veterans, and to VA workers . And together, we'll talk about ways that Veterans, labor unions, and the public together can take action to fight back.

All are welcome. **Wednesday May 16** at the **First Unitarian Church** in downtown Portland. **Doors open at 5:30** for light refreshments; **program starts at 6pm**. No charge.

Sponsored by the [American Federation of Government Employees \(AFGE\) Local 2157](#), [Economic Justice Action Group of First Unitarian Church](#), [Portland Jobs with Justice](#), [Veterans For Peace Chapter 72](#), and more.

[Click Here](#) for more info and share this event on social media.

Hearing on Labor & Human Rights Violations in Portland Paratransit Service

You are invited to an important upcoming hearing of the [Portland Area Workers' Rights Board](#) on labor and human rights violations in Portland area paratransit services.

Thursday May 17, 6:30-8:30pm at University of Oregon Portland (70 NW Couch St.)

ADA accessible

Portland area Lift paratransit service primarily serves people with disabilities and the elderly. While the Lift service is overseen by TriMet it is outsourced to First Transit, which is part of the multinational corporation, First Group. Join us for this hearing where the Portland Area Workers' Rights Board will hear testimony from drivers and riders about labor and human rights violations they have experienced since First Transit took over local paratransit service. We'll also hear testimony on possible alternatives and solutions, as well and recommendations from the Workers' Rights Board panel.

[Click Here](#) for more info and to share this event on social media.

The Conversion and Martyrdom of Monseñor Óscar Romero

The Faith Labor Committee of PDX JwJ is proud to host the short play 'The Conversion and Martyrdom of Monseñor Óscar Romero!' After the performance, we will have a discussion about how issues shown in the play connect to the struggle of working people today.

Wednesday May 23 from **6:30-8pm** at **SEIU Local 49** (3536 SE 26th Ave).

El Comité de Fe y Trabajo de Portland Trabajos Con Justicia se enorgullece de presentar la obra corta 'La Conversión y el Martirio de Monseñor Óscar Romero'. Después del espectáculo, discutiremos cómo los problemas que se muestran en la obra se conectan con la lucha de la clase trabajadora de hoy .

[Click Here](#) for more info and to share this event on social media.

Pitch a Tent 2018

The city of Portland regularly sweeps houseless camps taking away people's tents, clothing and other belongings, pushing people around from place to place and disrupting communities that are trying to survive and keep each other safe. Meanwhile, each year the city let's people camp on the streets of downtown Portland for the Rose Festival Grand Floral Parade.

Pitch a tent is annual event that calls attention to the hypocrisy and brutality of criminalization of survival camping in the face of promoting recreational camping within the city.

The Grand Floral Parade takes place on June 9. Pitch a tent will be a multi-day and night event around that time. Come out and support Portland's houseless communities. Stay tuned for more details as they comes in!