Community Organizing as Spiritual Practice

Learn practices for building a relational culture and engaging your community

This class will cover the basic tools and practices of spiritually grounded community organizing from a biblical and theological perspective. The course will deal with practical skill-building in how to engage the public mission of the church to work for justice and peace in the world.

Where: Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary, 2000 Center Street, Suite 200, Berkeley, CA 94704

What: 5-day course taught by experienced congregational and community leaders designed to build skills in theological public engagement

When: 9am Tuesday, January 21st - 3pm Saturday, January 25th

Objective: This class is designed to engage leaders in the work of personal and social transformation by building relationships and acting together on shared values to bring about social change. Learn the arts of community organizing as a spiritual practice for living out your faith in the public realm.

- Led by Dr. Cynthia Moe-Lobeda & Dr. Ray Pickett
- Provided by trainers from the ELCA Organizing for Mission Network (including Bishop Yehiel Curry), the Gamaliel Network, and others.

Cost: $300 (includes tuition, continental breakfast, and lunch for the five day course. Dinner and accommodations not included.

Registration: https://plts_communityorganizing.eventbrite.com
Please note that accommodations are not included:

- **Knights Inn Berkeley**, 512 University Ave, Berkeley, CA 94703 (510) 845-7090. Dorm-style rooms available with up to three beds per room if you are willing to share with other participants.
- **La Quinta Inn**, 920 University Ave, Berkeley, CA 94710 (510) 849-1121 Mention that you are a PLTS Seminary Student as we are in conversation with them about a discounted rate.
- **Travelodge by Wyndham**, 1820 University Ave, Berkeley, CA 94703 (510) 295-2297, Flexible good prices.
- **Berkeley Inn** 1720 San Pablo Ave, Berkeley, CA (510) 524-8778 Located in North Berkeley.
- **St. Albert's Priory** 5877 Birch Court, Oakland, CA 94618 (510) 658-8722 Retreat Center near Rockridge BART
- For thrifty options, you can check out the YMCA next door to PLTS or the Hotel Nash, a couple of blocks away (~under $100/night). Airbnb might be a good option.

**Transportation to the Training:** The PLTS campus is a block from the Downtown Berkeley-Bay Area Rapid Transportation (BART) Station.

**Transportation from the Airport:** BART is the most convenient ground transportation to reach Berkeley from Oakland or SFO airports. BART has stops in Downtown Berkeley and North Berkeley.

From the BART station, you can take a taxi for $15 or $20, including tips, to accommodations in Berkeley.