



Women and the Word, 1992

Women Preaching: Power for Transformation

Preaching the Good News and Speaking the Truth

What is the true impact of women in church and society today? How are women transforming these areas of common life toward greater justice for all? What are the continuing risks of speaking the truth in our time? How deep is our sense of solidarity? What more must be done? These are but a few of the questions to be addressed during the 1992 Women and the Word preaching event.

Reflecting on the professional and personal experiences of Barbara Harris, Susan Morrison, and Diana Eck, three distinguished women who continually deal with issues of power in the church, we will explore and challenge the structures that continue to distort the Good News and promote oppression. In a variety of settings formal and informal, women and men will be invited to speak the truth in love for the sake of Christ's transforming grace.

Thursday, March 19, 1992

- 9:00-10:00 a.m. Registration and Coffee—Oxnam Lounge
- 10:00-10:15 a.m. Morning Prayer—Sherman Union Auditorium
- 10:15-11:45 a.m. Plenary: Global View, Women in the Church—Sherman Union Auditorium
Professor Diana L. Eck
- 12:00 noon Worship—Marsh Chapel
Bishop Susan M. Morrison, preaching
- 1:00-2:00 p.m. Lunch, by vocational groups—Small Ballroom, Sherman Union
- 2:30-4:30 p.m. Preaching Workshops
- 4:30-6:00 p.m. Free Time, Bookstore
- 6:00 p.m. Dinner—Small Ballroom, Sherman Union
- 7:30-9:00 p.m. Bishops Harris and Morrison, Dialog—Law School Auditorium*
Professor Eck, Moderator
- 9:00 p.m. Reception—Oxnam Lounge

Friday, March 20, 1992

- 9:00 a.m. Coffee and Conversation—Oxnam Lounge
- 9:30-11:00 a.m. Power and Politics: Strategizing for the 21st Century—Sherman Union Auditorium
Professor Eck, Bishop Harris, Bishop Morrison
- 11:30 a.m. Lunch, by constituency groups—Small Ballroom, Sherman Union
- 1:00-2:00 p.m. Worship and Eucharist—Marsh Chapel
Bishop Barbara C. Harris, preaching



Rooms are wheelchair accessible.
*Limited accessibility



The Right Reverend Barbara C. Harris

The Right Reverend Barbara C. Harris, Suffragan Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts, is the first woman to be ordained to the episcopate in the Anglican Communion. Prior to her election as bishop in 1988, she served in local churches as priest-in-charge and interim rector. She was executive director of the Episcopal Church Publishing Company and publisher of *The Witness* magazine. Bishop Harris also served as chaplain to the Philadelphia County prisons. She represents the national Episcopal Church on the board of the Prisoner Visitation and Support Committee, a ministry in Federal and military correctional institutions.



Bishop Susan M. Morrison

The Reverend Susan M. Morrison, Resident Bishop of the Philadelphia Area of the United Methodist Church, is an ordained elder in the Baltimore Annual Conference. In addition to her time in local churches as both pastor and associate pastor, she served as a district superintendent and Conference Council on Ministries director. During her seminary studies, she served as a short-term missionary to Brazil. Bishop Morrison is chairperson of the Book of Worship Committee for the United Methodist Church. She was elected to the Judicial Council of the United Methodist Church and served as council member at the World Methodist Council in Nairobi.



Professor Diana L. Eck

Dr. Diana L. Eck is Professor of Comparative Religion and Judaic Studies, Faculty of the Arts and Sciences at Harvard University. She is also a member of the faculty of Harvard Divinity School. Dr. Eck is the chairperson of the Committee on the Study of Religion at the university. She is a former moderator of the World Council of Churches Working Group on Dialogue of People of Living Faith. She has co-edited with Devaki Jain *Speaking of Faith: Global Perspectives on Women, Religion, and Social Change*. Dr. Eck is an active layperson in the Harvard Epworth United Methodist Church in Cambridge, Massachusetts.

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 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.