

April 2024 Newsletter



Disrupting White Christian Nationalism

As convocation marks the end of another academic year at Eden Theological Seminary, and as the 2024 election rapidly approaches, the Center for Lived Faith and Organizing has one final workshop to wrap up the spring. We hope you'll join us at "Disrupting White Christian Nationalism: Cultural Roots to Election Outcomes," taught by Rev. Tracy Howe and Rev. Dr. Jeff Moore. You heard the lectures. Now is the time to organize and apply the lessons as election season gets underway. Read on to get to know the intrustors and learn more about our annual membership offering–perfect for nonprofits, continuing education institutions, and congregations.



Get Your Annual Organizational Membership for 2024-2025

Perfect for nonprofits, continuing education institutions, and congregations, 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 CLFO workshop for a calendar year.

Grant these seats to your staff, students, or congregation members so that they can build their faith-based organizing skills and knowledge. Questions? Reach out to Rev. Dr. Dietra Wise-Baker at <u>dwisebaker@eden.edu</u>.

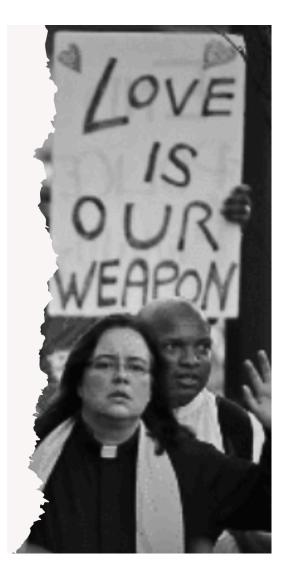
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Workshop Spotlight

Disrupting White Christian Nationalism: Cultural Roots to Election Outcomes

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

White Christian Nationalism has been around since the birth of the United States. However, in our present, public expressions of white nationalism are on the rise and are stoking more violence against vulnerable people and communities, both in the streets and in our public policy. Led by Rev. Tracy Howe and Rev. Dr. Jeff Moore, who organized against white nationalism in Charlottesville, Virginia, this workshop will introduce cultural organizing and congregational preparedness as two strategies to disrupt it.



Register Now

Upcoming Workshops

Building Local Power

Friday, Sept. 20, 2024 8am-1pm (CT)

Instructors: Shanae' Calhoun and Melissa Pluss

Register

The Power of Intergenerational Organizing / El poder de la organización intergeneracional

SPANISH ONLY WORKSHOP / TALLER SÓLO EN ESPAÑOL

Saturday, October 12, 2024 9am-1pm (CT)

Instructors: Ana García Ashley & Sor Dolores Sánchez Register Here

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Instructor Spotlight **Rev. Tracy Howe**

Disrupting White Christian Nationalism: Cultural Roots to Election Outcomes

Rev. Tracy Howe (she/they/womxn) is a theologian, activist, and songwriter with a talent for bridging communities in service of justice. She serves as the Team Leader and Minister of Faith Education, Innovation and Formation (FaithINFO) at the United Church of Christ (UCC) National Setting.

They are also the founder of Restoration Village Arts, a community that promotes theology, music, and connection among artists, organizers, and ministers. Tracy has been deeply involved with Congregate Cville, a "school for public witness" that formed in the summer of 2017 in response to the white nationalist activism in Charlottesville, VA. Restoration Village Arts helped nurture Congregate Cville in its early stages as an organization, and now the two communities work alongside one another toward justice. Read an article about Congregate Cville's work in the summer of 2017.

Rev. Howe brings her lived experience combined with her academic expertise to the topic of Disrupting White Christian Nationalism: Cultural

Roots to Election Outcomes. They are a contributor to the book Building Up a New World, Congregational Organizing for Transformative Impact (Pilgrim Press) and a Ph.D. Candidate in Applied Intercultural Arts Research at the University of Arizona focused on critical theories and spiritual formation in organizing spaces.

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