

The Micah Society Presents

***Values, Justice, and Power***  
***A Workshop Exploring Justice Ministry***

**Sunday, February 25 at First United Methodist Church**  
**4:30 to 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall**  
**Soup Supper to Follow**



Drawing on years of grassroots, faith-based community organizing experience, Shanae' Elem of Topeka will explore three topics in this workshop: the intersection between the core faith value – “love of neighbor as self” -- and justice and power; the difference between acts of mercy (showing compassion for individuals in crisis) and justice (addressing systems), and the ability

of congregations to achieve power through justice ministry in relation to institutional interests in the public arena.

Shanae' Elem has worked as the lead organizer for Topeka Justice and Unity Ministry Project (JUMP) in Shawnee County since 2013. In that time, JUMP has made significant impacts in the areas of education and mental health. They are currently working on increasing access to affordable housing and public transit. JUMP is the first community organization in Topeka to successfully unite Christians in direct action across racial, theological, and denominational divides. Prior to her work in Kansas, Elem served as a community organizer at the FAITH Organization in Daytona Beach, Florida. She brings eight years of experience organizing the faith community into powerful grassroots action to this workshop. Shanae' also serves as a lay minister at El Shaddai Ministries Community Church in Topeka.

**Please RSVP to the church office by February 22 at**  
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