

RED LETTER CHRISTIANS

ANNUAL REPORT 2024



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There is a new and beautiful movement stirring around the world.

It is a movement of folks, young and old, who want a Christianity that looks like Jesus again.

It is a movement convinced that Jesus did not just come to prepare us to die, but to teach us how to live.

It is a movement that refuses to use our faith as a ticket into heaven and a license to ignore the hells around us.

It is a movement that is committed to building the world Jesus dreamed of — a world free of violence and poverty, a world where the last are first and the first are last, where the poor are blessed and the peacemakers are the children of God.

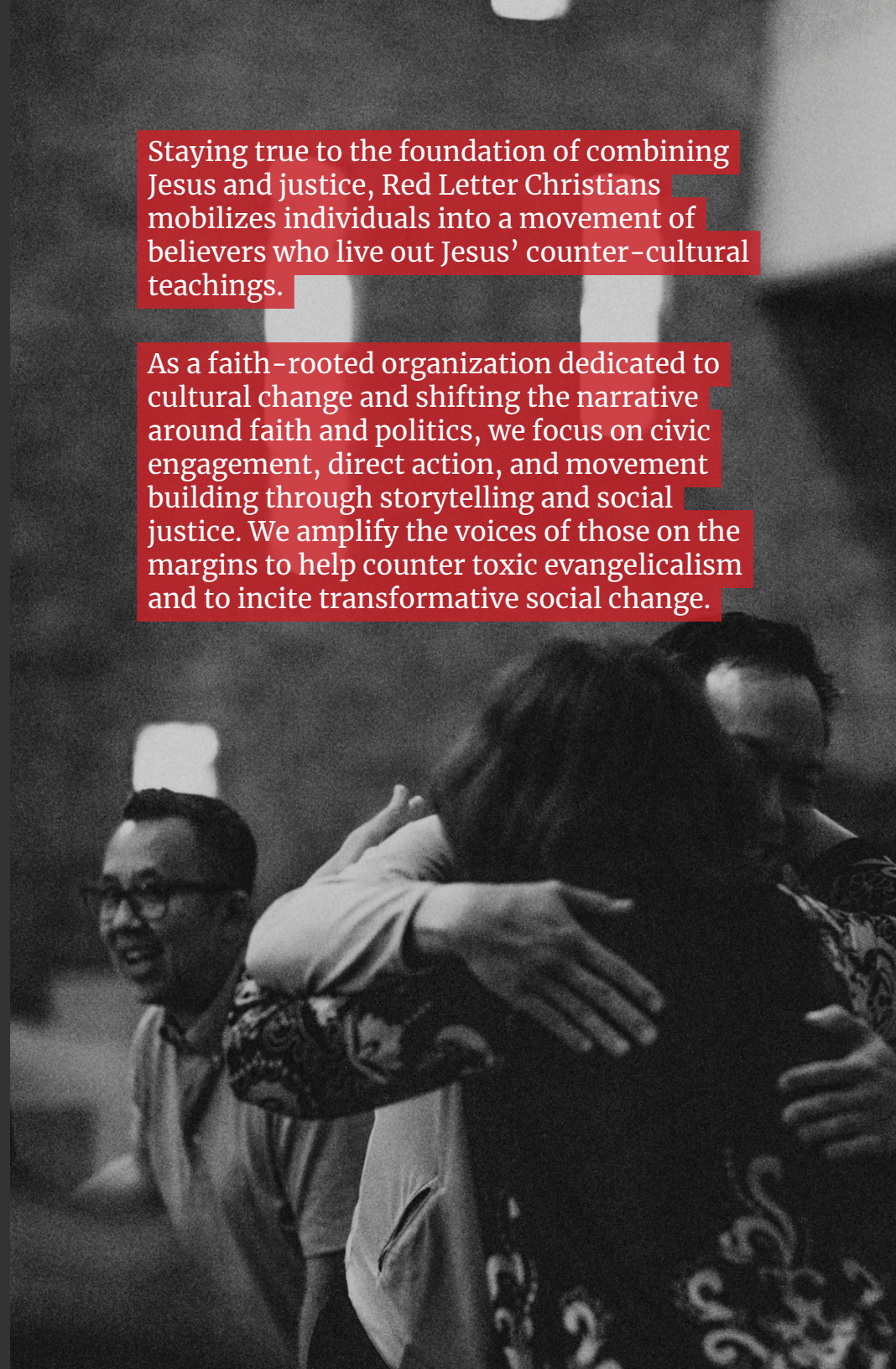
It is a movement that believes in resurrection and lives in light of the promise that life conquers death and love triumphs over hatred.

It is a movement of people who are reading the Gospels with fresh eyes and saying,

What if Jesus really meant the stuff he said?

Staying true to the foundation of combining Jesus and justice, Red Letter Christians mobilizes individuals into a movement of believers who live out Jesus' counter-cultural teachings.

As a faith-rooted organization dedicated to cultural change and shifting the narrative around faith and politics, we focus on civic engagement, direct action, and movement building through storytelling and social justice. We amplify the voices of those on the margins to help counter toxic evangelicalism and to incite transformative social change.



