

# **Missional Church: Being the Body of Christ**

with  
The Rev. Alexia Salvatierra

Hosted by The School of Theology, Missional Engagement Initiative\*  
*Effectively increasing parishes' capacity for transformational lay leadership  
and mission development*

## **Three Days – Three Opportunities**

**Saturday, October 1, 2016, 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM**  
**Otey Memorial Parish, St. Mark's Hall**  
**216 University Ave., Sewanee, TN**

*Open to All*

### **Workshop Description:**

With so many injustices, small and great, across the world and right at our doorstep, what are people of faith to do? What if Christians were to shape their missional engagement around the implications of the truth that God is real and Jesus is risen? Alexia Salvatierra has developed a model of social action that is rooted in the values and convictions born of faith.

A faith-rooted approach takes seriously the active agency of God's Spirit and our role in partnering with God to go beyond direct service to community development and organizing using approaches that are "wise as serpents and innocent as doves."

This session will focus on faith foundations and orientation as well as key faith-rooted tools for social transformation. It will also point towards how we inspire and equip people to do justice, as Micah 6.8 describes, and address issues such as recruitment, leadership development, mobilizing churches and sustaining the movement.

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**Sunday, October 2, 2016, 12:15 PM – 1:45 PM**  
**St. Paul's, Episcopal Church, Yo Room**  
**305 West Seventh Street (at Pine), Chattanooga, TN**

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This will be an abbreviated version of the workshop held in Sewanee the previous day. Lunch will be provided, so please RSVP to The Rev. Brad Whitaker, Rector: whitaker@stpaulschatt.org.

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**Monday, October 3, 2016, 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM**  
**"Transforming Congregations & Communities" Class**  
**335 Tennessee Ave., Hamilton Hall**  
**The School of Theology, Sewanee**

*Available by Arrangement with Instructor*  
*The Rev. Kammy Young*  
[kmyoung@sewanee.edu](mailto:kmyoung@sewanee.edu)

## Event Description:

With the permission of the instructor, guests make join the *Transforming Congregations & Communities* class for Alexia Salvatierra's guest lecture in this semester-long interdisciplinary course which was collaboratively created by School of Theology faculty and students and adapted from the works of Marshall Ganz of Harvard University and the Direct Action & Research Training Center, Leadership Development Initiative. The course explores various biblical and theological perspectives on practices that use relational power to bring about political, economic, social and spiritual transformation. Please contact the Rev. Kammy Young for information about attending this class session so we can be sure to provide adequate space for those attending.



## About our Guest:

The Rev. Alexia Salvatierra is the co-author of "Faith-Rooted Organizing" and currently serves as adjunct faculty for seven seminaries, in the U.S. and in Latin America. She is an ordained Lutheran priest with 35 years of experience in community ministry. She also trains, coaches and consults with a wide variety of national and international ministries, including World Vision, the Christian Community Development Association and InterVarsity Christian Fellowship. For over 20 years, she has been a national leader in the area of immigrant rights and the struggle for immigration reform. For over a decade, she was the Executive Director of Clergy and Laity United for Economic Justice of California, focused primarily on issues of working poverty. She is the proud mother of a 22-year-old activist. For more information please see her website: <http://www.alexiasalvatierra.com/bio.html>.

## Endorsements:

"Alexia Salvatierra is the finest organizer of faith communities I know. Her skills range across academia, an international perspective, a keen eye for the needs of the poor, an enviable record of organizing for significant change, and her roots in Latino culture and theology."

-Rev. John Fife (Former Moderator of the Presbyterian Church and co-founder of the Sanctuary Movement)

"Rev. Alexia Salvatierra inspires and equips religious leaders for a deeper level of engagement and effectiveness, drawing on her own history of highly effective leadership. She is one of very few mentor-consultants who is able to link a strong theological grounding to a strong strategic focus. She can help other faith leaders avoid the disastrous but not uncommon pitfall of appearing to leave their faith behind when they enter the public square. In addition, few consultants in this field are as personally engaging or as pastorally sensitive as Rev. Salvatierra. People who work with her come out feeling energized at many levels. She is a remarkable thinker and teacher: one whose gifts and insights are well attuned to helping us all meet our 21st century challenges."

