

## **January 10, 2023 – People’s Party in Nashville**

The ACDWC met with a broad coalition of like-minded groups and individuals to create our legislative agenda for all of Tennessee. On January 10th we went to Nashville to encourage legislators to adopt that agenda as their own. There were many interesting speeches and good camaraderie.

If you were at the May 2022 ACDWC meeting, you might recall Gloria Johnson planting the seed for this important effort. Several members of the ACDWC were able to attend the event. Our thanks to Laura Carrington for keeping us informed and for her efforts in organizing the event.



The situation: Only 38% of registered voters voted in the last election and many citizens aren’t even registered. Our legislators do not have a mandate from the citizens of Tennessee.

Since mid-November, a group of Tennessee citizens and representatives from several progressive groups met regularly to create a “people’s agenda” and plan a visible action on the first day of the Tennessee legislative session. The plan was to give the lawmakers an alternative agenda that will propel the lives of all of us, and be a visual reminder of their missing mandate and of the misguided bills, issues, and actions the legislature has been pursuing that are not good for Tennesseans.

Going forward, you can continue this effort by getting and staying organized, devising possible actions that would draw attention to our issues, and promoting more participation. Immediately, you can sign a petition for Medicaid Expansion: <https://tnhealthcarecampaign.org/we-need-affordable-coverage-for-tennessee/>