



Women and The Word

Claiming the Future: Preaching Wholeness to Our Daughters and Sons

Claiming the Future
As the School of Theology,
the founding school of Boston
University celebrates its sesqui-
centennial year, the Anna Howard
Shaw Center looks to the future.
The 5th Annual Women and the
Word event sponsored by the
Shaw Center will provide an
opportunity for women and men
to shape the future by clarifying
the issues we face as people of
faith on the eve of the 21st century.
In addition to three worship
services, there will be workshops
in which guest preachers will
deliver sermons based on the
theme of wholeness. Reflections
and responses to the sermons will
be guided by workshop conversers.
In the closing plenary, Dr. Virginia
R. Mollenkott, Rev. Yolanda
Pupo-Ortiz, and other guest
preachers will dialogue with the
participants about issues raised
throughout the event. Together
we will empower one another to
move from naming the problems
to claiming the future.

Thursday, March 30th

10:00 a.m.	Worship—Marsh Chapel*
11:00 a.m.	Dr. Virginia Ramey Mollenkott, preaching Registration, Coffee and Bookstore
12:00 p.m.	Hartman and Oxnam Lounges, School of Theology Lunch—Terrace Lounge, George Sherman Union
1:00-2:15 p.m.	Session "A," Preaching Workshops
2:30-3:45 p.m.	Session "B," Preaching Workshops
4:00 p.m.	Peer Group Meetings and Bookstore
5:00-6:15 p.m.	Social Hour and Bookstore
6:30 p.m.	Hartman and Oxnam Lounges, School of Theology Dinner—Terrace Lounge, George Sherman Union
7:30-9:00 p.m.	Lecture—Law School Auditorium** "Shaping the Future by Preaching Wholeness" Dr. Mollenkott

Friday, March 31st

9:30 a.m.	Coffee—Hartman Lounge, School of Theology
10:00 a.m.	Worship—Marsh Chapel*
11:00-11:45 a.m.	Rev. Yolanda Pupo-Ortiz, preaching Session "C," Preaching Workshops
12:00 p.m.	Lunch—Terrace Lounge, George Sherman Union
1:00 p.m.	Plenary Session, Conference Auditorium,
2:15-3:00 p.m.	George Sherman Union Closing Communion

* not handicapped accessible
** partially handicapped accessible

Dr. Virginia R. Mollenkott, a leading evangelical and feminist
writer, will focus our reflection with her Thursday morning sermon, "The
Everlasting Commonwealth of the New Humanity," and her Thursday
evening address, "Shaping the Future by Preaching Wholeness." Dr. Mollenkott
will also reflect in the concluding plenary session on the issues raised in
the preaching she hears during this event. She brings to Women and the
Word her extensive experience as professor of English at William Paterson
College of New Jersey, her dedicated faith, and her biblical feminism.
Dr. Mollenkott is well known for her writings from the classic *Women, Men, and the Bible* to more recent works such as *The Divine Feminine*,
Goddess: Human Responsibility and the Bible, and *Women of Faith in Dialogue*. She is familiar to many from her articles on women's liberation
in *Sojourners*, and her articles on homosexuality and homophobia in
Daughters of Sarah and Christian Century. She has served as president of
the Advisory Board of *Evangelicals Concerned*, and has actively worked
with the National Council of Churches Committee preparing the *Inclusive
Language Lectionary* (Cycle A, B, C).

The Reverend Yolanda Pupo-Ortiz, a Cuban-born pastor of the
Southern New England Annual Conference of the United Methodist
Church, will deliver the sermon, "From Despair to Hope," at the Friday
morning worship service. She will also participate in the closing plenary
session. Rev. Pupo-Ortiz received her Masters of Divinity from Seminario
Evangelical de Cuba, and a Masters of Library Science from Emory
University in Atlanta, Georgia. She is a former Associate General
Secretary of the General Commission on Religion and Race. Rev. Pupo-
Ortiz has written numerous articles addressing women's issues, racism,
and the need for inclusiveness in the church. Now on appointment with
the Baltimore Annual Conference, she is developing the Bethesda
Hispanic U. M. C. in Bethesda, Maryland.