

## The Rev. Dr. William J. Barber II

The Rev. Dr. William J. Barber II is president of the North Carolina NAACP and organizer of the 2013 Forward Together Moral Monday Movement, which uses non-violent civil disobedience to oppose regressive policies in North Carolina. Moral Mondays spread nationally and, in 2015, Barber joined NYSUT leaders, members and coalition partners at the New York State Capitol to highlight inequality in education. He authored *The Third Reconstruction: Moral Mondays, Fusion Politics and the Rise of a New Justice Movement*, a 2016 book chronicling the movement.

Barber convened the Historic Thousands on Jones Street Peoples Assembly Coalition in 2006, an anti-racism, poverty and war alliance that advocates for social justice reform and helped pass the 2009 North Carolina Racial Justice Act.

His honors include the National NAACP Kelly M. Alexander Humanitarian Award in 2010; the Order of the Long Leaf Pine in 2009, a North Carolina citizenship award; and the NAACP's Juanita Jackson Mitchell, Esq. Award for legal activism in 2006.

A Protestant minister, Barber heads the Greenleaf Christian Church in Goldsboro, N.C.



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