



WE DRINK FROM OUR OWN WELLS

# Sponsor Packet

Dominican University

June 2-4th, 2023

# Welcome

Dear friends and partners,

We are very excited to announce CSPL's inaugural Congress for Spiritual and Public Leadership! This is the culmination of six years of work with our members, where we will gather to do a deep dive into community organizing tools and rich theological formation. Our three-day gathering will be taking place at Dominican University between Friday, June 2nd and Sunday, June 4th 2023.

The theme of our first annual congress is "We Drink From Our Own Wells." The choice of this theme is inspired by the lifelong work of liberation theologian Gustavo Gutierrez, and also reflects our recognition that the life and social fabric of our organizations, communities and society can flourish only when we nurture and strengthen our roots. This includes fostering and deepening relationships that are vital to our work and ministry.



It also includes developing the necessary skills that are conducive to growing dynamic and effective relationships within our organizations, ministries and communities that sustain our collective strivings for justice. The art of leadership is grounded in relationships.

We are hoping to gather over 100 Catholic and Christian people of faith in the Chicago region who will be dedicating three days to relationship building, intensive trainings and formation, strategizing, praying, and celebrating.

# Benefits to Sponsor Organizations

In the preparation and planning for this 3-day congress, we are trying to keep registration costs affordable for our members, who primarily come from parishes with limited resources situated in low-income communities. We wanted to extend the invitation for your organization to become a sponsor of the event which would come with the following benefits:

- Organizational logo will be featured on our website, promotional materials, newsletter, and program booklet
- Option to reserve a 6 foot table to have your organizational tablecloth and promotional materials available for our members
- Acknowledgment at our Awards Dinner on Saturday, June 3rd, 2023
- Acknowledgment post on our social media channels (Facebook and Instagram)





# Sponsorship Levels

## Levels

Your sponsorship donation will help to cover the costs for the materials, training and workshops, food and other expenses that each participant will receive during each of the 3 days. In order to help offset the extensive costs for this year's congress, we encourage you to consider making a sponsorship donation at any of the levels below:

**Liberator Sponsorship: \$5,000**

**Movement Builder Sponsorship: \$4,000**

**Collective Action Sponsorship: \$3,000**

**Justice Collaborator Sponsorship: \$2,000**

**Wellspring Sponsorship: \$1,000**

## Process

[You can submit your sponsorship by using this link below: bit.ly/congress23sponsor](https://bit.ly/congress23sponsor)

In order to accommodate printing materials and communications planning, the deadline for sponsorships is May 5th, 2023

**Below is more information about the training, formation and the tentative schedule for your information**

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# Training & Formation

Over the course of this 3-day gathering, the congress will offer an abundance of practical faith-rooted leadership tools and spiritual and theological experiences and resources. Below is a short list of the resources that will be included at CSPL's upcoming congress.

## Community Organizing and Spiritual & Theological Formation

- Practical faith-rooted community organizing resources will include understanding the concepts of one-on-one's, how to develop teams and the qualities of an effective team, and how to develop both internal and external goals for member organizations.
- Opportunities for rich and grounding spiritual and theological formation and reflection through liturgical experiences rooted in popular education and liberation theology.
- Workshops that will cover a range of topics such as "Social Discernment and Decision Making", "Cultivating the Inner Life for One's Public Life", "Public Speaking for Social Justice", "Popular Education 101" and more.
- Understanding how we recognize the importance of the "I" "We" and "Us" and how we move from "I" to "We" to "Us".

## Strategy and Celebration

- Ample time for organizational representatives to meet to discuss their goals as well as time for relationship building with other parishes, organizations and partners across CSPL's coalition of 35 institutional members.
  - Through participatory liturgical experiences, discussions, workshops, and more we will aim to strengthen our collective understanding and commitment to CSPL's mission, vision and work.
  - An evening banquet style dinner on Saturday, June 3rd to recognize this year's CSPL award recipients and to celebrate our collective work and social justice advancements.
  - An opportunity for member organizations to participate in CSPL's membership assembly vote, which will help to shape our faith-rooted organizing and campaign goals for our FY24 year.
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# Tentative Schedule

**June "I"  
2nd**

8:30am - 5pm (includes breakfast and lunch)

Opening plenary  
Workshops  
Contemplation Room  
Closing Plenary

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**June "We"  
3rd**

8:30am - 8pm (includes breakfast, lunch and dinner)

Workshops  
Contemplation Room  
Closing Plenary  
Awards Banquet

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**June "us"  
4th**

8:30am - 1pm (includes breakfast)

Workshops  
Member Assembly  
Mass  
Commissioning



**We thank you in advance for your generosity and investment in helping us form and train people of faith animated to transform their communities!**



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