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## A Holy Week of Sacred Resistance: CLUE's Just & Sacred, Vol. 2, No. 7

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*"Resist (the adversary), strong in your faith, because you know that your brothers and sisters throughout the world are enduring the same kinds of suffering."*

ὡ ἀντίστητε στερεοὶ τῇ πίστει εἰδότες τὰ αὐτὰ τῶν παθημάτων τῇ ἐν τῷ κόσμῳ ὑμῶν ἀδελφότητι ἐπιτελεῖσθαι

- 1 Peter 5:9

Dear Friend,

Last week brought a synergy of Sacred Resistance: The commemorations of the Christian Holy Week, Jewish Passover, and Sikh **Vaisakhi** all came together on Thursday to inspire **35 clergy, laity, and community members to face arrest** as they blocked access to the ICE detention facility in downtown LA. Earlier in the week, nine Long Beach clergy walked in the footsteps of Jesus and port workers in a Stations of the Cross ceremony. Through ritual, programs, and policy, we continue to lean into unity with the compassionate, inclusive, boldly-embodied God of my faith and our faiths.



Yet it was also a week of grief for us at CLUE. Long-time friend and super-activist, **Leslie Gersicoff**, who served as Executive Director of the Jewish Labor Committee Western Region, passed away early Monday morning. (Leslie is pictured here with CLUE's Rev. Erin Tamayo)

CLUE staff mourn her loss: Christopher noted "I was always in awe of how she was everywhere speaking out for justice and with such a kind heart for everyone who was working towards justice with

her." Pam captured her boundless kindness: "So very sad. Before every Giants of Justice, she would either call and text an encouraging message and after every event she would write a note of praise." We at CLUE extend our condolences to her brother Robert, to her close friends at the Jewish Labor Committee including Floyd, Ruth, and Jerilyn, and to all the organizers and movement leaders who have depended on her unwavering presence and kindness.

Leslie, your fierce spirit, beautiful heart and willingness to just show up made all the difference to us. We will forever honor your legacy by continuing to carry the torch for justice that you so faithfully carried for all these years. We love you.



Gabriella Rosco  
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## Why I Got Arrested:

### 35 Clergy and Laity who Blocked ICE Building Share their Stories of #SacredResistance



Last Thursday, CLUE-networked clergy and others shut down the driveway for the ICE vans that detain and deport our neighbors. When local police asked that we clear the street, 35 remained, facing arrest for their convictions about ICE's operations. Those Sacred Resisters explain their stories here.

**>> Read the Testimonies >>**

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## Walking in the Footsteps of Jesus at the Ports of Long Beach



On the last Tuesday of Lent, nine clergy from various Christian denominations gathered with dozens of laity to walk the Stations of the Cross in solidarity with port employees who are working under unjust and often brutal conditions. They then delivered a letter demanding that the management of Cal Cartage act justly toward warehouse employees.

[>> Watch the Video >>](#)

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## CLUE and HTA Recruit Black Workers for a Strong Job Sector



UNITE HERE Local 11's Hospitality Training Academy is actively seeking African American



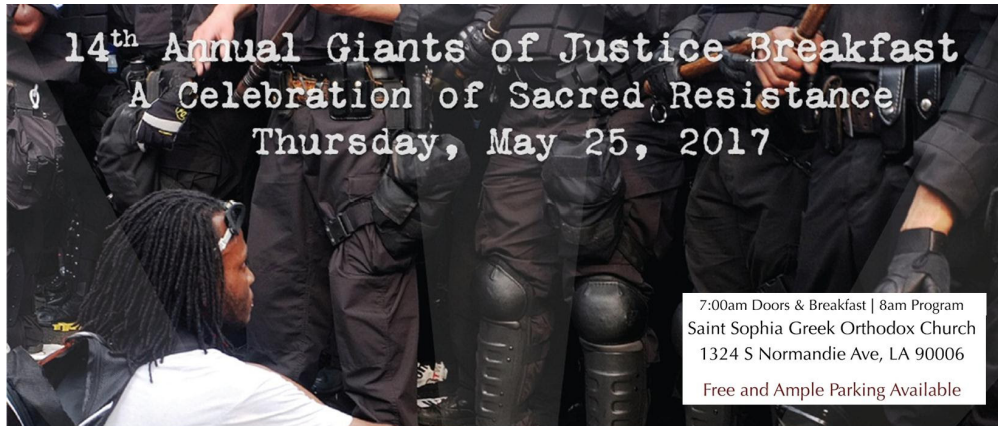
participants who would like to work in hotels, event centers, and airports. CLUE is activating our clergy and community networks to help.

