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What is the Moral Mondays movement?

Formed in April of 2013, Moral Mondays is a grassroots movement against the politics of North Carolina government and governor Pat McCrory in regard to voting rights, cutting social programs, changes in tax legislation, the repeal of the Racial Justice Act, and restrictions to abortion rights. Action methods include peaceful civil disobedience and demonstrations.

Why Moral Mondays?

In 2012, North Carolina elected a Republican governor, Pat McCrory, and Republicans were voted into majority in both state houses by the citizens of North Carolina, giving them control of both the legislative and executive branch for the first time since 1870. Since taking office, McCrory has signed into law a number of bills promoting conservative governance, and the legislature has passed or considered a number of other laws that have generated controversy. The bills signed into law by McCrory and proposed legislation have been the target of ongoing "Moral Mondays" civil disobedience protests, organized in part by local religious leaders including **William Barber**, head of the North Carolina chapter of the NAACP.

Members of the protest movement meet Monday to protest an action by the North Carolina legislature and then enter the legislature building. Once they enter, a number are peacefully arrested each Monday. The protestors are a wide range of mostly North Carolina citizens, with many religious progressive movements represented. The movement encompasses a broad coalition, including advocates for immigrant rights, LGBT rights, criminal justice, worker's rights, environmental issues and others.

Who is William Barber?

A featured speaker in the UUA commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the march from Selma to Montgomery this March, The Reverend Doctor William Barber II is a fiery, dynamic and inspirational Protestant minister and political leader in North Carolina. He heads the NAACP'S Legislative Political Action Committee and has led the "Moral Mondays" civil-rights protests in North Carolina. He has been called "the most important progressive political leader ...in generations".

Mass Moral Voting Rights March **July 13**: This is Our Selma

On Monday, July 13th, in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, a federal judge will start the trial of our historical lawsuit, NC NAACP v. McCrory. They will put on our evidence to prove that the voter suppression tactics that were rammed through the North Carolina legislature in 2013 are race-based, have a disparate impact on voters of color, and were intentionally passed by Gov. Pat McCrory, then-Speaker Thom Tillis, and Senate leader Phil Berger to suppress the votes of Black, Latino, and poor voters.

We are invited to join on July 13 to march through Winston-Salem as our predecessors marched in Selma, and to show North Carolina and the rest of the country that we will not surrender the most fundamental right of a democracy: the unabridged right to vote.