

# Course Description

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**Course Number:** IN 215

**Course Title:** Community Organizing for Transformational Ministry

**Name of Instructor:** Jan Schnell and Kelly Marciales

**Semester and Year:** Fall 2022

Requirement fulfilled, who may register, indicate if limited: elective; Mission development; all may register  
Number of hours, grading option: 1, Cr/NCr

## **COURSE DESCRIPTION:**

In this Community Organizing training course, students learn organizing skills and the organizing cycle with a racial equity and economic justice lens. The course is taught by Kelly Marciales, ELCA Community Organizing Program Coordinator and Director of the Organizing for Mission Network, and Jan Schnell, along with other specialized trainers. Students can be present on campus or on zoom.

## **COURSE OBJECTIVES:**

- Participate actively in a core Community Organizing Training
- Notice how community organizing tools are applicable for ministry
- Practice into transformational leadership skills

## **PROCEDURE:**

Readings and a self-selected project accompany the class. We will use many methods of learning: discussion, lecture, art, reading, and activities.

## **EVALUATION:**

Students, who are preparing for Christian ministry in congregations and religious leadership in other contexts, study liturgy in order to lead and accompany people of faith in the important work of formation—both *in* Christian faith and *for* the life of the world. To do this kind of preparation, we will seek to create a community of learning in which we all are accountable to one another.

Thus, your presence, preparation, and participation in class are indispensable. Like in political, social, and liturgical spheres, in the classroom we all suffer when all voices are not heard. For this reason, attendance and full participation are mandatory.

General Grading Rubric:

This course is cr/ncr

## **BIBLIOGRAPHY:**

Required

Rinku Sen. *Stir It Up: Lessons in Community Organizing and Advocacy*. San Francisco: Jossey-Bass, 2003. ISBN 978-0787965334

Susan L. Engh. [\*Women's Work: The Transformational Power of Faith-Based Community Organizing\*](#). Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 2019. ISBN: 978-1978706309 (Available on DTL)

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Read the [Montgomery Bus Boycott](#) on the course site. We will discuss it during class, so take notes for yourself.

### Suggested

- Black, Timothy. *The Gospel as Social Revolution: The Role of the Church in the Transformation of Society*. 2020.
- Bolsinger, Tod E. *Tempered Resilience: How Leaders Are Formed in the Crucible of Change*. Westmont, IL: IVP Books, 2020. 978-0830841646
- De La Torre, Miguel A. *Reading the Bible from the Margins*. Orbis Books, 2002. 978-1570754104
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- Garza, Alicia. *The Purpose of Power: How We Come Together When We Fall Apart*. One World, 2021. <https://www.penguinrandomhouse.com/books/565184/the-purpose-of-power-by-alicia-garza/>
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- Kim, Grace Ji-Sun, and Graham Hill. *Healing Our Broken Humanity: Practices for Revitalizing the Church and Renewing the World*. Westmont, IL: IVP Books, 2018. 978-0830845415
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- Race Equity Quadrants w/ speaker notes: [https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1v\\_8-9uPcceJk38EDqMZrxFVNqXT4Mh18x9-6nLpHJ1g/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1v_8-9uPcceJk38EDqMZrxFVNqXT4Mh18x9-6nLpHJ1g/edit?usp=sharing)
- Racial Justice Glossary: <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1ok5xycJt-2T36SsleaBnMPytpoycfcQB/edit?usp=sharing&oid=102554741158512408383&rtpof=true&sd=true>
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- Salvatierra, Alexia, and Peter Heltzel. *Faith-Rooted Organizing: Mobilizing the Church in Service to the World*. Westmont, IL: IVP Books, 2013. 978-0830836611
- Spade, Dean. *Mutual Aid: Building Solidarity during This Crisis (and the next)*. Verso, 2020. <https://www.versobooks.com/books/3713-mutual-aid>
- Thomas, Frank A. *The God of the Dangerous Sermon*. Nashville: Abingdon Press, 2021. 978-1791020224
- Wood, Richard L. and Brad R. Fulton. *A Shared Future: Faith-Based Organizing for Racial Equity and Ethical Democracy*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2015. 978-0226306025
- Womanist Theological Ethics: A Reader*. Eds. Katie Geneva Cannon, Emilie M. Townes, and Angela Sims. Westminster John Knox Press, 2011. 978-0664235376