IMPACT AT A GLANCE

34K

*followers on
Facebook*

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(formerly Twitter)*

18K

*followers on
Instagram*

4.6K

*subscribers on
YouTube*

4.9K

*subscribers to our
daily prayer
“Wake-up” emails*

16K

*subscribers to
our mailing list*

73K

*podcast listeners
in 2024 alone*

298K

*all-time podcast
downloads*

89K

*unique website visits
since new site
launch in June 2024*

75+

*thought leaders &
partner organizations
featured on our blog*

42

*virtual and in-
person events*

90+

*“Sustainers” giving
a monthly gift*

CLOUD OF WITNESSES



Changing the narrative by changing the narrators

On Good Friday, Red Letter Christians and several co-conspiring organizations organized a powerful, nonviolent direct action at Lockheed Martin's headquarters, the world's largest weapons manufacturer implicated in the production of weapons used in Gaza. Twenty-five people were arrested for "trespassing" including two RLC staff members - Shane Claiborne and Diana Oestrich.

This protest was part of a global movement, with over 200 cities around the world participating in similar actions to demand an immediate and permanent ceasefire in Gaza, an end to collective punishment, and a halt to U.S. military aid to Israel. The action included a 20-mile pilgrimage from the Liberty Bell to Lockheed Martin, symbolizing the distance of Gaza, and drew hundreds of participants, including families with children.

As we stood at the gates of the Lockheed Martin corporate headquarters, we held signs with staggering numbers of the dead, we painted our hands red to symbolize the bloodshed, and the folks laid down on the ground, a profoundly moving posture in the rich tradition of "die-ins". We stood in solidarity with the people of Gaza, with the innocent children whose names we carried in our hands, and with the moral compass of the world that demands this genocide stop.

In the face of brutality, we chose to get into good trouble —holy mischief in the name of justice. It was a sacred action, an act of public lament and a prophetic stand that challenged the systems of power perpetuating war and violence. As our bodies were arrested, we sang hymns of freedom and stood firm in our conviction that violence is never justified, no matter what flag it's wrapped in. Lockheed Martin's corporate headquarters is a war crime scene, and we were there to call it out.

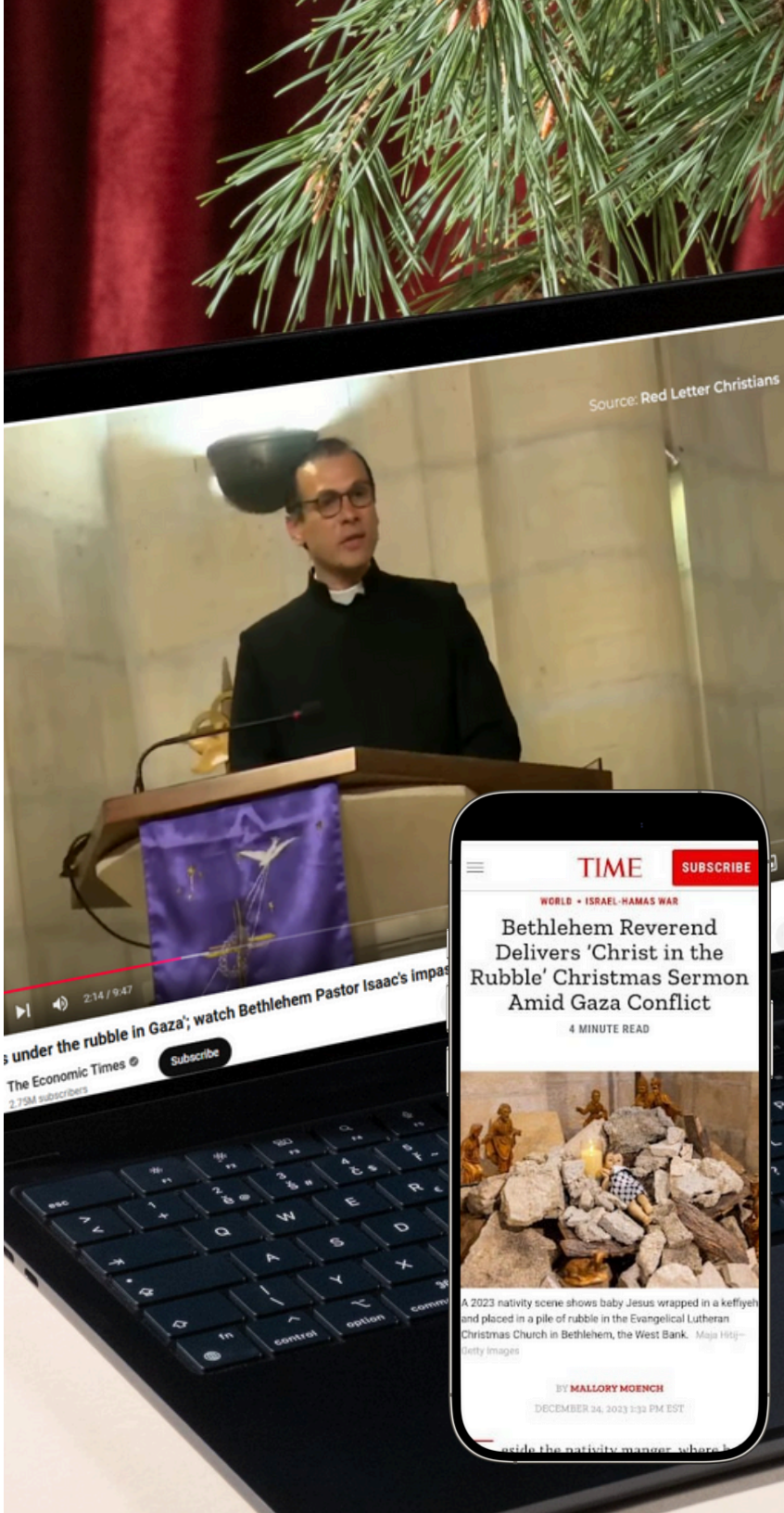
“Without a doubt, our children and grandchildren will ask us what we did to try to stop the genocide in Gaza. I am trying hard to be able to honestly answer them – everything we could, including going to jail.”

