

MINISTERS WEEK
Re-envisioning Spirituality, Community, and Faithful Living
February 20-23, 2017

On behalf of the students, faculty and staff of Brite Divinity School and Texas Christian University, we invite you to campus for four days of inspiring worship, thought-provoking lectures, enriching workshops and an uplifting organ recital and hymn sing. This year's theme re-examines the doctrine of creation in response to a rapidly changing world. How do we as religious leaders address humanity's connection with and impact on the earth in our teaching, preaching, practice, and pursuit of social justice? We will be graciously hosted by University Christian Church.

As this event is a gift from Brite and Texas Christian University, there is no general registration fee; however, pre-registration is encouraged. We look forward to seeing you at Ministers Week 2017!

Newell Williams
President and Professor of Modern and American Church History
 Brite Divinity School

Angela Kaufman
Minister to the University and Church Relations Officer
 Texas Christian University



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THE WELLS SERMONS

THE DAVIS WORKSHOP IN MINISTRY



Rev. Dr. Amy Butler
 February 20-22

Rev. Dr. Amy Butler serves as the seventh Senior Minister of the historic Riverside Church in New York City. Prior to her work at The Riverside Church, Pastor Amy served for eleven years as Senior Pastor at Calvary Baptist Church, Washington DC. She received her BA and MA in Church History from Baylor University in Waco, TX, her BTh from the International Baptist Seminary in Rüsclikon, Switzerland, and her DMin in Preaching from Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington, DC. Before her call to Calvary, Pastor Amy served as Associate Pastor at St. Charles Baptist Church in New Orleans and worked for eight years with homeless women in the city of New Orleans. She was raised in Hawaii and is a mother of three young adults. She writes a regular column for the Associated Baptist Press and blogs at www.talkwiththepreacher.org. You can connect with Pastor Amy on Twitter at @PastorAmyTRC and on Instagram at PastorAmyTRC.

1. "Tools of the Weaver" (Genesis 1:26-2:4)
2. "Torn, Frayed, and Broken" (Romans 8:12-25)
3. "Breathless" (Matthew 6:24-34)



Ms. Nora Gallagher
 February 23

"My Big Fat Carbon Footprint: Practical Tips on Writing and Preaching about the Natural World and Climate Change"

Nora Gallagher was invited to enter seminary to become an Episcopal priest but finally decided to remain a layperson. She is preacher-in-residence at Trinity Episcopal Church, Santa Barbara and has preached in faith communities nationwide, including the National Cathedral and at the Festival of Homiletics. She has lectured on writing and taught writing workshops at Yale Divinity School, the National Cathedral, and the Festival of Homiletics as well as at other institutions with grants from the Louisville Institute. She was educated at St. John's College, where she studied the Great Books of the Western World. She is the author of *Moonlight Sonata at the Mayo Clinic*; *Practicing Resurrection*; *Things Seen and Unseen*; *Changing Light*, and *The Sacred Meal*. A sermon is collected in *Sermons that Work* and a poem in the anthology, *September 11, 2001: American Writers Respond*.

THE MCFADIN LECTURES



Rev. Dr. John Holbert

February 21

"Loving Where We Live: Genesis, Job, and the Environment"

John C. Holbert was born in Indiana, raised in Arizona and educated in Iowa and Texas, receiving a PhD in Old Testament in 1975. He has been a local church pastor in Louisiana, professor of religion at Texas Wesleyan University in Fort Worth, and is Lois Craddock Perkins Professor Emeritus of Homiletics at Perkins School of Theology, where he joined the faculty in 1979. Dr. Holbert has authored six books including *Preaching Creation: The Environment and the Pulpit* and numerous articles in scholarly and church journals. He was the editor of the Psalms and Canticles material of the 1989 United Methodist Hymnal. He served as Interim Senior Minister of First United Methodist Church in Fort Worth in 1994 and at First United Methodist Church in Dallas in 1997.



