

"Preaching to Privilege"
1998 Women and the Word
Workshop Preachers and Their Contexts

The Reverend Doctor Fran Bogle – Just Peace Minister, Boston Metropolitan Association of the UCC; Hospital Chaplain, St. Elizabeth's Hospital, Boston, MA; Director, The Feminist Field Education Program, The Episcopal Divinity School, Cambridge, MA. Dr. Bogle is in a variety of ministries. Her hope is to bring God's liberating word of love and justice to each context. She ministers primarily with white, middle class churches as the Just Peace coordinator, and with students and hospital patients in the other components of her ministry.

The Reverend Deborah L. Clark – Edwards Church, United Church of Christ, Framingham, MA. – Edwards Church is a 120-member UCC church in the Saxonville area of Framingham. The congregation is primarily white, Anglo, middle class with most families owning modest homes in the area. One-third to one-half of the adults in the congregation have college educations. While the church is not officially Open and Affirming, they have made courageous decisions regarding the affirmation of gay and lesbian people. The church has been served exclusively by female pastors for at least 23 years.

The Reverend Patricia (Pat) Daley – Hyde Park Presbyterian Church, Hyde Park, MA. Hyde Park is the southern-most neighborhood of Boston. It is a community in transition from a largely white, working class population to a more culturally and racially diverse population. Many of the newest residents are from the Caribbean. The congregation's membership, leadership, and worship style reflect that diversity. Because the quality of education is an area of community concern, the church offers an after-school tutoring program and a community children's choir. Both programs have received significant response from the community.

The Reverend Karen Fritz – Union Congregational Church, United Church of Christ, Winthrop, MA. The 100-member congregation is located in a mostly white, working class community by Logan Airport on Boston Harbor. Rev. Fritz has served there for twelve years. The congregation is an active part of the *Greater Boston Interfaith Organization*, a congregation-based organizing initiative which is rooted in the Industrial Area Foundation.

The Reverend Susan Keirn Kester – District Superintendent, Wilmington District, Peninsula-Delaware Annual Conference, The United Methodist Church. The Wilmington District includes one county in Maryland that is primarily in transition (from rural farmland at the top of the Chesapeake Bay to a suburban bedroom community) and one county in Delaware (which includes a large city Wilmington and a university town). There is so much rapid growth in the area that there will soon be no farmland remaining. The district is highly diverse as it includes wealthy corporate executives, an outstanding arts community, working poor, homeless persons, and rural poverty.

The Reverend Judith Jenkins Kohatsu – Ballard Vale United Church, Andover, MA. BUC is a “united” church – United Church of Christ and United Methodist. The church identifies itself as an “Open and Affirming” and “Reconciling” Congregation – an identity they are still learning to live out. BUC is a community church located in the former mill section of town. The congregation is socio-economically, politically, and racially diverse. Nearly half of the worshipping community is under age 50.

Dr. Jane M. LaMarche – University Chaplain and Associate Director of the Catholic Campus Ministry, Boston University, Boston, MA. Dr. LaMarche is in ministry to graduate and undergraduate students on the Boston University campus. Over 1000 of those students attend Sunday Catholic Mass at Marsh Chapel. Dr. LaMarche teaches RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults), supervises seminarians from St. John’s Seminary, serves as the Chaplain “on-call” to the Lower Bay State Road residence area (Shelton Hall, Danielsen Hall, Myles Standish Hall), and is the Catholic Chaplain liaison to the School of Theology.

The Reverend Zina Jacques – Executive Director, Ten Point Coalition. The Ten Point Coalition is a non-profit organization of Christian clergy and laity who mobilize communities to work with at-risk youth. The coalition builds partnerships with local governments and the private sector in order to revitalize families and communities (Christian and secular). Rev. Jacques oversees grant funding and most of the coalition’s programming.