



# 31<sup>st</sup> Festival of **HOMILETICS**

## **Preaching Hope for a Weary World**

**May 15–18, 2023 | Minneapolis, MN**

Central Lutheran Church  
Westminster Presbyterian Church

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## Make the most of the festival:

Use the at-a-glance schedule beginning on page 10.

Multiple speakers and events occur simultaneously Tuesday through Thursday. Take a look at the agenda and plan your schedule so you don't miss your favorite speakers!

All events are on a first-come, first-served basis. Please arrive early to save your seat.

Place bags and purses under your seat to maximize seating capacity.

Silence your phone, computer, and other distractions.

Check with festival staff to use assisted hearing loops.



# Welcome

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## Welcome to the 31st Festival of Homiletics!

Welcome to the 2023 Festival of Homiletics! We are excited to gather with all of you to explore the topic of Preaching Hope for a Weary World. We know that some of the weariness comes from changes, and we understand that as we experience our changes at the Festival. This past year we bid farewell to two well-known people as Teri Temple moved into retirement and Yogadevotions closed due to the death of Cindy Senarighi. We look forward to building new relationships with Rachel Postler, our Festival project manager, and a new team of staff and volunteers who have been working to make this week holy for you. Through all of these changes, we continue to explore how to bring the best of what we know from our online communities to join them with the most beloved parts of the site-specific Festival. As we move into a new era of what the Festival might be to preachers around the world, we continue to trust and be amazed at the way the Holy Spirit binds us together through worship, the Word, and preaching that touches our hearts. We pray that whether you are on-site with us in Minneapolis, or joining us online from across the ocean you can feel that connection to one another and the promise of the Christ who is our hope.

**Dawn M. Alitz**  
Managing Director  
Festival of Homiletics

Welcome to the 31st annual Festival of Homiletics! For over thirty years now, the Festival has gathered preachers together for homiletical imagination and inspiration. Surprisingly, in looking back over the years at the Festival themes, there has never been a focus on hope. Yet, who better to name hope into our world than preachers?

“Preaching Hope for a Weary World” is the Festival’s response to the hardships and heaviness that have been our reality for the last few years. From a global pandemic to protests, to politics, and polarization; from wars to gun violence, and climate change catastrophes, our call is to preach the hope we know in God’s mercy, Jesus’ love, and the Spirit’s compassion.

We believe in a hope that defies all odds. A hope that amid the realities of death speaks of new life. A hope that amid the inequities of our world reaches for justice. A hope that amid our fears and despair knows the promise of God’s righteousness.

The Festival of Homiletics 2023 will inspire us to a renewed sense of our radical calling. Our weary world needs us, preachers. Hope wins.

**Karoline M. Lewis**  
Program Director  
Festival of Homiletics



# Welcome

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Dear participants, speakers, and guests of the Festival of Homiletics,

On behalf of the members of the Central Lutheran faith community, leadership, staff, and pastors, welcome to this place of ministry and mission.

Central has been exploring the promise of God for over 100 years, here in the sacred homeland of the Dakhóta Oyáte (Dakota People). The members and friends of the congregation seek to welcome all, with no exceptions. In the heart of the Twin Cities, Central draws members and friends from over twenty-nine zip codes. Every day, the congregation is deeply engaged in meeting the needs and empowering the leaders of our surrounding neighborhood.

We hope you experience Central's hospitality. If you need something this week, please let our volunteers or staff know how we might be able to help.

May your time be blessed by God, the One whose unconditional love sustains each of our lives.

Blessings and welcome,

**Rev. Peter Nycklemoe**  
Senior Pastor  
Central Lutheran Church

Welcome to Westminster Presbyterian Church in downtown Minneapolis!

This congregation has been a telling presence in the city since 1897. Our recent building renovation and expansion have opened Westminster to engage in new ways with the world around us. Westminster works with other people of faith and goodwill for justice in our city, as an expression of our commitment to follow Jesus.

Volunteers and staff members are available to help make your experience of Westminster as hospitable as possible. Please let us know how we might assist you.

We pray that your participation in the Festival of Homiletics will animate your faith and call you back into your ministry contexts freshly motivated to pursue the love of God and neighbor. These times ask that of us!