Mobilizing against the powers of empire in the midst of a genocide funded by the largest economy the world has ever seen is a daunting task - not to fall to one person or one organization or one action. RLC was proud to stand shoulder-to-shoulder with protestors and nonviolent activists worldwide fueled by their faith and their commitment to humanity in calling for an immediate ceasefire. The only way forward is together.



Leaders of faith stage a “die in” – an act of civil disobedience – laying down at the gates of Lockheed Martin (the world’s largest weapons manufacturer implicated in the production of weapons used in Gaza). Pictured here are Pastor Peter Ahn, the first Asian pastor of the Philadelphia Protestant Home; Rev. Kimberly Jones, a Black pastor working in youth ministry in anti-racism in Philadelphia; Rev. Naomi Washington-Leapheart, core movement strategist for Christians for a Free Palestine; Ariel Gold, a Jewish human rights activist and Director of the Fellowship of Reconciliation; Diana Oestreich, former combat medic turned conscientious objectors and member of Veterans for Peace, among others. Red Letter Christians organizes our movement in a way that harmonizes without homogenizing.





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That same week, RLC live-streamed "[Christ in the Rubble: A Liturgy of Lament](#)," from Bethlehem featuring a now viral sermon by Rev. Dr. Munther Isaac, Palestinian Christian pastor and theologian. The sermon was viewed by millions people on social media and was covered by international media including [Time](#), [The Wire](#), [The Economic Times](#), [Democracy Now!](#), [Al Jazeera](#), and dozens more.

In partnership with Shepherd Society, a Palestinian-led organization in Bethlehem, Red Letter Christians ensured that the funds raised were directly transferred to trusted, hyper-local organizations providing on-the-ground humanitarian relief in Gaza. Beneficiaries included faith-based institutions such as Gaza Baptist Church, Al-Ahli Arab Hospital, and The Lighthouse School, as well as organizations deeply invested in the region's resilience and recovery. This was a direct response to the destruction of homes, churches, hospitals, and schools, ensuring that essential services and peacebuilding efforts could continue amidst the devastation.

The impact of this initiative was both practical and spiritual. Financial resources were channeled quickly to the most vulnerable, but just as importantly, the "Christ in the Rubble" sermon sparked a global moral reflection and action. By amplifying Rev. Isaac's prophetic voice, Red Letter Christians helped to shine a light on the intersection of faith, justice, and the urgent need for an immediate ceasefire and end to occupation. Rev. Isaac reminded listeners that silence in the face of injustice is complicity, and [challenged Christians around the world to confront the reality of our own complicity in systems of violence and oppression.](#)

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RED LETTER REVIVALS

Red Letter Christians hosted three “Red Letter Revivals” in Santa Ana, California, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and virtually. As the nation braced for an election cycle that threatened to deepen the marginalization of our most vulnerable neighbors, Red Letter Christians designed these events to stand in direct contrast to the rising tide of Christian nationalism. The revivals showcased a movement of Christians committed to love, peace, justice, and nonviolence and reaffirmed a Christianity rooted in the teachings of Jesus.

The events united a diverse coalition of faith and nonprofit leaders, activists, and community members to collaborate, strengthen our collective impact, and renew our shared commitment to justice. More than just a space for prophetic witness, these revivals served as a catalyst for movement-building, propelling us forward in our pursuit of a more just and compassionate world.

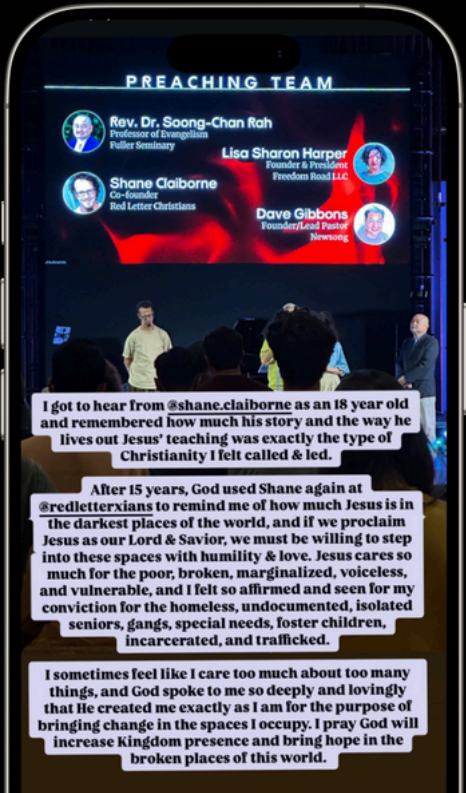
RED LETTER REVIVALS

The Southern California Revival was hosted at Newsong Church in Santa Ana, California – in the heart of Orange County. The Revival consisted of three key components: a conference, where dozens of faith and community leaders engaged in professional workshops to share solutions and build networks for tackling local issues; Encounters, where leaders visit local nonprofits addressing injustice and witness transformative solutions in action; and two public Revival events, featuring keynote speakers and music, designed to unite the broader community in advocating for a compassionate, justice-driven response to issues like war, immigration, healthcare, and racism.

This event was a collaborative effort, bringing together 16 Advisory Council Members and 9 partner organizations to co-create every element of the event, so it could function as a space to break down silos and foster long-term collaboration. Conference attendees surveyed said that the conference provided a beneficial setting for both developing new relationships and connections and strengthening existing ones.

