

**Elder Circles for Social Change
An Online Lecture with Mahan Siler**

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7:00-8:30 PM ET**

Nelson Mandela, on his 89th birthday, convened *The Elders* --- other global leaders like Jimmy Carter, Mary Robinson, Desmond Tutu and Kofi Annan --- “to support courage where there is fear, foster agreement where there is conflict, and inspire hope where there is despair.”

Mahan, along with a few other elders, asked the question: “Why not in Asheville, our community?” He will share about this experiment along with the more general question --- can becoming an elder for justice be a narrative to embody in aging?

Bio

Mahan Siler lives in Asheville, North Carolina with his wife, Janice. They have four children and six grandchildren. He is a graduate of Vanderbilt University and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. His vocational life happens to divide almost equally between being a pastor of a congregation and working with current or future clergy leaders of congregations. During his retirement years he has explored and sought to recover the role of elder as a defining narrative in aging.