

Are you 55+ and considering your "Encore" impact in the world?



After a work career gaining valuable experience, skills, and connections, would you like to do something significant to make the world better, but don't know how to go about realizing your vision?

Are you frustrated that the reality of your kids and grandchildren is fraught with danger, inequality, a hurting planet, racism, sexism, and so much more- and you feel pulled to do something about it now that you have accumulated so many skills and insights?

Do you feel your faith calling you to work toward social justice, but you're not sure where or how to begin?

Many older adults are asking themselves these questions as they approach the so-called "retirement" stage of life. Some know more about what they don't want than what they do want to do. Others are fearful of making life changes that could turn out poorly if they are not well considered.

And still, others have a gnawing sense they haven't fulfilled the dreams they harbor inside and that they want to do something more for their family, their friends, and their community. They can't get away from the profound realization that the world needs more fairness, more kindness, more social justice. But how do you think about this moment of transition in your life? How do you plan for a profoundly different future, one that you laid the foundation for during your life so far?

Encore Impact is for you!

Encore Impact engages a diverse group of 55+ adults in a four-month program of discernment, dialogue, and experience with what an "encore" stage of productive, social-purpose focused adulthood might look like. The group will meet evenings for eight, three-hour sessions on Tuesdays approximately every two weeks to work through critical questions and develop individual plans of Encore lives in social justice and social purpose.



Encore Impact runs seminar style to maximize participant engagement. Assigned readings and exercises are designed to provoke discernment, self-reflection, and contemplation. Readings include spiritual selections (e.g. *New Seeds of Contemplation* by Thomas Merton) as well as practical material (e.g. *The Encore Career Handbook*). Extensive time is dedicated to guided group discussion. We expect that many of the discussions will be guided by the participants themselves.

A key outcome of your time at Encore Impact is the development of an individual experiential plan to learn more about an Encore stage work/activity. To help with this planning, Encore Impact includes an expectation of field experiences or mentoring connection to provide a hands-on look at how to bring one's values and faith to work in a real life situation.

Learn more and apply at www.kaleo.center/encore-impact

Classes meet Tuesdays from 6-9 PM at United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities on the following dates in 2018: January 30, February 13, March 6, March 20, April 3, April 19, and May 1.

Program cost: \$1500

Application deadline: January 5, 2018

Class sessions begin on January 30, 2018.

Class size is limited to 15 participants.

Class sessions meet at United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities (3000 5th St. NW, New Brighton, MN 55112).

About the instructors:



The program is directed by **Steve Newcom**, United Faculty, Program Director – Social Transformation and Founding Director – Kaleo Center for Faith, Justice and Social Transformation. In 2008 Newcom received an Archibald Bush Foundation Leadership Fellowship to explore the intersection of theological education and social justice which led to the creation of the Kaleo Center in 2010. Prior to that Newcom served as Executive Director of the Headwaters Foundation for Justice for eighteen years. At 64+ Steve is a ‘fellow traveler’ in his own encore career.



The Rev. Karen Hutt is an ordained Unitarian Universalist minister, a credentialed Clinical Pastoral Educator, and a Board Certified Chaplain. She was a co-founder and co-pastor of Church of the Open Door, a dual-affiliated United Church of Christ/Unitarian Universalist congregation that served Chicago’s Black LGBTQ population from 1997-2005. Rev. Hutt went on to serve as a chaplain and Clinical Pastoral Educator in several large hospital systems in both Chicago and Minneapolis. She is widely regarded as one of the most innovative educators in the Clinical Pastoral Education field, and her work has been published in the Journal for Reflective Practice and Supervision. From 2005-2014, she also served as the part-time Executive Director of Companions Journeying Together, Inc., an interfaith prison ministry that worked with clients in prisons and jails around the state of Illinois. She is the editor of *The Call to Care: Essays by Unitarian Universalist Chaplains* (Skinner House Books, 2016). Rev. Hutt lives in Minneapolis with her partner, the Rev. Ashley Horan, and their two children—Zi (17) and Aspen (3).

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About Kaleo Center

Kaleo Center trains leaders from varied faiths in the practical skills of social transformation. Within the broader community, Kaleo Center serves as a practical movement hub, working collaboratively to support and advance movements led by the people most impacted by the systems of oppression that separate all of us from our full humanity.

We place our work at the intersection of faith and justice, drawing on the insights of our diverse traditions and spiritual practices to co-create opportunities for public action towards collective liberation. We work to build community, nurture connection, and support movement-building in ways that yearn towards transformation, recognizing that transformation roots itself in the power of the people most impacted by the systems of oppression around us. We are proudly and uncompromisingly LGBTQ-affirming. We are clear that racial justice and intersectional solidarity run at the core of all our work.



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