



## February 2024 Newsletter

# What is environmental justice and how is it related to your faith?

If you think about it, every instance of environmental and species restoration is a story of resurrection. This is one of many things we're thinking about as we prepare for our March workshop focused on environmental justice. Whether or not you can join us, we hope you'll use some of your time this month to reflect on your relationship to one of God's most amazing creations: the planet and its many-faceted ecosystems.



### **NEW Center for Lived Faith and Organizing Annual Membership**

The Center for Lived Faith and Organizing is now offering an annual membership! This is a great option for congregations and organizations that are committed to building their faith-based organizing capacity for the next year. By becoming a member your institution will be guaranteed 50 seats to any CFLO workshop for a calendar year.

## Register for Our March 2 Workshop

### Organizing Eco-Justice Transformations

Environmental justice cannot happen without organizing! Join us for a workshop on March 2 to mobilize communities, congregations, and individuals to protect and restore one of God's most amazing creations: our planet.

We will cover the history of the environmental justice movement and environmental racism, and we will provide timely updates on campaigns to advance eco-justice.

The workshop will be led by Leah Clyburn and Avery Davis Lamb. Leah is a longstanding community activist and organizer for reproductive justice, ending the school-to-prison cycle, environmental justice, and the climate change movement in the St. Louis region. Avery is Co-Executive Director of Creation Justice Ministries, which serves about 100,000 churches and 45 million people in the US by providing collaborative opportunities to guide people of



faith and faith communities toward  
eco-justice transformations.

[Learn More & Register](#)

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## Upcoming Workshops

### **The Power of Intergenerational Organizing**

Saturday April 13, 2024, 9:00am-1:00pm  
CST

**Instructors:**

Ana Garcia Ashley, Executive Director,  
Gamaliel Foundation

Sister Dolores Sanchez, organizer with  
Metropolitan Congregations United  
(MCU) in St. Louis, Director of Hispanic  
Ministry for the diocese of Shreveport,  
Louisiana

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### **Disrupting White Christian Nationalism: Cultural Roots to Election Outcomes**

Friday, May 3, 2024, 12:00PM-5:00PM  
(CT)

**Instructors:**

Rev. Dr. Marilyn Pagán-Banks, Executive  
Director of A Just Harvest, Pastor at San  
Lucas United Church of Christ, Adjunct  
Professor at McCormick Theological  
Seminary and Garrett-Evangelical  
Theological Seminary

Rev. Tracy Howe, Team Leader and  
Minister for Faith Education, Innovation  
and Formation (FaithINFO) at the UCC  
National Setting, Founder of Restoration  
Village Arts, Ph.D. candidate in Applied  
Intercultural Arts Research at the  
University of Arizona

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## Instructor Spotlight: Meet Avery Davis Lamb



The Center for Lived Faith and Organizing is thrilled to welcome Avery Davis Lamb as an instructor for the March 2 workshop "Organizing Eco-Justice Transformations."

Avery is the co-executive director of Creation Justice Ministries, which guides people of faith and faith communities toward eco-justice transformations, raising a collective witness in the public arena and echoing Christ's call for just relationships among all of creation. The Ministry's membership includes Baptist, Historically Black, Orthodox, Peace, and mainline Protestant traditions, and through its 38 denominational and communion members it serves about 100,000 churches and 45 million people in the US.

As co-executive director, Avery helps guide the policy actions and shape the theologically-based education resources for members. Avery has a background in both ecological research and faith-based environmental organizing. He has a bachelor of arts degree in biology and sustainability from Pepperdine University, a master of environmental management degree in ecosystem science and conservation with a certificate in community-based environmental management from the Nicholas School of the Environment at Duke University, and a master of theological studies

degree with a certificate in faith, food and environmental justice from Duke Divinity School.

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