

Women and the Word, 1995

Embodied Selves, Embodied Preaching

The life of faith is more than an intellectual exercise. Yet for centuries within Euro-Western traditions, preaching has been an exercise of the mind. We know that the Word became flesh and dwelt among us. To speak of love and justice, we must be a people of action as well as words.

Embodied people take seriously the full humanity of Jesus and the call to follow in his footsteps: to lift up the oppressed, to dance with the liberated, to weep with the forlorn. How will this new appreciation of embodied selves affect what we profess/proclaim?

Join us, as Toinette M. Eugene, Mary E. Hunt, and Sharon Z. Rader help us grapple with issues of physical and spiritual integrity that lead to right relationship with God, our neighbors, and ourselves.

8:30-9:15 a.m.
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9:30-10:30 a.m.

Thursday, March 23, 1995
Registration and Coffee—Oxnam Lounge, STH
Opening Prayer—Sherman Union Metcalf Hall

"In This Here Place, We Flesh": Womanist Ruminations on Embodied Experience and Expressions—Sherman Union Metcalf Hall

Dr. Toinette M. Eugene

What is Written on the Body: Embodied Justice, Emboldened People—Metcalf Hall

Dr. Mary E. Hunt

Noon

Worship—Marsh Chapel

Bishop Sharon Z. Rader, preaching

1:00-3:00 p.m.

Lunch in preaching workshop group

3:30-5:00 p.m.

Workshops

5:00-6:00 p.m.

Free time, Bookstore

6:00-7:15 p.m.

Dinner—Sherman Union Metcalf Hall

7:30-9:00 p.m.

Asking Hard Questions: Giving Gentle Answers/A Conversation on Bodies and Religion—dialogue among participants and leadership

8:30-9:00 a.m.

Friday, March 24, 1995

Coffee and Conversation—Sherman Union Metcalf Hall

9:15 a.m.

Opening Prayer—Sherman Union Metcalf Hall

9:30-10:30 a.m.

Fleshing Out the Sermon

Sharon Rader

10:45-11:45 a.m.

Doing the Deeds, Practical Conversation

Noon

Lunch

1:15-2:30 p.m.

"Embody-ing" Worship

Rooms are wheelchair accessible.





Toinette M. Eugene

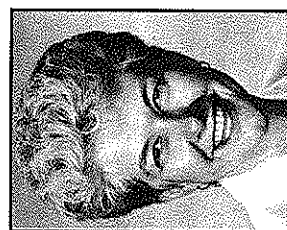
Dr. Toinette M. Eugene educates within a community context for a more peaceful, ecological society of diverse peoples—racial, cultural, gender, sexual, and differently abled—for a genuinely pluralistic, multicultural existence. She holds a Ph.D. in Religion and Society and is an Associate Professor of Christian Social Ethics at Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary in Evanston, Illinois. Abingdon Press will publish her forthcoming books, *Lifting as We Climb: a Womanist Ethic of Care*, and *Balm for Gilead: Pastoral Care for African American Families Experiencing Abuse*, co-authored with James N. Poling, in 1995.

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Mary E. Hunt

Dr. Mary E. Hunt is a feminist theologian who is co-founder and co-director of the Women's Alliance for Theology, Ethics, and Ritual (WATER) in Silver Springs, Maryland. She is a Roman Catholic in the women-church tradition who lectures and writes on theology and ethics with particular attention to liberation issues. She holds a Ph.D. from the Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley, California, a Master in Divinity from the Jesuit School of Theology, Berkeley, and a Master in Theological Studies from Harvard Divinity School. Dr. Hunt has taught and worked on women's issues and human rights in Argentina. She is author of *Fierce Tenderness: A Feminist Theology of Friendship* and editor of *From Woman-Pain to Woman-Vision: Writings in Feminist Theology* by Anne McGrew Bennett. Her many publications include chapters in books and articles for a number of journals.



Sharon Z. Rader

Bishop Sharon Z. Rader was elected a bishop of the United Methodist Church at the North Central Jurisdiction Conference in 1992 and is assigned to the Wisconsin area. She pastored several local churches in Illinois and Michigan and also served as District Superintendent in the West Michigan Conference. Bishop Rader holds a B.A. from North Central College, Naperville, Illinois, a Master of Divinity from Garrett-Evangelical Seminary, and has done additional graduate work at the University of Michigan and Eastern Michigan University. A former public school teacher, she has long been active in community service. She serves as trustee on several boards, including North Central College, Albion College, and Habitat for Humanity. Married to the Reverend Blaine Rader, she has two grown children.

Housing

The Holiday Inn, 1200 Beacon Street, Brookline, Massachusetts, 02146. Reservations: 617/277-1200 ext. 320; Women and the Word rates before 2/22/95, \$69 Single, \$39.50 Double. Free parking. Accessible by the MBTA Green Line, C train, St. Paul's Street stop. For a list of other housing options, contact the Shaw Center.

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.