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November 2024 Newsletter



Making It through Times of Uncertainty

These days, turning on the news has become a painful act. Hearing updates about the wars and genocides in Gaza, Ukraine, Sudan, Myanmar, and Haiti is heartbreaking and terrifying in equal measure. The results of this week's election do not bode well for any of these conflicts. So what can we, as Christians committed to justice and peace do when faced with such a monumental challenge?

Don't turn away from it. Stay engaged.

In this newsletter, we invite you to join us to build community and co-create a path that advocates for peace.



Put Us in Your 2025 Plans!

Do you wish to support your students, your staff, or your congregation in building skills to organize and fight for justice, rooted deeply in faith? Now

is the time to act!

Our annual organizational membership includes 50 seats to any CFLO workshop for anyone within your organization. We offer monthly workshops throughout the year; choose which to attend and learn together as an organization to build a culture of organizing rooted in faith!

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Workshop Spotlight

Organizing for Peace in the Time of War

Friday, December 6, 2024

12:00-4:00 PM

Online & In Person Options

How do we organize in a time of war? What theological guidance do we need in the time of war? In this workshop, we ground ourselves in theologies of peace.

These are not theologies that encourage us to hide or escape. These are theologies that guide us in deepening relationships across cultures and contexts.

We will then explore these theologies as we reflect on organized responses to genocide and war in Gaza, Sudan, Myanmar, Haiti, and Ukraine. Join us if you have been craving context and community as you watch these horrors unfold.



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Instructor Spotlight

Rev. Dr. Damyathi Niles

**Organizing for Peace
in a Time of War**

A professor of Constructive Theology, with a focus on peace studies, Rev. Dr. Niles has been a part of the Eden faculty since 2000. Dr. Niles brings to her classes a unique perspective as a “true citizen of the world.” Having lived, worked, and studied in several countries, she can offer international insights and interpretations on theological issues.

She has been a member of the General Assembly Committee on Ecumenical Relations (GACER) of the Presbyterian Church USA since 2006 and was Chair of the subcommittee on Interfaith Relationships for GACER 2007-2012.

“I want my students to understand that the ministry is a creative process. They need to learn from others and apply what they learn to their own lives. I encourage them to ask themselves, ‘what lessons can I learn from this person?’ It’s important to understand that the people that they can learn the most from are the other people they meet on their spiritual

journey.”

We are so excited to have Rev. Dr. Niles join us for our December workshop: Organizing for Peace in a Time of War.

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