The conference delved deeply into justice issues, offering panels and workshops on faith-rooted organizing, immigration both locally and nationally, housing justice, and more. ([See full conference program here.](#)) We also provided space for a women's breakfast where 40 women of faith leaders from across the political spectrum could dialogue about our national crisis.





The diversity of formatting at the California Revival allowed participants (most of whom were local faith and nonprofit leaders) to form new relationships and deepen existing ones. An interactive art and music-making experience set up booths for participants to visit over lunch. People visited four community organizations each morning to see local justice work around housing, youth empowerment, and immigration in action. The "Hip-Hop Smoothie Shop" run by folks on Skid Row blended us up delicious, healthy snacks. RLC sold hundreds of books from many of the authors who joined us for the conference. Participants indicated that waiting in line for a smoothie or coffee, or viewing the live-stream from out on the lawn, was one of the best places to connect.

The Philadelphia Revival began with an evening of reflection and mobilization at the Historic African Episcopal Church of St. Thomas, the first black Episcopal Church in the United States where Absalom Jones, America's first Black priest served as pastor. The Gospel Choir moved the audience to their feet with worship and song before the Rev. Traci deVon Blackmon, former Associate General Minister & Vice-President of the United Church of Christ, preached. Rev. Blackmon challenged all Christians to align our actions with Christ's example – noting that we cannot say that we follow Christ and not care deeply for immigrants, the hungry, and those made poor by income inequality.

The revival concluded on Saturday evening with a Black Womanist Preaching team comprised of Lisa Sharon Harper, Dr. Kimberlee A. Johnson, Dean of Palmer Theological Seminary, and the Rev. Dr. Leslie D. Callahan, Pastor at St. Paul's Baptist Church.

Harper juxtaposed the Roman Empire's colonial oppression and the ongoing systems of oppression in Philadelphia, challenging the church to be outraged by the injustices of police power, environmental neglect, and systemic inequality and usher in God's power, which is meant to free the oppressed and transform society. Johnson gave voice to the "other women" in the Gospels and in our society who are the backbone of the church and organize the struggle for justice, but whose names are lost to history, concluding, "I believe in a Gospel that erases no one, excludes no one, marginalizes no one, overlooks no one, and oppresses no one." Callahan scorns the church for discouraging questioning when answers are difficult or unclear. She emphasizes that true faith involves grappling with doubt and uncertainty when we don't see the church acting as Christ would in the world, concluding with, "May we ask the right questions."





On Saturday afternoon, participants embarked on “The Birthplace of Democracy: A Spiritual Pilgrimage” in downtown Philadelphia, created and facilitated by the Rev. Charles (Chaz) Lattimore Howard, University Chaplain and Vice President for Social Equity & Community at the University of Pennsylvania, and Lisa Sharon Harper, President & Founder, Freedom Road LLC and member of our Board of Directors.

The walking pilgrimage invited believers to trace the paths of those who stood for justice and embodied the love of Christ in the face of oppression and inequality.

Standing before Ben Franklin’s house, Chaz explained his transformation from a person who enslaved others to an abolitionist. At the Arch Street Meeting House, participants learned how Quakers were the first religious group that prohibited members from owning other people, noting that they were, “*Ahead of the times, but behind the Spirit.*” At Christ Episcopal Church, participants explored the nuance of members of the church owning enslaved people and bringing them to church to sit in the segregated loft, while free Black people would worship at the parish of Absalom Jones, who’s church we visited on the first night of the Revival. Absalom Jones, notably, was not permitted to serve as priest at Christ Church, even after he was ordained a priest.

One participant said that she was grateful for the chance to bring her 12-year-old son along for “learning that doesn’t happen in school (or church for that matter!).” Several participants expressed a desire to see the pilgrimage adapted for a young adult audience.

Red Letter Christians hosted our final Red Letter Revival before the November election to create a space for Christians committed to centering love and justice in our policies. Rather than condemning how faith is manipulated for political gain, we focused on practicing something better, exploring how love can shape policies on issues like immigration, guns, poverty, and criminal justice. Over the course of four powerful nights (November 1st-4th), we challenged the political distortion of

Christianity and reaffirmed our call to prioritize the needs of the poor, vulnerable, and marginalized.

Over 200 people registered to join us live for these events and another 5 thousand watched the recordings during and afterward. Ultimately, it did feel like love lost the popular vote in the election, and as Christians, we know how the story ends. *Love never fails*. We'll keep pushing, keep organizing, keep amplifying those on the margins until the margins cease to exist.

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VOTE
 FOR
 LOVE

VOTE FOR LOVE

for Victims of Violence





Rev. Dr. Munther Isaac
on the genocide in Gaza

Ben Cohen
on militarism

Rev. Sharon Risher
on gun violence

With music from Propaganda, Musician, Poet, & Activist



November 1 | 8pm ET / 5pm PT | streaming on Red Letter Christians platforms

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VOTE
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for Immigrants






Tin Nguyen
Decarcerate Orange County

Jennifer Lee Koh
Law Professor, Pepperdine

Guerline Jozef
Haitian Bridge Alliance

Kimberly Serrano
American Immigration Council




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November 2 | 8pm ET / 5pm PT | streaming on Red Letter Christians platforms

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VOTE
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for Poor and Low-Income Families





