



CLFO
THE CENTER FOR LIVED
FAITH AND ORGANIZING



April 2025 Newsletter

The Moment for Community Action Is Now

As momentum for community action grows, **you have a role to play.** If you want to act, but don't know where to start, now is the time to hone your organizing skills. **Organizing skills are probably the most important skills you can build right now,** because, well, the need for organizing is not going away anytime soon.

The Center for Lived Faith and Organizing has opportunities to learn to **fight back** and bring your community along with you. Together, we can **stand up, build local power, and fight for our rights.**



Upcoming Workshops

Church Vitality & Organizing

Friday, April 25, 2025

12:30-5:00 PM

Online & In Person Options

Among churches, **there is a growing anxiety that our numbers are dwindling**. Fewer folks are showing up to services. Fewer folks are taking up leadership positions.

One thing is for sure, **we're not going to save our churches by staying indoors and waiting for people to come to us**. No, churches are going to be revitalized **out there**. In the community.

This workshop explores how faith-based community organizing skills can revitalize congregational leaders and cultivate dynamic community ministries. These organizing skills empower leaders to build meaningful, transformative relationships that extend into the public sphere.


You'll leave the workshop with **concrete action steps** to start the work of revitalizing your church or community organization. This might be the best few hours you invest in your church's growth all year.

[Register Now](#)

Upcoming Workshops

The Ongoing Fight for Reproductive Justice

In November, Missouri voters passed a constitutional amendment to protect reproductive rights. However, the fight for reproductive freedom remains under threat. Join us as we spotlight the campaign organizers who led this movement in Missouri and share valuable insights to inspire and strengthen your own efforts. Led by Kennedy Morre and Lisa Williams of Abortion Action Missouri, this not-to-be-missed workshop will offer a window into



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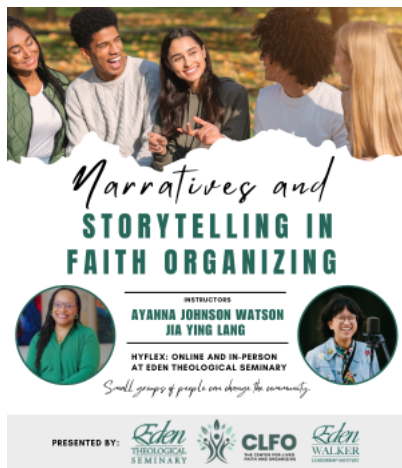
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the movement that we all can learn from.

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Drumroll Please....

A Sneak Peak at CLFO's Fall Workshop Lineup!



