

For all Pastors, Elders, Deacons, CRE/CLPs and other Servants
2021 – 2022 Classes Held the 2nd weekend of each month

Community-Based Mission



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Sandhya Jha serves as Founder and Connections Consultant for the Oakland Peace Center, a collective of 40 organizations working to create equity, access and dignity as the means of creating peace in Oakland and the Bay Area. An ordained pastor with a masters in public policy, Sandhya is comfortable in the pulpit, on the picket line or hanging out with friends and friends-to-be over a good cup of tea and a good story. For more on Sandhya, visit <https://sandhyajha.com/about-me/>

When: *Thursday and Friday, May 13 and 14 – 7:00 to 9:00 pm*
Saturday, May 15 – 9:00 to 11:30 am; 1:00 to 3:30 pm

Where: *Zoom Class – Register on the links below:*

Thursday <https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJ0tceqqqD4iG9HDxnPAL00xNMYPII9QIZh2>

Friday <https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJAud-uhrjosGd0n0kb1IKQsrNZTTA9BchSR>

Saturday <https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJcqd-mrpzgvGdfvMo9oYj8nc06M3tlb04lw>

Cost: *\$100 for credit* for Commissioned Ruling Elder Candidates
\$40 to audit and open to all

Class Description:

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- Talking with the community
- Diagnosing the issue to address
- Asset mapping your community

Required Reading:

Jha, Sandhya. *Transforming Communities: How People Like You are Healing Their Neighborhoods*, Chalice Press, 2017

Questions: Contact Phil Arzino, CRE/CLP Coordinator, pkarzino@comcast.net, 510-828-5596

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Further information for CRE/CLP Students

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Participants should read the introduction, one chapter that aligns with their particular interest, and the final chapter of *Transforming Communities* in advance of our time together.

The final paper will simply be a summary of the participant's action plan to talk with the community (and engage the congregation in that practice), diagnosing an issue of focus within the community to address, and how to gather people to do asset mapping together. Exercises during the course should make this final assignment fairly easy to assemble.

If students are interested in learning more about Sandhya's work, they are welcome to read this article which may be germane to their own work: <https://faithandleadership.com/tiny-congregation-big-building-resurrected-center-peace>

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