



WISDOM & MONEY

Be Present, Inc.
Transforming the World One Voice at a Time



Be Present with Wisdom & Money: Creating and Sustaining Inner Transformation, Partnerships, and Social Justice

June 24 — 27, 2021

Via Zoom Teleconference

Co-sponsored by Be Present, Inc. and Wisdom & Money

In June, Be Present, Inc. and Wisdom & Money will co-host a transformative training workshop for people who would like to experience the union of spiritual and money practices using a model of empowerment that creates sustainable leadership for social justice. We invite you to participate in this one-of-a-kind offering.



Later this year we will begin our 18-month training institute in practices that have been proven successful in helping to sustain leadership and partnership in the movement for justice. Both the workshop and the institute will be hosted by our organizations — collectively known as the Trailblazing Collaborative — that have been working toward individual and collective empowerment and equality for a combined 60 years. Rooted in the wisdom and prophetic traditions of Christianity, Wisdom & Money is an organization that invites people who identify as financially wealthy or from the culture of wealth to engage with money as a doorway to spiritual transformation at the

personal, communal, and systemic levels. Be Present, Inc. teaches a model that allows one to know oneself outside of the distress of oppression, listen to others in a conscious and present state, and build lasting and effective relationships. Both organizations envision a society where people of all genders, faiths, races, and cultures live, work, celebrate and worship in their unique particularities together. We believe that this vision calls to many.



We have learned that the manifestation of this vision is realized through sustained transformative practice. In this workshop, we will practice:

The Be Present Empowerment Model™, a model that enables us personally and organizationally to move through issues of race, gender, power and class using three dynamic, interrelated realms:

- Knowing ourselves outside the distress of oppression
- Listening to others in a conscious and present state
- Building effective relationships and sustaining true alliances

This model allows us to:

- Replace silence with information
- Dismantle stereotypes
- Slow down interactions/conversations/processes
- Have resilience and flexibility
- Engage in difficult dialogue
- Build trust and lasting relationship
- Ground our work in a resolute commitment to stay through the process
- Celebrate and play!



Wisdom Spiritual Practices that flow from the Christian monastic tradition, an ancient source of spiritual wisdom. Wisdom Christianity shares much in common with the practices of other faith traditions and thus allows for a deepening connection across religious lines. Wisdom practices include:

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| • Anointing | • Chant |
| • Ritual | • Lectio Divina (Sacred Reading) |
| • Silence | • Meditation |
| • Mindful eating | • Embodiment of spiritual practice |

Transformative Money Practices: Aligning our vision and understanding of money in order to create root level transformation at the personal, communal and systemic levels:

- Financial Transparency: Open Conversation About Money
- Grounding our fund development in vision and spirit, we practice:
 - ♦ Vision Based Social Change Fund Development
 - ♦ All participants are contributors to and benefit from the work of social justice and all aspects of fundraising are grounded in the social justice vision
 - ♦ Sharing how funds are raised while simultaneously addressing and shifting access and power inequities
 - ♦ Sharing collaborative fundraising which allows equal access to a diversity of participants
 - ♦ Living In Gift: explores the concepts of “giving” and “receiving”
- Looking at money and wealth in relation to race, gender, power and class
- Sharing our understandings of the political, historical and economic story of money and wealth
- Sharing our personal experiences related to giving, asking, and receiving
- Engaging in creative and conscious money experiments that align vision and action



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REGISTRATION FORM

In collaboratively offering this workshop, Be Present, Inc. and Wisdom & Money are committed to welcoming all who want to participate, without allowing money to create a barrier to attendance. We want you there!

PLEASE COMPLETE A SEPARATE FORM FOR EACH PARTICIPANT

NAME: _____ ORGANIZATION: _____
STREET ADDRESS: ☐ Organization ☐ Personal _____
CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____
PHONE ☐ Day ☐ Evening (_____) _____ CELL: (_____) _____
EMAIL: _____

AGE: (Optional; recommended for those younger than 12): _____

The Children, Youth Learning & Play team ensures that children are full participants in the workshop and that they have support for additional movement/activities as necessary, in partnership with parent(s) and/or primary caregiver(s).

PREFERRED PRONOUNS: _____

If you have additional needs (e.g. physical, hearing, visual), please indicate below so we can be in conversation about what we can do and how you can participate fully:

☐ I would like to receive more information about the 18 month training institute

We invite you to engage with what follows as a first step of reflecting on the topics we will be exploring together in this workshop. Our reflection on what it means to work with money in a way that creates and sustains inner transformation, partnerships, and social justice begins here and now!

Funding of our workshop:

The Trailblazing Collaborative is committed to having *participants that represent a broad spectrum of our society*. In addition, we recognize that all participants both contribute to and benefit from the experience. We created the *sliding fee scale below* so that money would not prevent anyone from attending this workshop.

The actual per person cost is \$1,260. We ask that you pay at the highest rate possible for you, and, if it is financially feasible, consider making an additional contribution to support the Trailblazing Collaborative and our organizations. Below are guidelines to help you consider what you will contribute financially.

Please indicate what you will contribute in the appropriate category below:

\$ _____ Adult (13+) — Individual: \$0 to \$1,260 \$ _____ Adult — Organization: \$0 to \$2,520
\$ _____ Youth (age 6-12) or F/T Student: \$0 to \$315 \$ 0 Children under 5; be our guest.
\$ _____ I will also make a tax-deductible contribution to support the workshop.
\$ _____ I will also make a tax-deductible contribution to support the Trailblazing Collaborative.
\$ _____ I will also make a tax-deductible contribution to support the work of Be Present, Inc.

☐ I have paid on-line at <https://www.bepresent.org/bpwmintropay.html>. Instructions for how to designate your on-line payment are provided there.

☐ I will write a check payable to Be Present, Inc. and mail it with this form to *Be Present, Inc. 925 Main St. Suite 300-112, Stone Mountain, GA 30083*. In the memo field indicate "Training Workshop", "Contribution to Trailblazing Collaborative", &/or "Contribution to Be Present".

Email completed registration forms to: info@bepresent.org.