Narratives & Storytelling in Faith Organizing

Saturday September 27, 2025
8:00am-1:00pm CT

Ayanna Johnson Watson & Jia Lian Yang



Organizing Directly Impacted Communities

Friday, October 10, 2025
12:30-5:00pm CT

Catoya Roberts & Ronnie Amiyn



White Moral Injury: Organizing White People in the Face of Christian Facism

Friday, November 21, 2025

12:00-4:00pm CT

Rev Anne Dunlap & Michael Gilliland

There's still time to get a Certificate in Organizing & Social Transformation

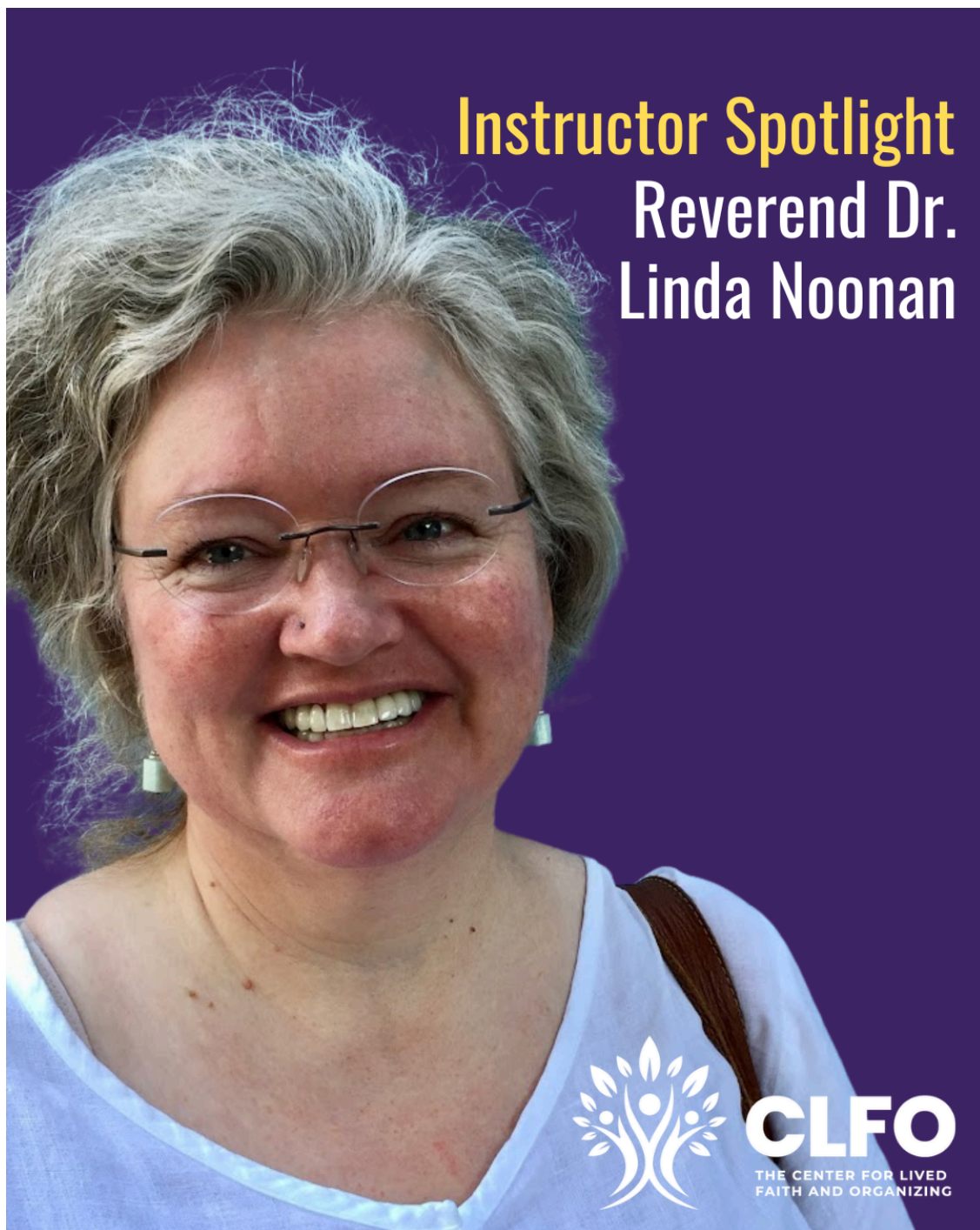
Take five workshops with the Center for Lived Faith & Organizing and get your Certificate in Organizing & Social Transformation! We have five more remarkable workshops planned for 2025: a great lineup for faith leaders, community leaders, or aspiring leaders to get their certificate in just nine months.

Get Your Certificate

Build Skills in Organizing Across Your Organization

The CLFO Organizational Annual Membership includes 50 seats to CLFO workshops across the span of one year! That's 10 certificates in Organizing and Social Transformation for 10 staff members and volunteers, or one workshop for 50 staff members and volunteers (or anything in between). The Annual Membership is built to be flexible to suit your organization's goals. There is truly no better time to build organizing skills at your organization.

Explore Annual Membership



Upcoming Workshop: Church Vitality & Organizing

Rev. Dr. Linda Noonan has spent the last thirty-five years of ministry between South Africa and the United States and serves as Senior Pastor at St. John's United Church of Christ in Lansdale, Pennsylvania. On appointment with the United Church Board for World Ministries, she served as Chaplain to Inanda Seminary (a girls' residential school in a township outside Durban) and Lecturer in Theology at the University of Durban Westville in South Africa.

She has a PhD in Religion and Social Change at United Lutheran Seminary in Philadelphia, where she is also an adjunct professor, teaching public theology, faith-based community organizing, and ritual. She is currently writing a book on the power of people organizing together across lines of faith and race to create change in their communities.

She serves as Co-Chair of the national UCC Palestine-Israel Network, which works for a just peace in Palestine. She writes biblical commentary for the "Liturgy That Matters" series of "Enfleshed," and is on the Editorial Board of the Community Organizing Journal. She lives on Lenapehoking land in Philadelphia, PA.

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