

How to Help Puerto Rico and Puerto Ricans

• Know Quaker History!

- “Quaker Political Interventions, and U.S. Puerto Rico Policy Development”, (2015) Dr. Carlos Figueroa, PhD

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• Jobs and Opportunities Now!

- The people of Puerto Rico need to work right now. While you might not be able to easily help those on the island get jobs when business and organizations are still rebuilding, but if you live in an area where displaced Puerto Ricans have come to live, you can help create programs and initiatives that create jobs and generates income for those people.

Learn more: <https://bit.ly/2yUBwCU>

• Volunteer with nonprofits.

- See if the company or organization that you work for might be willing to donate staff to organizations stateside and in Puerto Rico that might be in need for a short period.
- Spanish speaking staff who are familiar with humanitarian relief organizing, staff who are familiar with political or social justice organizing at any level would be helpful.

Learn more: <https://www.togetherpuertorico.com/volunteer-opportunities/>

• Help Puerto Rico Feed Itself

- Encourage sustainable development and agricultural models, directing attention to supporting the work of local farmers and food justice advocates like Tara Rodríguez Besosa. –
Learn more: <https://bit.ly/2N9Y71s>
- Organize a group to visit Puerto Rico and help rebuild farms. –
Learn more: <http://www.americasforconservation.org/lasolidaria>
- Rebuild a new Puerto Rico that is environmentally sustainable and based on responsible management of local resources. No more energy powered by dirty fossil fuels, Puerto Rico need renewable energy. Advocate for the reduction of imports, and to rebuild local agriculture to enable Puerto Ricans to feed themselves.

• End the Jones Act

- Educate yourself on the harm the Jones Act has done for the Puerto Rican economy and join calls for an immediate and indefinite waiver of the Jones Act of 1920 as was done for the U.S. Virgin Islands in 1936. A 2012 [New York Fed study](#) found it costs twice as much to ship a freight container from the U.S. East Coast to Puerto Rico than to nearby Haiti.

Learn more: <https://bit.ly/2Nf2tV5>

- **Call for a repeal to the PROMESA law.**

- The unelected federal oversight board in charge of Puerto Rico's finances is costing \$370 million which the US is not paying and the initiative puts creditors over the needs of the people who live in Puerto Rico.

Learn more: <https://bit.ly/2956EPK>

- **Focus on Human Lives**

By: Archbishop Roberto Gonzalez, Reverend Heriberto Martinez, Reverend Enrique Camacho, and Eric LeCompte

“As Puerto Rico continues to wrestle with power outages across the island, the federally appointed Financial Oversight and Management Board soon votes on a fiscal plan for economic growth. We are concerned that the current proposed fiscal plans fail to focus on improving and protecting the lives of 3.5 million U.S. citizens living in Puerto Rico.”

Learn more: http://www.jubileusa.org/oped_hill_april_19

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