



Women and the Word, 1991

The Living Word: Scriptural Context and Mutual Ministry

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.
—Acts 2:42

The 1991 Women and the Word preaching event invites women and men to proclaim the power of God through the mutual ministry of all God's people. The gathered community—as the living word—shapes the proclamation of God's realm through preaching, teaching, and the diversity of its gifts. Formed by the power of Scripture, culture, and human experience, the community brings itself to the world as a living witness to the saving power of God in Christ.

Led by Renita Weems and Lynn Rhodes, participants will reflect on the present shape of the church's ministry, the obstacles to mutual ministry, and the witness of Scripture. Through worship, conversation, fellowship, and a variety of workshops, we will challenge each other to claim the fullness of God's co-creating Word.

Thursday, March 14, 1991

- 9:00 a.m. Registration and Coffee—Oxnam Lounge
- 10:00 a.m. Plenary—Sherman Union Auditorium
*The Reverend Dr. Lynn Rhodes and
The Reverend Dr. Renita Weems*
- 12:00 noon Worship—Marsh Chapel
Lynn Rhodes
- 1:00 p.m. Lunch—Oxnam Lounge, STH
- 2:30 p.m. Workshops
- 5:00 p.m. Dinner—Twelfth-floor Lounge, Law School
- 7:30 p.m. Worship—Marsh Chapel
Renita Weems
- 9:00 p.m. Reception

Friday, March 15, 1991

- 9:00 a.m. Coffee and Conversation—Oxnam Lounge
- 9:30 a.m. Worship and Plenary—Law School Auditorium
Renita Weems
- 10:45 a.m. Bible Study Groups
- 12:00 noon Lunch—Terrace Lounge, Sherman Union
- 1:30 p.m. Closing Plenary
- 2:30 p.m. Communion Service



The Reverend Dr. Lynn Rhodes

The Reverend Dr. Lynn Rhodes is associate professor of ministry and field education at Pacific School of Religion in Berkeley, California. Ordained as elder in the Southern New England Conference of the United Methodist Church in 1974, she received her doctorate from Boston University School of Theology in 1982. She is author of *Co-Creating: A Feminist Vision of Ministry*. Presently she is working with seminarians on forms of ministry appropriate for a multicultural world. She has recently visited churches in China, the Philippines, Hong Kong, and South Korea. Dr. Rhodes continues to struggle with the issues of sexism and racism and the meaning of the church for our time.



The Reverend Dr. Renita J. Weems

The Reverend Dr. Renita J. Weems is assistant professor in Hebrew Bible at Vanderbilt Divinity School, Nashville, Tennessee. She has also taught at New Brunswick Theological Seminary, Princeton Theological Seminary, and the Community College of Baltimore. She is an ordained elder in the New York Conference of the African Methodist Episcopal Church. A graduate of Wellesley College, Dr. Weems writes extensively in the area of biblical interpretation in publications such as the *Journal of Feminist Studies in Religion*, *Essence Magazine*, and *Theology Today*. She has made a significant contribution to biblical studies for laity and clergy through her recent book, *Just a Sister Away: A Womanist Vision on Women's Relationships in the Bible*, (Lura Media Press, 1988).

Housing

Days Inn, 1234 Soldiers Field Road, Boston, 617/254-1234. Toll-free reservations, 800/325-2525. \$59 per room (two double beds); indicate BUSTh seminar. Bus #57 to B.U. More information will be sent upon request.

Directions

Boston University School of Theology, 745 Commonwealth Avenue, Boston, is accessible via Route 90 (Mass. Pike), Allston-Cambridge Exit, to Storrow Drive, then to Kenmore Square. By public transportation, use the MBTA Green Line, "B" car, B.U. Central stop. By foot, the school is a ten-minute walk from Kenmore Square. For more information, call the Anna Howard Shaw Center at 617/353-3075.