



October 2023 Newsletter

Build up Your Social Justice Ministry

The Center for Lived Faith and Organizing teaches people from congregations and communities to engage deeply in building power and transforming the world by rooting social justice action in Christian theology and faith.



“The Lord said to me, ‘you are in community, but are you impacting the community?’”

- Bishop Jerel Davis, CLFO Certificate Holder

Through our [Certificate for Organizing and Social Transformation](#), the Center for Lived Faith & Organizing designed to provide you with the tools and knowledge needed to create a strategic organizing plan for your congregation. You select the workshops that are best suited to address the pressing issues within your community, equipping you with essential skills to effect meaningful change. **CLFO’s coursework will teach you not only**

to be in the community, but to have an impact in the community as well.

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Register for Our November 3 Workshop

Spirit and Solidarity: Organizing in the Faith and Labor Movement with Bianca Cunningham and KB Brower

Discover the powerful intersection of faith and labor movements in the upcoming workshop "Spirit and Solidarity: Organizing in the Faith and Labor Movement," offered through the Center for Lived Faith and Organizing. Dive into the history of the faith and labor movement, gain insights from local labor campaigns, and unearth the pivotal role faith and congregations play in strengthening the labor movement.

Register to learn how we can apply our faith in support of labor movements to create ripple effects in our communities to champion justice and interconnectedness.

Join us on Friday, November 3!



[Learn More & Register](#)

Upcoming Workshops

Spirit and Solidarity, Organizing in the Faith and Labor Movement

Nov 3, 2023, Friday, 12-5PM (CT)

Instructors:

- Bianca Cunningham
- KB Brower

[Register](#)

Organizing Seminar: Womanist Ways of Movement Building

Dec 1, 2023, Friday, 12 PM-4 PM (CT)

Instructors:

- Rev. Dr. Raquel Lettsome
- Rev. Dr. Dietra Wise Baker

[Register](#)

Instructor Spotlight: Bianca Cunningham



We are excited to welcome Bianca Cunningham as an instructor at CLFO for our upcoming workshop, “Spirit and Solidarity, Organizing in the Faith and Labor Movement.” Bianca demonstrates a deep commitment to union organizing, and we are looking forward to learning from her experiences and struggles.

Bianca is a former Verizon Wireless worker who led her coworkers in seven

stores across Brooklyn to join the Communications Workers of America union in 2014, making them the first unionized retail workers in the company. She later led her coworkers on a 49-day strike to secure their first contract. Verizon fired her for organizing, and during the Verizon strike, picketers across the country chanted “Bring Back Bianca!” She was also on the bargaining team to help secure their first contract for stores in Brooklyn as well as a store in Massachusetts.

Bianca is now the Campaigns Director at Bargaining for the Common Good, a coalition of unions, community groups, racial justice organizations and student organizations that work together to demand that corporations and the wealthy pay their fair share so that communities can prosper.

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