Dr. Terence Lester
Love Beyond Walls

Becca Forsyth
Freedom Church of the Poor & NYS Poor People's Campaign

The Rev. Dr. Liz Theoharis
Kairos Center & Poor People's Campaign

With music from Common Hymnal





November 3 | 8pm ET / 5pm PT | streaming on Red Letter Christians platforms

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VOTE
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 LOVE


VOTE FOR LOVE

for the Historically Marginalized

Aaron Niequist
Liturgist & Writer

The Most Rev. Michael Curry
27th Presiding Bishop of The Episcopal Church



November 4 | 8pm ET / 5pm PT | streaming on Red Letter Christians platforms

Red Letter Christians has built a movement of believers who care deeply about justice issues and are educated on how they intersect with our Christian faith through the amplification of marginalized, expert voices on our blog, podcast, and in our monthly book club. The Red Letter Christians Professional Development Series was intentionally designed to equip this movement with the practical skills and strategies necessary for direct action, advocating for justice, and speaking out against Christian

nationalism. This series supported our movement in strengthening their activism at the intersection of Jesus and justice.

These free webinars equipped participants with tools to engage in public discourse, lead social media efforts, and organize meaningful direct actions. These interactive classes were led by expert facilitators, including notable activists, writers, and theologians, ensuring high-quality, insightful instruction.

How to Write an Op-ed

This training provided a step-by-step guide for writing and pitching an op-ed that challenges Christian nationalism and offers an alternative Christian witness.

Reels, Tik Tok, and New Technology

This session taught participants how to effectively use Instagram, Tik Tok, and YouTube for advocacy, demonstrating how to create engaging content that spreads messages of justice.

Prophetic Preaching and the Public Square

This session explored the role of prophetic preaching in advancing liberation and justice, equipping participants with a deep understanding of how preaching can influence both the church and society.

How to Write a Book and Change the World

This session provided insights into the book writing and publishing process, guiding participants on how to transform their ideas into published works that amplify voices for justice.

Direct Action Planning 101: How to Plan a Protest or Vigil

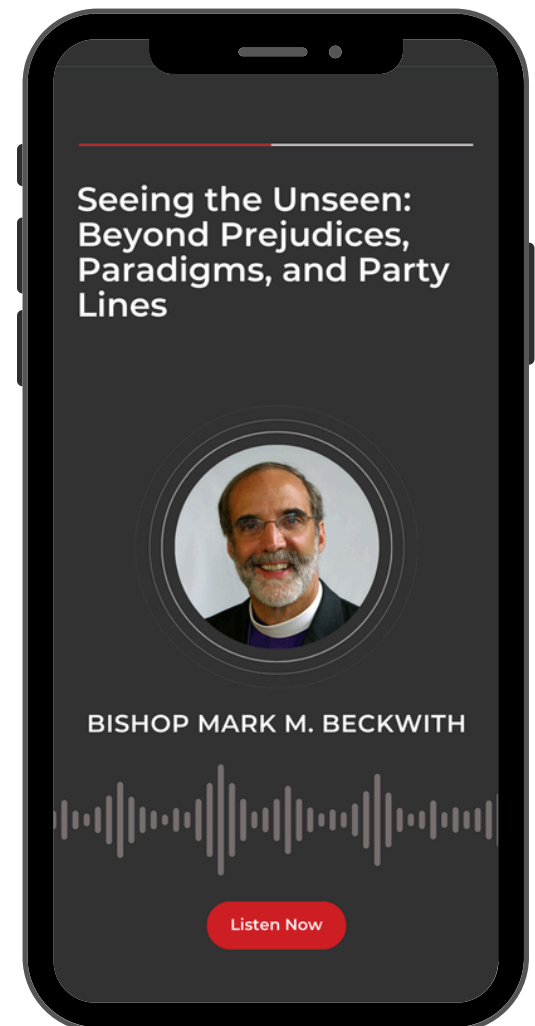
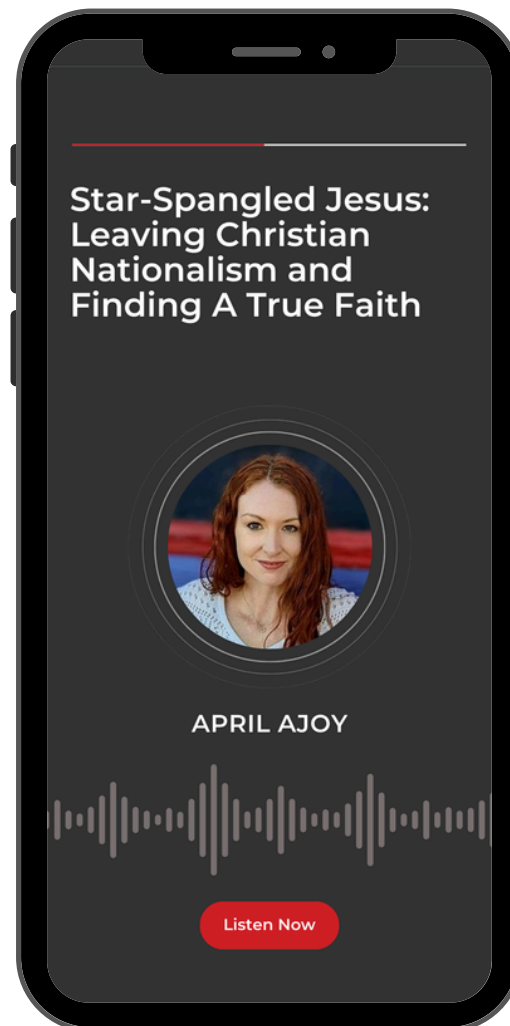
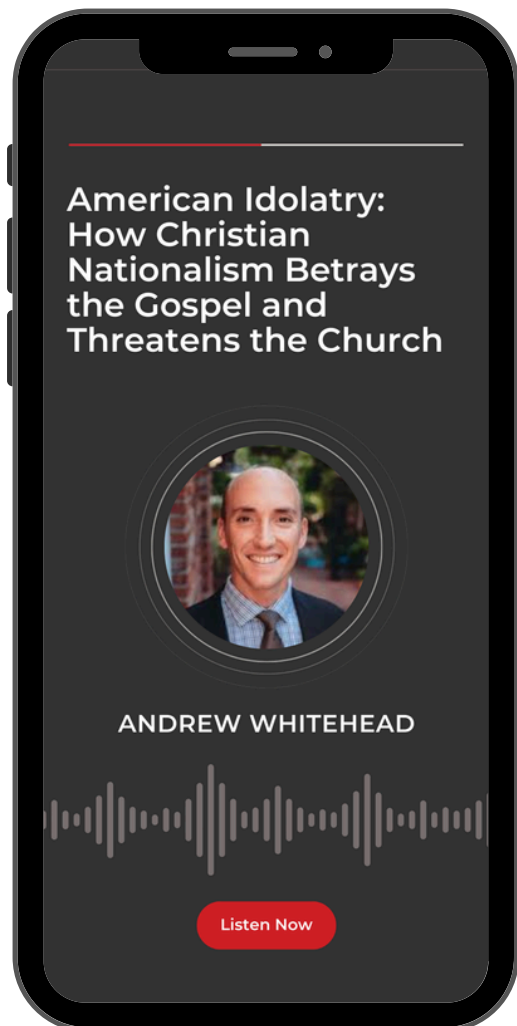
This session covered the planning and execution of effective protests and vigils, empowering participants to organize direct actions that make a tangible impact in their communities.

