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TUSCULUM COLLEGE

2013 Theologian in Residence

FEBRUARY 5, 12, 19 AND 26

The 2013 Theologian-in-Residence series will explore how churches can faithfully respond to the cultural changes around them.

The series, co-sponsored by the Holston Presbytery and Tusculum College with funding from Ron Smith, will be led by the Rev. Carol Howard Merritt, who will explore "Reframing Possibilities: Looking at Cultural Changes and How Churches Can Faithfully Respond."



Rev. Carol Howard Merritt

Rev. Merritt is co-host at God Complex Radio and a blogger for Christian Century and the Huffington Post. She has authored two books and served as Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) pastor of growing churches for more than 12 years. She leads workshops, hosts conferences, conducts webinars and is keynote speaker for religious gatherings around the world.

Rev. Merritt grew up along the beaches of the eastern coast of Florida. She was raised a conservative Baptist and attended a fundamentalist Bible college. After graduating, Rev. Merritt went to Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary and decided to become a minister.

As a pastor, she has served Presbyterian churches in the swamps of Cajun Louisiana, a bayside village in Rhode Island and in an urban neighborhood in Washington, D.C. The church in the nation's capital, Western Presbyterian Church, is an intergenerational congregation and the home of Miriam's Kitchen, a feeding and social service program that welcomes 200 homeless guests for breakfast and dinner each weekday.

Rev. Merritt's two books are "Tribal Church" and "Reframing Hope." In "Tribal Church," she

suggests a different way for churches to be able to approach young adults on their own terms. Outlining the financial, social and familial situations that affect many young adults today, she describes how churches can provide a safe, supportive place for young adults to nurture relationships among the generations and foster spiritual growth.

In "Reframing Hope," Rev. Merritt looks at how the treasures and blessings of the inherited church can be joined with new ministries to create a vibrant church to serve our communities.

Reframing Possibilities

Christians are called to lead churches and teach the faith from generation to generation. How are congregations effectively navigating generational shifts? During the Theologian sessions, Merritt will lead participants in an exploration of how generational dynamics, technological advancements and evolving communication have changed our culture and how they affect our ministries. Whether you serve a traditional congregation or you are interested in new church movements, we will discern how God is working through and with our current landscape. Sessions will include:

February 5 - Shifting Authorities

In this session we will be exploring how our power structures are changing in a new generation. From our commerce, to our communication, to our congregations, the way we interact with leadership looks different.

February 12 - Evolving Technologies

How is social media changing the way that we do church together?

February 19 - Changing the Story

Why is the art of narrative important in a Google generation? What do those narratives look like?

February 26 - The Frames

How are congregations faithfully responding to these shifts?

For more information about the Theologian-in-Residence series, please contact:
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YES!

I wish to attend the 2013 Theologian-in-Residence Series on the Tusculum College campus.

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CHURCH

Please reserve a place for me at the following events:

February 5

- 10 a.m. Morning Workshop []
- 12:15 p.m. Luncheon []
- 1 p.m. Afternoon Wrap-up []

February 12

- 10 a.m. Morning Workshop []
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February 26

- 10 a.m. Morning Workshop []
- 12:15 p.m. Luncheon []
- 1 p.m. Afternoon Wrap-up []

I will be accompanied by

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