



February 2024 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

The Center for Lived Faith and Organizing, students, instructors, and administrators are constantly looking for ways to live our faith. One way that undoubtedly deepens our faith and brings more justice into the world is by engaging in our communities in ways that are personal and meaningful to us. **CLFO strives to provide real and actionable guidance as we take this journey together.**

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Register for Our March 2 Workshop

Organizing Eco-Justice Transformations

Join eco-organizers as they train to mobilize communities and communions and denominations, congregations, and individuals to protect, restore, and rightly share God's creation. Understand the history of the environmental justice movement, environmental racism and be updated on the most current campaigns to advance eco-justice transformations in your community.

Instructors:

Leah Clyburn- Senior, Training Partner within the Sierra Club, Co-Founder and Executive Director of Connecting Points Consulting

Avery Davis Lamb- Co- Executive Director Creation Justice

We hope you can join us on March 2!



[Learn More & Register](#)

Upcoming Workshops

Disrupting White Christian Nationalism: Cultural Roots to Election Outcomes

May 3, 2024, Friday, 12-5 PM (CT)
Online via Zoom

Instructors:

- Rev. Tracy Howe
- Rev. Dr. Marilyn Pagán Banks

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CLFO Annual Membership

50 total seats to any CLFO workshop for a period of one calendar year from the date of purchase.

CLFO will provide newsletters and workshop information to keep you up to date on new offerings.

Membership Coordinator: Robin Davidson

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Instructor Spotlight: Leah Clyburn



Leah Clyburn- Senior, Training Partner within the Sierra Club, Co-Founder and Executive Director of Connecting Points Consulting

Leah Clyburn has been a long standing community activist and organizer in the St. Louis Region for more than 10 years. Her love for Missouri is rooted in the longstanding relationships built throughout her childhood growing up as one of the few families of color in South County in the early 90's to her diversified community in South City as a young adult. Leah also has a background in the healthcare system, which catapulted her into community organizing to challenge the unjust treatment for women of color and their families, children, immigrants and the poor. Her career in community organizing has included reproductive justice through a faith-based lens, School to prison, environmental justice & climate change movement, and statewide policy initiatives . She believes that when Black women prevail we all prevail. Leah is currently working as the Senior Training Partner within the Sierra Club, the Co-Founder and Executive Director of Connecting Points Consulting, the Vice President of Progressive Workers Union, and Board Member and Advisory member to several Environmental and Social Justice initiatives across the country. Lay leader St. John United Church of Chris, St. Louis.

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