The Red Letter Christians Podcast offers a Christian commentary on living out the way of Jesus in the world today, led by Shane Claiborne and other Red Letter Christian leaders. Some episodes are adapted from our long-running radio show *Across the Pond*, airing on Premier Radio in the United Kingdom, while others come from events like Faith Forums, Book Clubs, and Monthly

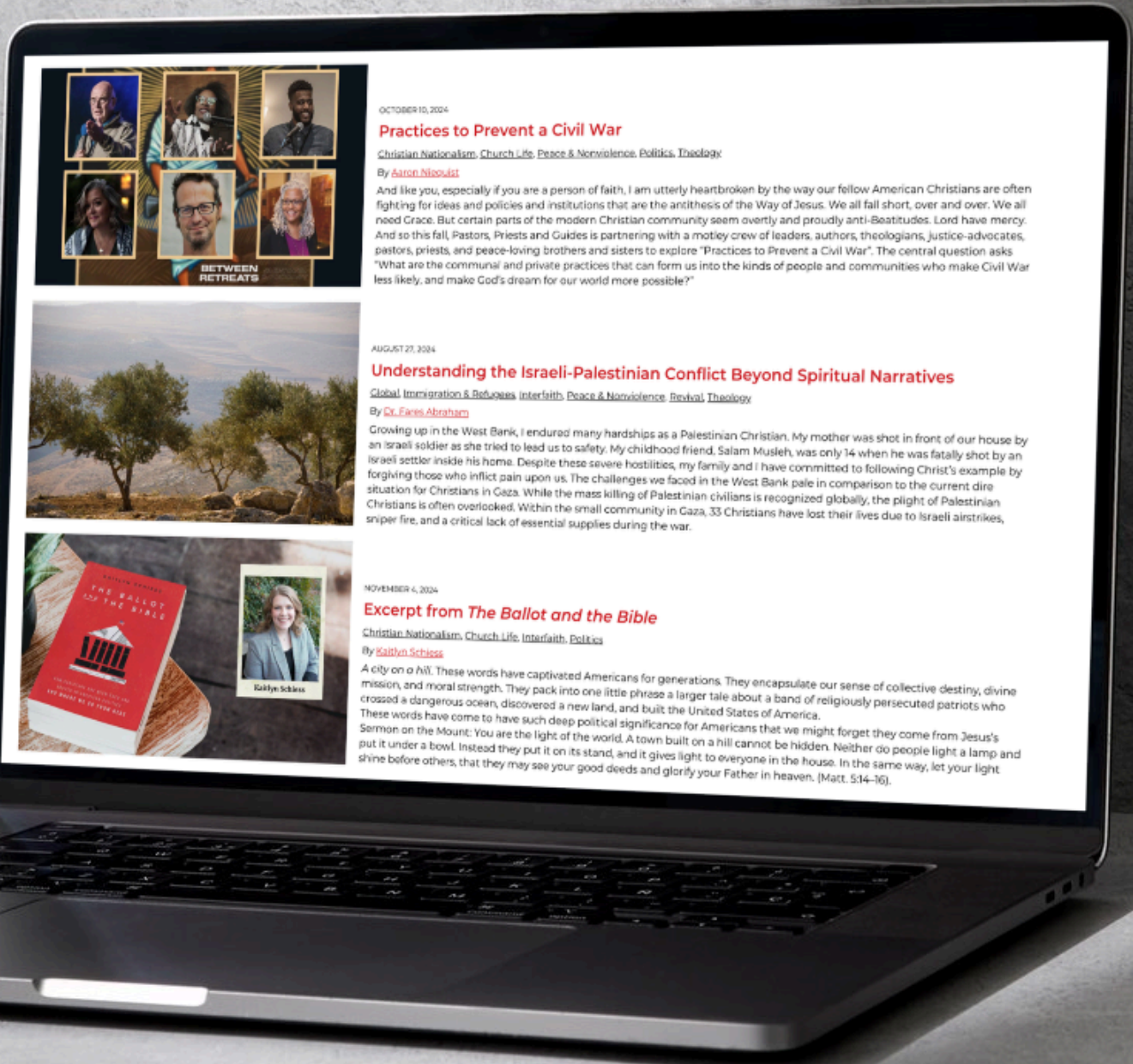
Morning Prayer.

