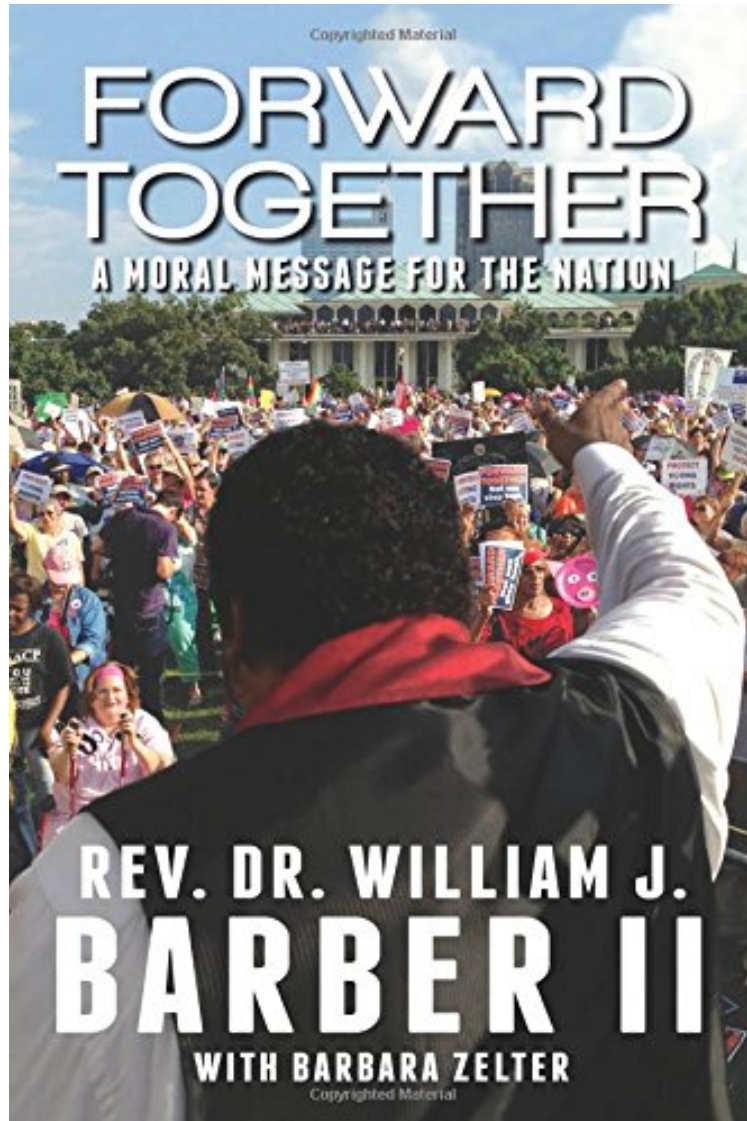


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7 of 7 people found the following review helpful. Great ReadBy B.J. HarrisI saw Rev. William Barber II on television the he addressed The Democratic Convention in Philadelphia. I enjoyed his address and wanted to know more about him. Rev. Barber's book was compelling, authentic and profound. I lived through the sixties and remember vividly