[>> Read More >>](#)

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**Tickets Now Available for**

## **CLUE's Annual Giants of Justice Celebration Breakfast**



We invite you to celebrate these Giants of Justice:

**Keynote Speaker:**



**Pastor William D. Smart, Jr.**  
President/CEO  
SCLC - SC



**Betty Hung, Esq.**  
Asian Americans  
Advancing Justice LA



**John Grant**  
Secretary-Treasurer  
UFCW Local 770



**Bishop J. Jon Bruno**  
Episcopal Diocese of  
Los Angeles



**Julie Su**  
Labor Commissioner  
of California

Don't wait-- In previous years, we have sold out!

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**This Week in #PolicyMatters:**

## **Support the Safe Consumer Lending Act & the Healthy California Act**

**UPDATE: Progress for Immigrant Justice Bills SB 6 and SB 54!**

A few weeks ago, you may have been part of the progress of [SB 6](#) and [SB 54](#), both of which have passed through the Senate. SB-6 also was adopted as an urgency clause, meaning that once it passes through the Assembly, it will be implemented immediately.

We still have a lot of work to do before these bills become law. We need to continue petitioning and lobbying for both bills to our assembly members-- writing letters, making phone calls, and sending emails to our [assembly member representatives](#). There is no further need to contact senate representatives, as they have already voted.

#### **AB 1109: The Safe Consumer Lending Act (Kalra)**

CLUE is engaged in a new and important campaign to address the dangerous and unjust issue of predatory lending with payday, installment and car title loans. Right now, we are supporting a critical bill that would put needed protections in place for working families. AB 1109 would cap the annual percentage rate (APR) for all high-dollar consumer loans between \$2,500 and \$10,000 at 24 percent. This number may not seem low, but there is currently NO cap on interest rates, meaning families in tight situations are often preyed upon with interest rates above 100 and even 1000 percent, trapping them in debt cycles with no end in sight. This must stop!

[>> READ CLUE'S AB 1109 GUIDE >>](#)

[>> EASY CALLING INSTRUCTIONS >>](#)

#### **SB 562: The Healthy California Act (Lara/Atkins)**

This Senate Bill addresses the current healthcare crisis by taking a bold step toward a single-payer health care system and will provide timely access to comprehensive care for EVERYONE, commonly referred to as "Single Payer Healthcare" or Medicare for All. This bill will combat rising healthcare costs to individuals, employers, and taxpayers, and guarantee that no one goes without healthcare.

[>> READ CLUE'S SB 562 GUIDE >>](#)

[>> SHARE YOUR PERSONAL HEALTHCARE STORY >>](#)

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## **Action Checklist for #SacredResistance**

- **THURSDAY, APRIL 20th:** CLUE's Black-Brown Clergy-Community Coalition meets at 1:30 PM - [REQUEST INFO](#)
- **FRIDAY, APRIL 21st:** CLUE's Black-Jewish Justice Alliance meets at 10:30 AM - [REQUEST INFO](#)
- **TUESDAY, APRIL 25th:** Orange County's Monthly CLUE Clergy-Community Gathering - [RSVP ON FB](#)
- **THURSDAY, APRIL 27th:** CLUE Pasadena Committee Meets at 10 AM - [REQUEST INFO](#)

- **THURSDAY, APRIL 27th:** CLUE Long Beach Committee Meets at 10am - [REQUEST INFO](#)
- **MONDAY, MAY 1st:** Join the May Day General Strike and Attend a March - [WE RESIST LA](#) or [OC LABOR FED](#)
- **THURSDAY, MAY 25TH:** Join CLUE's annual Giants of Justice: A Celebration of Sacred Resistance - [RSVP TODAY](#)
- Call your state assemblymember to voice support for [AB 1109](#), [SB 6](#), and [SB 54](#) - [FIND YOUR REP](#)
- Push back against the first deportation of a DACA recipient - [SIGN THE PETITION](#)
- Voice your opinion about LAPD's Bodycam Video Release Policy - [LEARN THE BASICS](#) and [TAKE THE SURVEY](#)
- Speak out against a raw development deal for the Hollywood community - [SIGN THE PETITION](#)
- Share the CAIR Reporting Page with your Muslim/AMEMSA friends on Social Media - [GO TO THE FORM](#)
- Empower our initiatives to organize alongside workers and the vulnerable - [DONATE TODAY](#)

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*In Memory of Leslie Gersicoff*



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