The podcast is a key tool in advancing the mission of Red Letter Christians, as it amplifies the voices of those on the margins and supports efforts to counter harmful interpretations of evangelicalism. Repurposing much of our educational content on the podcast allows us to reach folks in a variety of diverse mediums.

MOST DOWNLOADED PODCAST EPISODES



The diversity represented in our “cloud of witnesses” is easily apparent on the Red Letter Christians blog. In keeping with our counter-cultural mission, we give voice to the voiceless and mobilize believers to share their stories, their struggles, and their victories as they grapple with Jesus’ words and how they can breathe new life in our lives and this moment in human history. To date, RLC has published over 1,300 articles on our blog from our network of +100 authors. Each year, our website is visited by 150,000+ unique visitors.



OCTOBER 10, 2024
Practices to Prevent a Civil War

[Christian Nationalism](#), [Church Life](#), [Peace & Nonviolence](#), [Politics](#), [Theology](#)
 By [Aaron Nicolajst](#)

And like you, especially if you are a person of faith, I am utterly heartbroken by the way our fellow American Christians are often fighting for ideas and policies and institutions that are the antithesis of the Way of Jesus. We all fall short, over and over. We all need Grace. But certain parts of the modern Christian community seem overtly and proudly anti-Beatitudes. Lord have mercy. And so this fall, Pastors, Priests and Guides is partnering with a motley crew of leaders, authors, theologians, justice-advocates, pastors, priests, and peace-loving brothers and sisters to explore "Practices to Prevent a Civil War". The central question asks "What are the communal and private practices that can form us into the kinds of people and communities who make Civil War less likely, and make God's dream for our world more possible?"



AUGUST 27, 2024
Understanding the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict Beyond Spiritual Narratives

[Global Immigration & Refugees](#), [Interfaith](#), [Peace & Nonviolence](#), [Racial](#), [Theology](#)
 By [Dr. Eakin Abraham](#)

Growing up in the West Bank, I endured many hardships as a Palestinian Christian. My mother was shot in front of our house by an Israeli soldier as she tried to lead us to safety. My childhood friend, Salam Musleh, was only 14 when he was fatally shot by an Israeli settler inside his home. Despite these severe hostilities, my family and I have committed to following Christ's example by forgiving those who inflict pain upon us. The challenges we faced in the West Bank pale in comparison to the current dire situation for Christians in Gaza. While the mass killing of Palestinian civilians is recognized globally, the plight of Palestinian Christians is often overlooked. Within the small community in Gaza, 33 Christians have lost their lives due to Israeli airstrikes, sniper fire, and a critical lack of essential supplies during the war.



NOVEMBER 4, 2024
Excerpt from The Ballot and the Bible

[Christian Nationalism](#), [Church Life](#), [Interfaith](#), [Politics](#)
 By [Kaitlyn Schless](#)

A city on a hill. These words have captivated Americans for generations. They encapsulate our sense of collective destiny, divine mission, and moral strength. They pack into one little phrase a larger tale about a band of religiously persecuted patriots who crossed a dangerous ocean, discovered a new land, and built the United States of America. These words have come to have such deep political significance for Americans that we might forget they come from Jesus's Sermon on the Mount: You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven. (Matt. 5:14-16).

MONTHLY MORNING PRAYER

Our community is dedicated to coming together on the first of every month to center ourselves on Christ through prayer. Striving to build God’s Beloved Community here in our time is tough work, but we use this time to refuel and recommit to living into God’s plan for our lives. We welcome guests and co-conspiring organizations to join us for this time of reflection and centering to share news of their work, reflect on the political moment of our world, or guide us in prayer alongside Shane Claiborne and Jonathan Wilson-Hartgrove. Friends join us in a virtual meeting or via live-stream.

RED LETTER CHRISTIANS Monthly Morning Prayer

Monthly Morning Prayer
with Red Letter Christians

January 1 | 9 am ET | All are welcome!

Monthly Morning Prayer
with Red Letter Christians

May 1 | 9 am ET | All are welcome!

Monthly Morning Prayer
with CA Red Letter Christians' Revival Leadership

September 1 | 10 am ET | All are welcome!

Monthly Morning Prayer
with Red Letter Christians

February 1 | 9 am ET | All are welcome!

Monthly Morning Prayer
with RAWtools

June 1 | 9 am ET | All are welcome!

Monthly Morning Prayer
with Red Letter Christians

October 1 | 9 am ET | All are welcome!

Monthly Morning Prayer
with Red Letter Christians UK

March 1 | 9 am ET | All are welcome!

Monthly Morning Prayer
with Red Letter Christians

July 1 | 9 am ET | All are welcome!

Monthly Morning Prayer
with Red Letter Christians

November 1 | 9 am ET | All are welcome!

Monthly Morning Prayer
with Red Letter Christians

April 1 | 9 am ET | All are welcome!

