

Women and the Word
Experiencing the Uniqueness of Women's Preaching

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Women rarely have the opportunity to hear other women preach. **Women and the Word** was born out of the desire of clergy women to hear one another preach and to discuss what is distinctively feminine in the style, subject matter and focus of their preaching. **Women and the Word** seeks to pinpoint the uniqueness of women's preaching, to provide support and training, and to affirm women's styles of preaching.

Format of Women and the Word

Conducted over two days in March at Boston University School of Theology, the seminar will include focused workshops on specific aspects of one's preaching spirit and style, presentations by selected preachers, and worship services and celebrations. Focused workshops will delve into both the substance and the style of preaching in an effort to deepen and enrich women's proclaiming of the word.

Topics of the seminar will include:

- discovering the center of women's preaching,
- exploring the personality of women's preaching,
- examining the environment of women's preaching, and
- reflecting on the theology of women's preaching.

Resource Leader, Rebecca Wilson Dolch

Reverend Rebecca Wilson Dolch of the Western New York Conference offers her rich experience and gifted expertise as resource leader for **Women and the Word**. Rev. Dolch serves as co-pastor of the Ionian and East Bloomfield UM Churches with her husband, the Rev. Arthur G. Dolch.

Having honed her preaching talents by leading revivals in North Carolina and Virginia, Rev. Dolch has preached more recently at the New York West Area Pastor's School, the Elizabeth Finney Preaching Festival, and the 1984 Northeast Jurisdictional Conference of the United Methodist Church. She is currently working on her first book, Poems of a Pregnant Preacher which she hopes to finish before the birth of her second child.

Fees for Women and the Word, a two-day seminar, include:

- \$15.00 --- registration fee, due by February 22nd (\$20, postmarked after 2/22)
- \$25.00 --- bed and breakfast at Cenacle Retreat Center, Brighton
- \$22.00 --- two lunches and celebration dinner
- \$62.00 Total for registration, room and board.**

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