



November 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

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 December 1 Workshop

Womanist Ways of Movement Building

“Womanist Ways of Movement Building” will outline the womanist biblical worldview and use it as a foundation to help you build your local organizing plan, creating space for reflection and growth alongside experienced community organizing groups. Prepare for an uplifting and inspirational afternoon with instructors Rev. Dr. Raquel Lettsome and Rev. Dr. Dietra Wise Baker.

This organizing seminar is required for those enrolled in the CLFO certificate program.

We hope you can join us on December 1!



[Learn More & Register](#)

Upcoming Workshops

Building Local Power

Feb 2, 2024, Friday, 11 AM-4 PM (CT)

Instructors:

- Melissa Pluss
- Shanae' Calhoun

[Register](#)

Disrupting White Christian Nationalism: Cultural Roots to Election Outcomes

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

Instructors:

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

[Register](#)

Instructor Spotlight: Rev. Dr. Raquel Lettsome



Rev. Dr. Lettsome is Professor of New Testament and Womanist Hermeneutics at Eden Theological Seminary (St. Louis, MO).

Affectionately known as “Rev. Raquel,” the Reverend Raquel S. Lettsome, Ph.D. is committed to excellence and loves to help people move forward in their lives and ministries. Building on her core values of scholarship, integrity, and authenticity, Dr. Lettsome informs and inspires congregants and classes through her preaching, teaching, writing, and online course and webinar experiences. To this end, she is the Founder & President of the not-for-profit corporation, RSL Ministries, Inc., (www.rslministries.com) where she works with faith leaders and lay people to interpret Scripture more effectively for preaching, teaching, and living. With more than two decades of congregational ministry experience and extensive biblical and theological training, Dr. Lettsome knows how to integrate the highest levels of academic biblical scholarship, life giving ministry practices, and the discernment of the Holy Spirit to equip and empower believers. Dr. Lettsome is a nationally recognized preacher, teacher, and scholar.

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