-Rev. Peter Laarman (Executive Director, Progressive Christians Uniting)


"Alexia and Peter are friends, and together they've developed a needed resource for the church today. In my lifetime organizing has never been more important and more effective than it is right now. But it's not enough to base our organizing in faith, it needs to be rooted deep down, and that's exactly what Alexia and Peter do. They take the reader step by step through how to effectively discern, recruit and follow through when organizing. They're pioneers! This book is a must-read for all in the church today who are concerned about their schools, towns, states and nation--and want to do something about it!"

- (Tony Campolo, founder of Red Letter Christians and professor emeritus, Eastern University)

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*\*The Missional Engagement Initiative (MEI) is a collaborative partnership between the School of Theology contextual education program, clergy, lay leaders, and their communities to develop spiritual leaders for God's dream of a just and reconciled creation. MEI strives to enable us all to live more fully into our baptismal covenant. Together, we are building bridges between the seminary and the world in which we serve in order to better facilitate the empowerment of parishes and their communities.*

**Building the Body**  
 Strengthening our Capacity  
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- ❖ **Systems**– laws, policies, structures
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- <sup>15</sup> Now if the foot should say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” it would not for that reason stop being part of the body. <sup>16</sup> And if the ear should say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” it would not for that reason stop being part of the body. <sup>17</sup> If the whole body were an eye, where would the sense of hearing be? If the whole body were an ear, where would the sense of smell be? <sup>18</sup> But in fact God has placed the parts in the body, every one of them, just as he wanted them to be. <sup>19</sup> If they were all one part, where would the body be? <sup>20</sup> As it is, there are many parts, but one body.
- <sup>21</sup> The eye cannot say to the hand, “I don’t need you!” And the head cannot say to the feet, “I don’t need you!” <sup>22</sup> On the contrary, those parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, <sup>23</sup> and the parts that we think are less honorable we treat with special honor. And the parts that are unpresentable are treated with special modesty, <sup>24</sup> while our presentable parts need no special treatment. But God has put the body together, giving greater honor to the parts that lacked it, <sup>25</sup> so that there should be no division in the body, but that its parts should have equal concern for each other. <sup>26</sup> If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it.
- <sup>27</sup> Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.

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### Power Sharing Acts 6:1-7

- In those days when the number of disciples was increasing, the Hellenistic Jews<sup>1</sup> among them complained against the Hebraic Jews because their widows were being overlooked in the daily distribution of food. <sup>2</sup> So the Twelve gathered all the disciples together and said, “It would not be right for us to neglect the ministry of the word of God in order to wait on tables. <sup>3</sup> Brothers and sisters, choose seven men from among you who are known to be full of the Spirit and wisdom. We will turn this responsibility over to them <sup>4</sup> and will give our attention to prayer and the ministry of the word.”
- <sup>5</sup> This proposal pleased the whole group. They chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit; also Philip, Procorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolas from Antioch, a convert to Judaism. <sup>6</sup> They presented these men to the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them.
- <sup>7</sup> So the word of God spread. The number of disciples in Jerusalem increased rapidly, and a large number of priests became obedient to the faith.

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## Giving it All

Direct Service Community Development Broader Systems

Food Pantry	Community Garden	School Lunches
Tutoring	Church-based Schools	Equal Quality
Job Training	Coops/Incubators	Redlining
Shelter	Habitat for Humanity	Affordable HD
Parish Nurse	Community Health Clinic	Health Access

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## Beyond Development -- Theories of Change

Organizing – bringing people together to create systems change:

- ❖ Getting organizational entities to provide individuals the resources/opportunities they need to achieve their dreams (economic development – own the pond)
- ❖ Utilize civic processes to access legal rights
- ❖ Collaborate multi-sectorally (government, business, civil society) to mutually create policies and plans
- ❖ Engage community members in working together to influence public decision-making by applying a critical mass of pressure, using confrontation and negotiation
- ❖ Transform the processes used to make public decisions through cultural change, popular education and direct action