Dr. Norman Wirzba

February 21

"Do We Know Where We Are?
A Spirituality for Creatures"

Norman Wirzba is Professor of Theology and Ecology at Duke Divinity School. In his teaching and writing Wirzba explores what it means to be responsible creatures in a world characterized as God's creation. Issues of food production and consumption, the design of our built environments, and the spirituality of place are central concerns. Professor Wirzba has published *The Paradise of God: Renewing Religion in an Ecological Age* and *Living the Sabbath: Discovering the Rhythms of Rest and Delight*. His most recent books include *Way of Love: Recovering the Heart of Christianity*, *From Nature to Creation: A Christian Vision for Understanding and Loving Our World*, *Food and Faith: A Theology of Eating*, and (with Fred Bahnson) *Making Peace with the Land: God's Call to Reconcile with Creation*.

THE SCOTT LECTURES

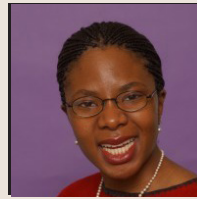


Dr. Larry Rasmussen

February 22

"Adam Wasn't A Guy and
Jesus Was a Mamma"

Larry Rasmussen is one of the world's foremost Christian environmental ethicists. Before retiring, he was the Reinhold Niebuhr Professor of Social Ethics at Union Theological Seminary in New York City. He has published more than a dozen books including two award-winning volumes: *Earth-honoring Faith: Religious Ethics in a New Key* (Nautilus Grand Prize, 2014) and *Earth Community*, *Earth Ethics* (Grawemeyer Prize, 1997).



Dr. Melanie Harris

February 22

"Ecowomanist Wisdom:
Environmental and Social Justice
For Such a Time As This"

Melanie L. Harris is Associate Professor of Religion and Ethics at Texas Christian University where she teaches and conducts research in the areas of Environmental Justice, Womanist Ethics, Religious Social Ethics, and African American Religious Thought. Dr. Harris is a Founding Director of African American and Africana Studies at TCU. She is the author of several books and numerous articles including *Gifts of Virtue: Alice Walker and Womanist Ethics*, *Ecowomanism* and is editor of *Ecowomanism: Earth Honoring Faiths* and co-editor of the volume *Faith, Feminism, and Scholarship: The Next Generation*. Dr. Harris has served in academic leadership as a member of the Board of Directors of The American Academy of Religion, The Society of Christian Ethics, and the Society of the Study of Black Religion. She is a graduate of the Harvard University Graduate School of Education Professional Leadership program and has served as an AddRan College of Liberal Arts Administration Fellow. In addition to her community service on the board of KERA-TV/Radio in Dallas, TX, Dr. Harris works as consultant with the Forum for Theological Exploration, The Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion, and the Ford Foundation.

ORGAN RECITAL AND HYMN SING



Ms. Kyla Rosenberger

February 22

Kyla K. Rosenberger is Director of Worship & Arts and Senior Organist at University Christian Church. She joined the staff of UCC in 1992 and has previously held positions of Assistant Organist and Director of Music. The UCC music ministry has a proud tradition of hymns and classic choral masterworks accompanied in every worship service by the pipe organ. Kyla's goal is to uphold the worship and liturgical excellence set by her predecessors, including former Minister of Music and Organist, Betty Boles. Kyla received a BMus in Piano Performance from Kansas State University. She attended Texas Christian University, obtained a MMus in Piano Pedagogy, and taught privately for many years. Kyla is very active in the Fort Worth chapter of the American Guild of Organists and has been Dean of the chapter twice. She was on the steering committee for two Southwest Regional conventions and presented a workshop on new vocal solos with organ accompaniment at the 2015 convention. Additionally, Kyla was honored to play services at both the 2007 and 2011 national conferences of the Association of Disciple Musicians.

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TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21

T1. The Tornado Has Passed, The Flood Waters Have Receded...Now What? Natural Disaster Response

Faith communities play a vital role in the aftermath of natural disasters in addressing the physical, spiritual, and emotional needs of those affected. This panel explores immediate and long-term responses to natural disasters from the perspectives of a parish pastor living through the experience, a faith-based disaster response coordinator, and the motivator behind disaster emotional and spiritual care ministries.

