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# *The Creative Tension of Opposites: Jung's Answer To A Polarized Culture*

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**Time: 9:30 AM – 12:30 PM (Registration 9:00 AM)**  
**Location: First Community Church, 1320 Cambridge Blvd., Columbus, OH**

**3 CEUs for Social Workers, Counselors and Psychologists**

*“If only a world-wide consciousness could arise that all division and all fission are due to the splitting of opposites in the psyche, then we should know where to begin.” C.G. Jung*

Few would question that we now live in a national and international society that is increasingly polarized.



Warring factions and groups have become commonplace in politics, religion, education and many other cultural contexts. From the perspective of C.G. Jung we are confronting in earnest “the problem of the opposites,” which became a centerpiece of his psychological theory. It led him to state late in life that “the opposites are the ineradicable and indispensable preconditions of all psychic life.” In essence consciousness cannot develop without an engagement of the opposites.

In this program we will examine how Jung's view of the tension of opposites lies at the core of his understanding of psychological transformation and all creative activity. We will also explore how the *conjunctio oppositorum* can provide a response to the polarization and psychic conflict felt both individually and collectively today.

Specifically, we will consider both the various ways in which we often experience the tension of opposite tendencies as well as the manner in which this opposition can find reconciliation. We will rely upon some of Jung's early writing in *The Red Book* and his late writing in *Mysterium Conjunctionis*. We will also find relevant application in case studies, dream material and alchemical symbolism.

**Richard J. Sweeney, Ph.D.** is a valued and greatly anticipated lecturer. A Jungian psychoanalyst and licensed professional clinical counselor in private practice in Columbus, he holds a doctoral degree in psychology and religion from the Graduate Theological Union, Berkeley and a diploma in analytical psychology from the C.G. Jung Institute, Zurich. He continues to serve as a member of the international faculty wing of the C.G. Jung Institute in Zurich.

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