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Community Bible Lecture _____

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Our Speaker/Leader

Rev. Carol Howard Merritt (@CarolHoward) is a Presbyterian (USA) minister whose writing, speaking, and teaching is anchored in theological and sociological insight. She's a sought-after keynote speaker, especially on the topic of ministering with a new generation of Christians.

Pastor Carol is the award-winning author of *Tribal Church: Ministering to the Missing Generation* (Alban) and *Reframing Hope: Vital Ministry in a New Generation* (Alban) and a frequent contributor to books, websites, magazines, and journals. She is a regular columnist at the *Christian Century* where her blog, "Tribal Church," is hosted.

A founder and host of UNCO, an open-space "unconference" that attracts church leaders across denominations, Carol is also known for co-hosting a thought-provoking podcast, God Complex Radio, with Rev. Derrick Weston.

2014

Perry Gresham Bible Lecture and Clergy Day

November 7-9, 2014

With
Rev. Carol Howard Merritt



Offered in partnership by
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At
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About The Perry Gresham Lectures

The Perry Gresham Bible Lectures was launched in the fall of 2010, with the desire to bring to the local congregation and community biblical scholars and theologians of note. These lectures are given in recognition that we are to love God with all of our heart, soul, and mind. This lectureship reflects the ethos of the Disciples of Christ movement, which values the mind and insists that the whole people of God should be educated in the faith.

These lectures are named after Dr. Perry Gresham, the second pastor of Central Woodward Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), and later the President of Bethany College (founded by Alexander Campbell to provide educated leaders for church and society).

The first four Gresham Lectures have been presented by Dr. Ronald Allen of Christian Theological Seminary, Dr. Bruce Epperly, South Congregational Church (Centerville, MA), Dr. Amos Yong, Fuller Theological Seminary, and Scott Seay, Christian Theological Seminary. In year two CWCC added a one-day Clergy Conference to the lectureship, with Christian Theological Seminary of Indianapolis, a seminary of the Disciples, as cosponsor.

This year we are pleased to bring the Rev. Carol Howard Merritt, who will focus on the changing times for the church locally and at large.

Clergy Spiritual Formation Day

**Friday
November 7, 2014
10:00-3:00**

There is a balm— healing from religious wounds

We know the “nones” are the fastest growing religious group in the United States. We hear people tell us that we are spiritual but not religious. We talk with men and women who don’t like organized religion. We read startling accounts of abuse and how people have been wounded by religion. Yet, as church leaders, are we equipped to minister with people who have been hurt by the church? Do we have the tools and spiritual disciplines we need?

During this workshop, we will talk about some of the trauma that church has caused, in our lives and in the lives of our parishioners. Then, we will explore the healing that it can provide.

Registration: \$50 (\$75 after November 1, 2013). Includes lunch and CTS certificate for continuing education hours

CEUs: 4.5 hours



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Community Workshop

**Saturday
November 8, 2014
10:00-2:00**

Weaving the carpet— Creating an intergenerational congregation

One of the most important things that we do in our churches is provide a rare space for different generations to learn from one another. We are called to teach the faith from generation to generation. Like carpet weavers, our nimble fingers work to bring different groups together to create something beautiful.

In our time together, we will talk about the how churches are effectively navigating generational shifts. We will explore how generational dynamics, technological advancements, and evolving communication that have changed our culture and how they affect our ministries, and imagine how we can faithfully respond.

Registration \$15

Includes lunch

Note: The Rev. Carol Howard Merritt will be preaching Sunday Morning.