PREVIOUS THEOLOGIANS-IN-RESIDENCE

2012  The Rev. Landon Whitsitt
2011  The Rev. Gradye Parsons and
      The Rev. Dr. Clifton Kirkpatrick
2010  Dr. Al Staggs
2009  Dr. Marian McClure
2008  Oliver Thomas
2007  Dr. Charles Aden Wiley, III
2006  Dr. David Hendricksen
2005  Gayle White
2004  Dr. Joseph D. Small
2003  Ervin Barham, Chuck Coker, Michael Smith
      and Chuck Bentley
2002  Dr. William J. Baker and
      Dr. Robert J. “Jack” Higgs
2001  Fred Brown, Jeannie McDonald, Loyal Jones,
      Dr. Deborah Vansau McCauley and Paul Rader
2000  The Rev. Dr. Carnegie Samuel Calian,
      The Rev. Dr. John M. Mulder,
      The Rev. Dr. David L. Wallace and
      The Rev. Dr. Louis B. Weeks
1999  Dr. Robert E. Knott
1998  Dr. Donald K. McKim
1997  Dr. James E. Andrews
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1994  The Rev. Dr. and Mrs. John L. Martin
1993  The Rev. Dr. Clinton M. Marsh
1992  The Rev. Dr. Angus McGregor
1991  The Rev. Dr. Robert Johnson

If you have suggestions for future topics or speakers, please send
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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. 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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I wish to attend the 2013 Theologian-in-Residence Series on the Tusculum College campus.

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1 p.m. Afternoon Wrap-up [ ]

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