Mary Hughes Gaudreau is an ordained United Methodist deacon, licensed professional counselor, and disaster response specialist. As Director of Emotional and Spiritual Care for the Oklahoma Conference of Churches, she leads a team of more than 150 credentialed disaster spiritual care responders representing more than 28 Christian and Interfaith partners.

Laraine Waughtal serves as the Disaster Response Coordinator for the UMC Central Texas Conference. Her experience in disaster work includes Hurricane Ike, the West Fertilizer Plant explosion, the Granbury F4 tornado and extensive experience with the flooding in 2015-16.

Ann Dotson serves as Senior Pastor at First Christian Church, Rowlett, Texas. Much of her time in the past year and a half has been involved in recovery efforts following the 2015 tornado which devastated the Rowlett area.

T2. Dreaming a New World with Our Youth: Finding Right Relationship with Neighbor and Planet

Climate change, racism, income inequality, hunger, and violence have deep connections to how we treat our planet and one another. The youth we work with have never lived a year that was globally cooler than the previous year, many of them know the challenges we face and sense the future with dread or ill ease. Come together to share stories of hope, dream a better tomorrow and talk about strategies and solutions to transforming our communities into hubs of hope and conduits of compassion.

Scott Hardin-Nieri is partner, dad, spiritual director, pastor, and sojourner. He is the Director of the Creation Care Alliance of Western North Carolina and Associate Minister of Green Chalice and is ordained in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

T3. Community Gardens & Urban Farming as Ministry (includes tour)

Three years ago Ridglea Christian Church began a partnership with the Tarrant Area Food Bank (TAFB) to create the TAFB Learning Garden in the church's backyard. Today they produce over 2,500 pounds of food a year for the local food pantry. More than that, a sacred space has been created in the neighborhood where people from all incomes, ethnicities, and backgrounds gather together as neighbors to learn, eat, and care for each other and the earth. Come learn more about how community gardens can make a difference in your ministry and hear representatives from Ridglea Christian Church and TAFB talk about their partnership. The group will meet at UCC and carpool to the garden.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22

W1. Challenges and Benefits of Going Green

What difference can it make to a faith community to incorporate earth-friendly practices into how they live out their ministry? What has worked or not worked in other congregations? Pastors from churches which have been green certified by their denominations will share their experiences of the process, the challenges they encountered, and the benefits reaped by the congregation and neighborhood.

Patrick E. McCoy has been senior pastor of Trinity Presbyterian Church, McKinney, since 1993. Patrick currently serves on the Board of Trustees of Texas Health Resources Presbyterian Plano Hospital and the Grace Presbytery Council.

Arthur Stewart was called as Senior Minister at Midway Hills Christian Church in the fall of 2012. He is a graduate of Brite Divinity School at Texas Christian University and holds a Bachelor's degree in History from Webster University.

W2. Effective Advocacy

Texas Impact, a statewide religious advocacy organization, accomplishes its mission by developing grassroots networks in local communities and mobilizing them to advocate with their legislators on specific issues. Developing these networks includes a process of broad policy and advocacy education in congregations and denominational bodies; teambuilding in local faith communities; leadership development with key individuals and groups; and coordination with lawmakers, media, and other public interest groups. Texas Interfaith Center for Public Policy, the research and education partner of Texas Impact, aims to fill an important niche in the public policy landscape by offering an "Other Way." Faith communities are ideally and uniquely positioned to provide this counter-narrative, which synthesizes conflicting secular policy analyses and at the same time rejects all secular policy paradigms as insufficient.

W3. Learn and Tell a Biblical Story: A Resource for Worship and Christian Education

During this workshop participants will explore the process for learning and telling a biblical story as practiced by the members of the Network of Biblical Storytellers, International. This process will incorporate a variety of learning styles and end with a dialogue on using biblical storytelling in worship and educational settings.

Barbara Tucker is a retired teacher and librarian with over 40 years experience teaching people of all ages in church and public school settings. Ms. Tucker is an active member of University Christian Church in Fort Worth, Texas and a member of the Network of Biblical Storytellers. She is currently working toward her basic level certification as a biblical storyteller in the Academy of Biblical Storytelling sponsored by NBS.