1965 Voting Rights Act, Martin Luther King, Jr. and fight for Civil Rights. Rev. Barber is the younger generations Martin Luther King, Jr. He is a wonderful man....thank God for him and his work!20 of 21 people found the following review helpful. A Stirring Call, a Cause for HopeBy Charles HoffackerThe Moral Mondays movement is growing in North Carolina and has inspired parallel developments in other states by uniting Americans of diverse backgrounds in a contemporary fusion movement to expose and resist injustices imposed by political extremists in high places."Forward Together" features a collection of energetic addresses by the Rev. Dr. William J. Barber II, president of the North Carolina NAACP and the movement's most prominent figure. Barber's passionate rhetoric calls us away from the "nightmare of regressive public policy and mean oppressive politics" to a just and compassionate social order. He bases his case on the North Carolina and United States constitutions, state and national history, and inclusive appeals to religious and moral beliefs. In the great tradition of non-violent action, he seeks to win over his opponents rather than simply defeat them. "We have to look at public policy through the moral lens of justice for all and the constitutional principle of the common good," Barber says.The Forward Together Moral Movement advocates a breathtaking array of societal goods, all of them under siege by extremists in the North Carolina statehouse and elsewhere:\* Secure pro-labor, anti-poverty policies that ensure economic sustainability.\* Provide well-founded, quality public education for all.\* Promote healthcare for all, including affordable access, the expansion of Medicaid, protection for women's health, and the assurance of environmental justice in every community.\* Address the continuing inequalities in the criminal justice system and ensure equality under the law for every person, regardless of race, class, creed, documentation, or sexual orientation.\* Protect and expand voting rights, women's rights, LGBT rights, immigrants' rights, and the principle of equal protection under the law.Forward Together is committed to the struggle for as long as necessary. In June 2013 Barber declared:"When will they stop? When will they stop hurting children? When will they stop hurting the sick? When will they stop hurting our public schools? When will they stop hurting the economy? If they stop, we'll stop! But we can't stop as long as people are getting hurt. We can't stop when children are being denied, as long as voting rights are being attacked. Our foreparents didn't stop. Those who died to make this nation free, they didn't stop. So we're going to walk Forward Together, as long as there is strength in our bodies and hope in our souls. We're going to walk Forward Together until justice is established and the common good is a reality."3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Proud that he is from North Carolina.By MERAs a citizen of North Carolina, I am very familiar with Rev. Barber. He is an inspiration. Moral Mondays are something to be proud of. Some one needs to speak for average citizens and he is a powerful voice.

In the spring of 2013, seventeen people gathered at the North Carolina state legislature to protest extreme legislation passed by the General Assembly attacking health insurance, unemployment insurance, labor, and voting rights. The ministers, labor, and human rights activists began praying, singing, and chanting, and were ultimately arrested. That group grew into crowds of thousands at successive "Moral Mondays" rallies, and by summer's end nearly 1,000 people had been arrested, making this sustained moral protest one of the largest acts of civil disobedience in U.S. history. The effort grew out of seven years of organizing with more than 160 groups. Rallies continued in 2014, with a "Moral March" of 80,000 people in February. Rev. Dr. William Barber II, a pastor and president of the North Carolina Conference of the NAACP, now the largest in the South, became one of the architects of the Forward Together Moral Movement. In a new book, *Forward Together*, Rev. Barber tells the story of a new fusion civil rights movement, a "big tent," in which black and white, gay and straight, rich and poor, old and young, Republicans and Democrats are all welcome. Rev. Barber's sermons/speeches at the protests, many of them collected in *Forward Together*, became the inspiration and rallying cry for a new civil rights movement. North Carolina today is at the epicenter of the political and spiritual crisis affecting 21st-century America. What happens here, says Barber, can shift the center of gravity in the American political discourse. Similar movements are now growing in states around the country. *Forward Together* captures the essence of what it means to preach in the public square.

About the AuthorRev. Dr. William J. Barber II is pastor of Greenleaf Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Goldsboro, NC, president of the North Carolina NAACP, and a member of the National NAACP Board. As a full-time pastor, he has given countless volunteer hours to civil rights and movement building, because of his conviction that there is no real worship without a commitment to justice and social change. He has been featured in the *Wall Street Journal*, CNN, MSNBC, the *New York Times*, and numerous other publications, and has spoken, preached and lectured around the country. His father, William J. Barber I, published *The Disciples Assemblies of Eastern North Carolina* in 1966 with the Christian Board of Publication, Chalice Press' parent corporation. Barbara Zelter has decades of experience as a community organizer and policy activist in North Carolina. A professional editor and member of the North Carolina NAACP, she currently teaches in the Social Work Department of North Carolina State University.