

The Isaiah 1.17 Justice Team

of the Indiana-Kentucky Synod, ELCA,

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The Church's Role in a Divided Society: A Workshop for Congregations, Clergy, and Communities

Saturday, August 24, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Christ Lutheran, 9212 Taylorsville Rd., Jeffersontown, KY

Is your church wrestling with how to live out their faith in an increasingly divided American culture? Are you finding that partisan politics is affecting your congregation in unhealthy ways? Are you looking for resources for having respectful, balanced, and open-minded discussions in your congregation about the important issues that affect our lives?

This workshop will introduce clergy and laity to the “The Purple Zone” – the common ground within the red-blue divide in this country and in our churches. Participants will receive training in how to facilitate a deliberative dialogue for helping their church navigate the divisiveness of our current time and move to a gospel-centered engagement based on shared values.

The workshop leader is Rev. Dr. Leah D. Schade, a Lutheran pastor and Assistant Professor of Preaching and Worship at Lexington Theological Seminary. Her book, *Preaching in the Purple Zone: Ministry in the Red-Blue Divide* (Rowman & Littlefield, 2019) explores how clergy and churches can address issues of public concern using nonpartisan, biblically-centered approaches and deliberative dialogue.

Cost: \$5 for lunch. This workshop is hosted by the Isaiah 1:17 Justice Team of the I-K Synod, ELCA. To register, contact Rev. Karleen Jung: pastorkarleen@graceglory.org.