



## September 2023 Newsletter

# Social justice organizing rooted in faith

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.



**Welcome to the Center for Lived Faith and Organizing's (CFLO) first-ever newsletter.** You're receiving this email because you have expressed an interest in learning more about Eden Theological Seminary's new Center that offers a framework and concrete steps for creating God's Beloved Community on earth through social justice organizing.

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## What is the Certificate for Organizing and Social Transformation?

The Center for Lived Faith and Organizing teaches congregations, community leaders, and activists to build power in their communities by rooting social justice efforts in the Christian faith.

All are welcome to participate in the CFLO's certificate program. To earn the certificate you simply need to attend five seminars offered by the Center, including our foundational "Organizing Seminar," offered every fall and spring. You'll leave this seminar connected to grassroots organizing work in your local community and with an organizing plan.

Your investment for this faith-informed and sustainable path to build power and create justice is \$550. To complete the certificate you can choose from the workshops offered through the end of the year, and we will offer a brand new slate of workshops in 2024. Connect with us to learn more today!

[Learn More & Register](#)

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**Register for Our September 15 Workshop:  
Souls to the Polls!**

The Center for Lived Faith and Organizing is excited to present **“Souls to the Polls: Moving Beyond Turnout to Integrated Voter Engagement Strategies!”** This half-day workshop will equip community leaders with strategies to engage voters beyond presidential elections.

It’s easy to become overwhelmed by the injustices of our electoral system, yet when we ground election organizing in theology and faith, we can have a profound impact on the communities where we vote and live. On September 15, join veteran electoral justice organizers from Georgia and Missouri, online or in person, to learn basic and advanced tactics of organizing and voter engagement so you can develop local campaigns and win!

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## Upcoming Workshops

### **Souls to the Polls: Moving Beyond Turnout to Integrated Voter Engagement Strategies!**

Sept 15, 2023, Friday, 12-5 PM (CT)

**Instructors:**

- Billy Honor, Organizer Director  
New Georgia Project

### **Structural Oppression and Healing Strategies for Congregational Organizing**

Oct 21, 2023, Saturday, 8 AM-1 PM (CT)

**Instructors:**

- Rev. Vahisha Hasan and Rev. Anne Dunlap, organizers and editors of a new book: [Building Up a New](#)

- David Gerth, Executive Director  
Metropolitan Congregations  
United St. Louis

[World, Congregational Organizing  
for Transformative Impact](#)

**Register**

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## **Spirit and Solidarity, Organizing in the Faith and Labor Movement**

## **Organizing Seminar: Womanist Ways of Movement Building**

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

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

### **Instructors:**

- Bianca Cunningham
- KB Brower

### **Instructors:**

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

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## **Instructor Spotlight: Billy Honor**

**Billy is the Organizing Director at New Georgia Project**



Billy empowers people by building grassroots bases for issue-based campaigns and developing grassroots leaders. He has a long history of engaging voters of color in electoral politics and fighting voter suppression, including organizing voters in Georgia's most recent gubernatorial campaign.

Billy holds a Master of Divinity degree from the Interdenominational Theological Center and a Master of Theology degree from Emory University. He was a Religion and Racial Justice fellow with the Aspen Institute and selected as one of the 500 Most Powerful Leaders in Atlanta by the Atlanta Magazine in 2021 and 2022.

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