PRAYER SPACE

A quiet space is being set aside in the chapel for prayer and reflection starting at 8:00 am each morning.

THREE WAYS TO REGISTER

We strongly recommend that you pre-register to assure your seat at the lectures, workshops, and meals.

1. **Online** at www.brite.edu/mw/

To register, select the quantity by each event and click the ADD button. Multiple registrations can be made on the same from. Successful registration is acknowledged by email with a listing of your selections.

2. **Mail** completed registration form to:

Office of Lay and Continuing Education
Brite Divinity School
TCU Box 298130
Fort Worth, TX 76129
(Make payment out to Brite Divinity School)

3. **Call** 817.257.7580

LOCAL ACCOMODATIONS

Visit www.brite.edu/mw for a list of local hotels.

LOCATIONS & PARKING

Events are scheduled at the following locations:

Blue Mesa Grill (NOTE NEW LOCATION)

612 Carroll Street

Nachos and Networking

University Christian Church

2720 S. University Drive

Registration, plenary sessions, workshops, evening worship, Organ Recital and Hymn Sing, Women in Ministry Breakfast, Retired Ministers Dinner

Parking (with **MINISTERS WEEK PARKING PASS**)

- 1) SW corner of Rogers and McPherson
- 2) NE corner of University and Cantey
- 3) After 5:00 pm you may park in the reserved lot at the corner of Cantey and Rogers.
- 4) Handicap parking is located at the front of the church. *For all others, please do not park in the lot immediately adjacent to UCC.*

Dee J. Kelly Alumni and Visitors Center

2820 Stadium Dr.

Brite Luncheon
TCU Luncheon

Parking is available in the lot immediately adjacent to the Kelly Center.

ALL OTHER PARKING LOTS ARE RESERVED. PARKING IN AN UNAUTHORIZED PARKING AREA MAY RESULT IN TICKETING WITH FINES UP TO \$100.

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SCHEDULE

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20

- 4:00 pm Registration Opens (University Christian Church)
- 5:00 pm Nachos and Networking (Blue Mesa Grill)
- 7:30 pm Worship Service & Wells Sermon I, Amy Butler
- 8:30 pm Texas Christian University Reception

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21

- 9:00 am McFadin Lecture, Norman Wirzba
- 10:45 am McFadin Lecture, John Holbert
- 12:30 pm Brite Divinity School Luncheon
- 2:30 pm Workshops
- 4:30 pm Christian Church in the Southwest (Disciples of Christ)
- 5:30 pm Clergywomen Get-together (Joe T. Garcia's)
- 7:30 pm Worship Service & Wells Sermon II, Amy Butler

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22

- 8:00 am Women in Ministry Breakfast
- 9:00 am Scott Lecture, Larry Rasmussen
- 10:45 am Scott Lecture, Melanie Harris
- 12:15 pm Texas Christian University Luncheon
- 2:15 pm Workshops
- 4:00 pm Organ Recital and Hymn Sing, Kyla Rosenberger
- 5:30 pm Retired Ministers Dinner
- 7:30 pm Worship Service & Wells Sermon III, Amy Butler

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23

- 9:00 am Davis Workshop in Ministry, Nora Gallagher
- 12:00 pm Ministers Week Closing

DISTINGUISHED MINISTER AWARDS

The 2017 Award Recipients will be honored at the Brite Luncheon on Tuesday, February 21 at 12:30 pm at the Dee J. Kelly Alumni Center.

Alberta Z. Brown Distinguished Minister Award for Pastoral Ministry

The Reverend Cyndy Walker Twedell

Alberta Z. Brown Distinguished Minister Award for Specialized Ministry

The Reverend Dr. Roger W. Wedell

Distinguished Minister Award for Innovative Ministry

Pastor Rick Owen

Alberta Z. Brown Distinguished Minister Award for General or Institutional Ministry

The Reverend Dr. Robert W. Hawley

The Kenneth L. Teegarden Award

Mr. Roy C. Snodgrass III

The Being Brite Award

First Christian Church of Midland, Texas