Faith-Rooted Organizing = as if God is real, in a way that is completely shaped by our faith, designed to enable people of faith to contribute all our gifts (not faith-based, faith-rooted)

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## Motivating Participation

Fanning the Flame – Up Close and Personal

- Barriers
- Called by Name – know the name of your flame
- Whose pain moves you most?
- What makes your heart sing?
- Where is the connection between your own deep gladness and the world's deep hunger?
- Are you carrying on a legacy? Passing one on?
- When and where did you first realize that there was a connection between faith and justice?
- What do you dream for your community?

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### Developing Leadership Teams

- Body of Christ Exercise
- Fishing: Risk/Investment/Sacrifice, Support, Acknowledgement
- Healing the wounds created by oppression and privilege that perpetuate the system – “It” to “I”, “I” to “We” (popular education)




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### Leaders are Parts of the Body – Divine Purpose of Government

- <sup>1</sup> Give the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness to a king's son.
- <sup>2</sup> May he judge your people with righteousness, and your poor with justice.
- <sup>3</sup> May the mountains yield prosperity for the people, and the hills, in righteousness.
- <sup>4</sup> May he defend the cause of the poor of the people, give deliverance to the needy, and crush the oppressor.
- <sup>12</sup> For he delivers the needy when they call, the poor and those who have no helper.
- <sup>13</sup> He has pity on the weak and the needy, and saves the lives of the needy.
- <sup>14</sup> From oppression and violence he redeems their life; and precious is their blood in his sight. (Psalm 72)

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### Mt. 10:18 – Wise as Serpents and Innocent as Doves

- Serpent Wisdom – Luke 18:1-8:
- And he told them a parable, to the effect that they ought always to pray and not lose heart. <sup>2</sup> He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor regarded man; <sup>3</sup> and there was a widow in that city who kept coming to him and saying, 'Vindicate me against my adversary.' <sup>4</sup> For a while he refused; but afterward he said to himself, 'Though I neither fear God nor regard man, <sup>5</sup> yet because this widow bothers me, I will vindicate her, or she will wear me out by her continual coming.'" <sup>6</sup> And the Lord said, "Hear what the unrighteous judge says. <sup>7</sup> And will not God vindicate his elect, who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long over them? <sup>8</sup> I tell you, he will vindicate them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

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### Serpent Power

1. Power = Force of law, Wealth, Influence, Numbers
2. Self-Interest and the Negotiation of Interests
3. Constituency, Connections and Case
4. Direct Communication
5. Indirect Communication
6. Escalation

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### 2 Samuel 12:1-12

- <sup>1</sup> The LORD sent Nathan to David. When he came to him, he said, "There were two men in a certain town, one rich and the other poor. <sup>2</sup> The rich man had a very large number of sheep and cattle, <sup>3</sup> but the poor man had nothing except one little ewe lamb he had bought. He raised it, and it grew up with him and his children. It shared his food, drank from his cup and even slept in his arms. It was like a daughter to him. <sup>4</sup> "Now a traveler came to the rich man, but the rich man refrained from taking one of his own sheep or cattle to prepare a meal for the traveler who had come to him. Instead, he took the ewe lamb that belonged to the poor man and prepared it for the one who had come to him."
- <sup>5</sup> David burned with anger against the man and said to Nathan, "As surely as the LORD lives, the man who did this must die! <sup>6</sup> He must pay for that lamb four times over, because he did such a thing and had no pity."
- <sup>7</sup> Then Nathan said to David, "You are the man! This is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says: 'I anointed you king over Israel, and I delivered you from the hand of Saul. <sup>8</sup> I gave your master's house to you, and your master's wives into your arms. I gave you all Israel and Judah. And if all this had been too little, I would have given you even more. <sup>9</sup> Why did you despise the word of the LORD by doing what is evil in his eyes? You struck down Uriah the Hittite with the sword and took his wife to be your own. You killed him with the sword of the Ammonites. <sup>10</sup> Now, therefore, the sword will never depart from your house, because you despised me and took the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your own.'
- <sup>11</sup> "This is what the LORD says: 'Out of your own household I am going to bring calamity on you. Before your very eyes I will take your wives and give them to one who is close to you, and he will sleep with your wives in broad daylight. <sup>12</sup> You did it in secret, but I will do this thing in broad daylight before all Israel.'"
- <sup>13</sup> Then David said to Nathan, "I have sinned against the LORD."
- Nathan replied, "The LORD has taken away your sin. You are not going to die."