Monthly Morning Prayer
with Red Letter Christians

August 1 | 8 am ET | All are welcome!

Special Monthly Morning Prayer
with our friends from Bethlehem
including Rev. Dr. Munther Isaac, Tony Deik, Shireen Awwad Hilal and others

December 1 | 9 am ET | Streaming live from Bethlehem as we kick off Advent

[Click here to watch the recordings of all our Monthly Morning Prayer Gatherings!](#)

BOOK CLUB

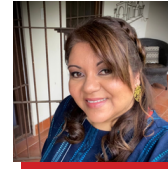
The RLC community gathers once a month to read a book and speak with an author in our community on matters of Jesus and justice. This is a monthly opportunity to dive deeply into an area of justice and often uplift the work of an emerging faithful thought leader. Our book selections are often themed (for Black History Month, Women's History Month, Earth Day, etc.) or they closely follow the release of a new book.



JANUARY

Let Your Heartbreak Be Your Guide

Adam Bucko, Episcopal priest & Spiritual Director



JULY

Beyond Welcome

Karen González, Immigration Advocate



FEBRUARY

Black Liturgies

Cole Arthur Riley, Poet



AUGUST

The Ballot and the Bible

Kaitlyn Schiess, Theologian



MARCH

Nice Churchy Patriarchy

Liz Cooledge Jenkins, Feminist Writer



SEPTEMBER

Revelation for the Rest of Us

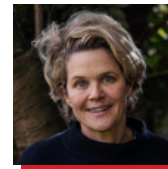
Scot McKnight, Scholar & Historian



APRIL

Our Trespasses

Greg Jarrell, Housing Justice Advocate



OCTOBER

Circle of Hope

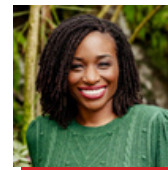
Eliza Griswold, Pulitzer Prize Winner



MAY

Practices for Embodied Living

Hillary McBride, PhD, Therapist & Researcher



NOVEMBER

Womanish Theology

Khristi Adams, Youth Advocate & Baptist Minister



JUNE

Living Undivided

Chuck Mingo & Troy Jackson, Founders of UNDIVIDED



DECEMBER

Today! The Best Day of My Life

Kevin Riggs, Pastor & Activist

[Click here to watch the recordings of all RLC Book Clubs](#)

LEADERSHIP



Shane Claiborne
Co-Founder



Shane Claiborne is a best-selling author, renowned activist, sought-after speaker, and self-proclaimed “recovering sinner.” Shane writes and speaks around the world about peacemaking, social justice, and Jesus, and is the author of several books, including *The Irresistible Revolution*, *Jesus for President*, *Executing Grace*, *Beating Guns*, and his newest book, *Rethinking Life*. He is the visionary leader of The Simple Way in Philadelphia and co-director of Red Letter Christians. His work has been featured in *Fox News*, *Esquire*, *SPIN*, *TIME*, *The Wall Street Journal*, *NPR*, and *CNN*.



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including *It’s Friday
but Sunday’s Comin’*

ADVOCACY TO END THE DEATH PENALTY



Red Letter Christians, with our partners at Death Penalty Action, stand with advocates on the frontlines of the holy work of abolishing the death penalty. Because of our personal connections with many of the people on death row, we provide a window through which our movement can learn their stories, regrets, hopes, and prayers. Members of our movement have participated in local advocacy trainings in states where executions are most frequent. They are mobilized to take public, peaceful action to demand an end to the same state-sanctioned killing that crucified Christ.



We pressed President Biden to commute all federal death sentences during the lame duck period because we understood that President Trump was likely to go on a killing spree as he did the last time he was in office. We urged our movement to call the White House and tell President Biden that the American people do not want the state to have the ability to kill. While we were disappointed that Biden did not commute the sentences of everyone on federal death row, we celebrated because every move away from the death penalty is a move in the right direction.



Also with DPA, we supported and participated in a mini-documentary series about people impacted by the death penalty who are active in the fight to end executions forever called *The People vs. The Death Penalty* in the United States. Eight mini-documentaries have now been released.

Before every execution in the U.S., we release this “Execution Alert” and provide information to allow our co-conspirators to take action to stop the upcoming execution. The night before each execution, we keep vigil and ask for mercy for the life of child of God who will be put to death by the state, the leaders who allow this to continue, and for the soul of our nation.

RESOURCES FOR CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTORS

A conscientious objector is an “individual who has claimed the right to refuse to perform military service” on the grounds of freedom of conscience or religion. The term has also been extended to objecting to working for the military–industrial complex due to a crisis of conscience.

Red Letter Christians released these resources on Veterans Day. Why?

- Because we are living like Jesus meant the words he said - “Blessed are the Peacemakers,” not the Warmakers. To love our neighbor is a tall order, and we certainly aren’t doing it as well as Jesus, but not killing each other has to be a starting line. Let these resources be a hallmark of following Jesus, instead of only using His name.
- Following Jesus means disarming ourselves of our loyalty to militaries that take life instead of give life. We can have only one allegiance.
- Perfect Love casts out fear and refuses to take lives. We arm ourselves with a self sacrificing love that knows no borders, only a radical debt to love.
- There is a rich history when it comes to conscientious objectors—people who refused to fight in war because it violated their faith or conscience. In particular, Christians who follow Jesus, “the Prince of Peace,” have been war resisters for centuries, going back to the earliest days of Christianity.



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This work is possible due to the sustained commitment of folks who are dedicated to building a Christianity that looks like Jesus, acts like Jesus, and loves like Jesus. Thank you.

