

CHARLESTON'S DAYS OF GRACE

LOVE'S WORK IS JUSTICE



March and Rally: September 5

Wragg Square (342 Meeting Street—Charleston, SC)

Convene at 8am, March at 9am

Conference: September 5 & 6

ILA Local 1422—1142 Morrison Drive Charleston, SC 29403

Sep 5, 2pm-6pm. Sep 6, 10am-3pm.

CALL TO ACTION:

“It would be a betrayal of everything Reverend Pinckney stood for, I believe, if we allowed ourselves to slip into a comfortable silence again”—President Barack Obama (6/26/15)

In recent weeks, the Mother Emanuel AME Church community and the family of Walter Scott have shown the world the radical possibilities of resilience, love, and forgiveness. However, as the President reminded us at Senator Pinckney’s funeral, real healing will take hard work.

Guns inflicted the fatal wounds of April and June, but racism, poverty and the politics of rancor and discord have long inflicted grave wounds on the state’s poor and most vulnerable people. This Labor Day weekend, people of faith and conscience will come together in Charleston to remember our fallen friends and to reflect on the racism and hatred that lay at the root of their deaths, as well as the violence that tears away at the fabric of our communities.

Specifically, the gathering will call for an end to racist violence and the transformation of our commemorative landscape—our monuments, markers, and historic sites—to fully reflect South Carolina’s traditions of diversity and democracy. We will also come together to honor Clementa Pinckney and to affirm the moral principles that he stood for as pastor and public servant. These include:

- An end to discriminatory policing
- Expanded voting rights
- A living wage and collective bargaining rights for all working people
- Affordable healthcare and Medicaid expansion
- Quality education as a basic human right
- An end to gun violence

Out of this mass gathering and a one-day strategy conference, we will build on the efforts of many grassroots organizations who have worked tirelessly and often thanklessly over the years to bring about a better South Carolina.

If you believe that an injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere, and if you understand that what happened at Emanuel AME has implications far beyond Charleston, and if you believe that we can build a movement together to save South Carolina’s soul and the soul of the nation, then join us as we proclaim “Forward Together, Not One Step Back!”

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ENDORSING ORGANIZATIONS:

Avery Research Center for Black History and Culture | The Beatitudes Society | Black Workers for Justice | Blind Justice | Carolina Alliance for Fair Employment | CharlestonGOOD | Charleston Black Lives Matter | Charleston Labor Council | Charleston Rhizome Collective | Charleston SURJ – Showing Up For Racial Justice | Circular Congregational Church | The Coalition (People United to Take Back Our Community) | College Democrats of South Carolina | Enough Pie | The Episcopal Church of the Epiphany, Atlanta, GA | Fruit of Labor Singing Ensemble | Gullah Society | Hip Hop For Justice | International Longshoremen’s Association, Local 1422 | IAMAW District 112 | Lowcountry Peace | Labor Notes | Labor Progressive Caucus, South Carolina Democratic Party | Mt. Olive Baptist Church | NAACP Charleston | National Writers Union / UAW 1981 | NC Public Service Workers Union – UE Local 150 | Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. | ONeal Memorial Baptist Church, Fenandina Beach, FL | Parents to Improve School Transportation (PIST NYC) | People’s Agenda of Cobb County | Planned Parenthood South Atlantic | Quality Education Project | Raise Up for \$15 | Remnant House | Rock Hill for Peace | South Carolina Democratic Women’s Council | South Carolina Progressive Network | Southern Christian Leadership Conference | Southern Workers Assembly | Southerners on New Ground (SONG) | Speaking Down Barriers | Transform Network/ Open Hearts Gathering | Virginia Defenders for Freedom, Justice & Equality | Weekes In Advance Enterprises/Auburn Seminary | Wisconsin Bail Out the People Movement | Women of Rainbow Chapter #259, Order of the Eastern Star | Your Black World