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### Dove Power

- Frederick Douglas – power never cedes power without a struggle vs. the struggle in the soul
- Becoming an ally of the Holy Spirit
- Human beings not targets
- Poor have the power already




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### Dove Power

- Prayer
- Pastoral Support – Chaplaincy – encouragement
- Prophetic Call:
  1. Re-member the Poor
  2. Dreams and Visions
  3. Exposing and Combatting Lies
  4. Reaching both sides of the Brain (rainbows)

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### Sustaining Leaders

- The Long View
- Supporting Families
- Creating Sabbath
- Victory, Lamentation and Hope
- Renewing Relationships



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### Building the Body – 1 Cor. 12:12-27 Justice in the Process

- <sup>2</sup> Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ. <sup>13</sup> For we were all baptized by <sup>14</sup> one Spirit so as to form one body— whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free—and we were all given the one Spirit to drink. <sup>14</sup> Even so the body is not made up of one part but of many.
- <sup>15</sup> Now if the foot should say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” it would not for that reason stop being part of the body, <sup>16</sup> And if the ear should say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” it would not for that reason stop being part of the body. <sup>17</sup> If the whole body were an eye, where would the sense of hearing be? If the whole body were an ear, where would the sense of smell be? <sup>18</sup> But in fact God has placed the parts in the body, every one of them, just as he wanted them to be. <sup>19</sup> If they were all one part, where would the body be? <sup>20</sup> As it is, there are many parts, but one body.
- <sup>21</sup> The eye cannot say to the hand, “I don’t need you!” And the head cannot say to the feet, “I don’t need you!” <sup>22</sup> On the contrary, those parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, <sup>23</sup> and the parts that we think are less honorable we treat with special honor. And the parts that are unpresentable are treated with special modesty, <sup>24</sup> while our presentable parts need no special treatment. But God has put the body together, giving greater honor to the parts that lacked it, <sup>25</sup> so that there should be no division in the body, but that its parts should have equal concern for each other. <sup>26</sup> If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it.
- <sup>27</sup> Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.

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### Power Sharing Acts 6:1-7

- In those days when the number of disciples was increasing, the Hellenistic Jews<sup>1</sup> among them complained against the Hebraic Jews because their widows were being overlooked in the daily distribution of food. <sup>2</sup> So the Twelve gathered all the disciples together and said, “It would not be right for us to neglect the ministry of the word of God in order to wait on tables. <sup>3</sup> Brothers and sisters, choose seven men from among you who are known to be full of the Spirit and wisdom. We will turn this responsibility over to them <sup>4</sup> and will give our attention to prayer and the ministry of the word.”
- <sup>5</sup> This proposal pleased the whole group. They chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit; also Philip, Procorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolas from Antioch, a convert to Judaism. <sup>6</sup> They presented these men to the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them.
- <sup>7</sup> So the word of God spread. The number of disciples in Jerusalem increased rapidly, and a large number of priests became obedient to the faith.

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## Giving it All

Direct Service
Community Development
Broader Systems

Food Pantry	Community Garden	School Lunches
Tutoring	Church-based Schools	Equal Quality
Job Training	Coops/Incubators	Redlining
Shelter	Habitat for Humanity	Affordable HD
Parish Nurse	Community Health Clinic	Health Access

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## Leaders are Parts of the Body – Divine Purpose of Government

- <sup>1</sup> Give the king your justice, O God,  
and your righteousness to a king's son.
- <sup>2</sup> May he judge your people with righteousness,  
and your poor with justice.
- <sup>3</sup> May the mountains yield prosperity for the people,  
and the hills, in righteousness.
- <sup>4</sup> May he defend the cause of the poor of the people,  
give deliverance to the needy,  
and crush the oppressor.
- <sup>12</sup> For he delivers the needy when they call,  
the poor and those who have no helper.
- <sup>13</sup> He has pity on the weak and the needy,  
and saves the lives of the needy.
- <sup>14</sup> From oppression and violence he redeems their life;  
and precious is their blood in his sight. (Psalm 72)

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## Mt. 10:18 – Wise as Serpents and Innocent as Doves

- Serpent Wisdom – Luke 18:1-8:
- And he told them a parable, to the effect that they ought always to pray and not lose heart. <sup>2</sup> He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor regarded man; <sup>3</sup> and there was a widow in that city who kept coming to him and saying, 'Vindicate me against my adversary.' <sup>4</sup> For a while he refused; but afterward he said to himself, 'Though I neither fear God nor regard man, <sup>5</sup> yet because this widow bothers me, I will vindicate her, or she will wear me out by her continual coming.'" <sup>6</sup> And the Lord said, "Hear what the unrighteous judge says. <sup>7</sup> And will not God vindicate his elect, who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long over them? <sup>8</sup> I tell you, he will vindicate them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

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### Serpent Power

1. Power = Force of law, Wealth, Influence, Numbers
2. Self-Interest and the Negotiation of Interests
3. Constituency, Connections and Case
4. Direct Communication
5. Indirect Communication
6. Escalation

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### 2 Samuel 12:1-12

- <sup>1</sup> The LORD sent Nathan to David. When he came to him, he said, "There were two men in a certain town, one rich and the other poor. <sup>2</sup> The rich man had a very large number of sheep and cattle, <sup>3</sup> but the poor man had nothing except one little ewe lamb he had bought. He raised it, and it grew up with him and his children. It shared his food, drank from his cup and even slept in his arms. It was like a daughter to him." <sup>4</sup> Now a traveler came to the rich man, but the rich man refrained from taking one of his own sheep or cattle to prepare a meal for the traveler who had come to him. Instead, he took the ewe lamb that belonged to the poor man and prepared it for the one who had come to him."
- <sup>5</sup> David burned with anger against the man and said to Nathan, "As surely as the LORD lives, the man who did this must die! <sup>6</sup> He must pay for that lamb four times over, because he did such a thing and had no pity."
- <sup>7</sup> Then Nathan said to David, "You are the man! This is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says: 'I anointed you king over Israel, and I delivered you from the hand of Saul.' <sup>8</sup> I gave your master's house to you, and your master's wives into your arms. I gave you all Israel and Judah. And if all this had been too little, I would have given you even more. <sup>9</sup> Why did you despise the word of the LORD by doing what is evil in his eyes? You struck down Uriah the Hittite with the sword and took his wife to be your own. You killed him with the sword of the Ammonites. <sup>10</sup> Now, therefore, the sword will never depart from your house, because you despised me and took the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your own."
- <sup>11</sup> "This is what the LORD says: 'Out of your own household I am going to bring calamity on you. Before your very eyes I will take your wives and give them to one who is close to you, and he will sleep with your wives in broad daylight. <sup>12</sup> You did it in secret, but I will do this thing in broad daylight before all Israel.'"
- <sup>13</sup> Then David said to Nathan, "I have sinned against the LORD."
- Nathan replied, "The LORD has taken away your sin. You are not going to die."

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### Dove Power

- Frederick Douglas – power never cedes power without a struggle vs. the struggle in the soul
- Becoming an ally of the Holy Spirit
- Human beings not targets
- Poor have the power already




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### Dove Power

- Prayer
- Pastoral Support – Chaplaincy – encouragement
- Prophetic Call:
  1. Re-member the Poor
  2. Dreams and Visions
  3. Exposing and Combatting Lies
  4. Reaching both sides of the Brain (rainbows)

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### Sustaining Leaders

- The Long View
- Supporting Families
- Creating Sabbath
- Victory, Lamentation and Hope
- Renewing Relationships



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