Grace and peace,

**Tim Hart-Andersen**  
Senior Pastor  
Westminster Presbyterian Church





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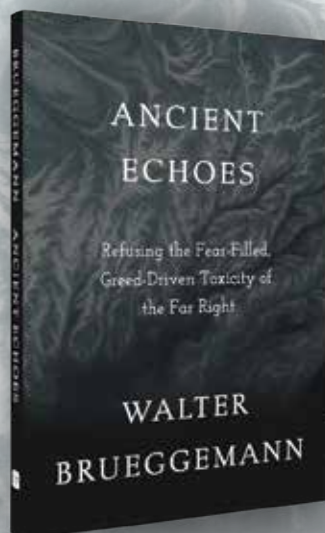
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# Agenda

## Monday, May 15

### Central Lutheran

4 p.m. Registration/Check-in

5:30 p.m. Welcome & First-Time Attendee Tips: Dawn Alitz

6 p.m. Welcome and Land Acknowledgment: Karoline Lewis

6:30 p.m. Opening Worship & Sermon: Anna Carter Florence, "Listening at the Edges and Inside the Wall,"  
Joshua 2:1-21

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7:30 p.m. Opening Lecture: Jay Augustine, "Prophetic Preaching in a Postmodern World," Romans 10:14

## Tuesday, May 16

Thank you to today's Premier Sponsor, Working Preacher

### Central Lutheran

8:30 a.m. Sermon: Michael Curry, "We Shall Overcome," John 13:31-35 and  
John 16:31-33

9:30 a.m. Morning Break

**Thank you Saint Paul School of Theology and Elias Tours for sponsoring  
today's refreshments**

10 a.m. Lecture: Michael Curry, "The Road to Redemption: Remembering Roots"

11 a.m. Lecture: Rolf Jacobson and Tripp Fuller, "Hope That Doesn't Suck"

12 p.m. Lunch (on your own)

1:30 p.m. Organ Recital with Isaac Drewes

2 p.m. Lecture: Veronice Miles, "Dare to Live with Hope at Such a Time as This"

3 p.m. Sermon: Mihee Kim-Kort, "Witnesses of Hope," Psalm 47:1-9 and Luke  
24:44-53

### Westminster Presbyterian

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2 p.m. Lecture: Yvette Flunder, "...Are We FOR Us?" Romans 8:31

3 p.m. Sermon: Matt Skinner, "Mercy: You Can Never Get Enough," Psalm 1 and Luke 18:9-14

5 p.m. Luther Alumni Reception (located in the Corner Gallery)

**Homebrewed Christianity Live!**  
Tuesday night, May 16, 7:00 pm

**Finnegan's Brew Co.**

**The Brewers Den 2nd floor**

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What's a live Homebrewed podcast? A bunch of nerdy fun! Somewhere between a late-night talk show and an episode of Charlie Rose that goes off the rails. It includes interviews with conference speakers, theology games, beverages with other attendees, and memorable moments never to be repeated. You will want to experience the fun.

For over 15 years, Tripp Fuller has hosted the Homebrewed Christianity podcast, bringing interviews with scholars from the ivory tower to your ears so you can think, reflect, and wrestle with your faith. Last year we had over 5 million downloads, and 20k people and 300+ churches participated in our online classes.



# Wednesday, May 17

Thank you to today's Premier Sponsor, Backstory Preaching

## Central Lutheran

8:30 a.m. Sermon: Melva Sampson, "Therefore I Have Hope," Lamentations 3:21-24

9:30 a.m. Morning Break

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**Wednesday night  
May 17th, 6:30pm**

**Beer & Hymns at Brit's Pub!**

Enjoy beer and sing hymns with  
The Fleshpots of Egypt.

Thank you to Pulpit Fiction for  
sponsoring Beer & Hymns!

## Westminster Presbyterian

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# Thursday, May 18

Thank you to today's Premier Sponsor, Thrivent Financial

## Central Lutheran

8:30 a.m. Sermon: Otis Moss III, "When Everything is Not Enough," Luke 19:1-10

9:30 a.m. Morning Break

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10 a.m. Lecture: Otis Moss III, "Lessons from a Homiletical DJ: The Preachers Mixtape Vol. 1"

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2 p.m. Lecture: Sam Cruz, "Hope From The Margins!" Psalm 23:4

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2 p.m. Sermon: Rosemary Bray McNatt, "Rush of a Violent Wind," Acts 2:2-6



In March, the Festival of Homiletics lost one of our dearest partners to cancer, Cindy Senarighi, the founder of Yogadevotion. Her embodied spirituality and enthusiastic soul were such a blessing. We trust her dear spirit to our God in whom we know the promise of the resurrection.



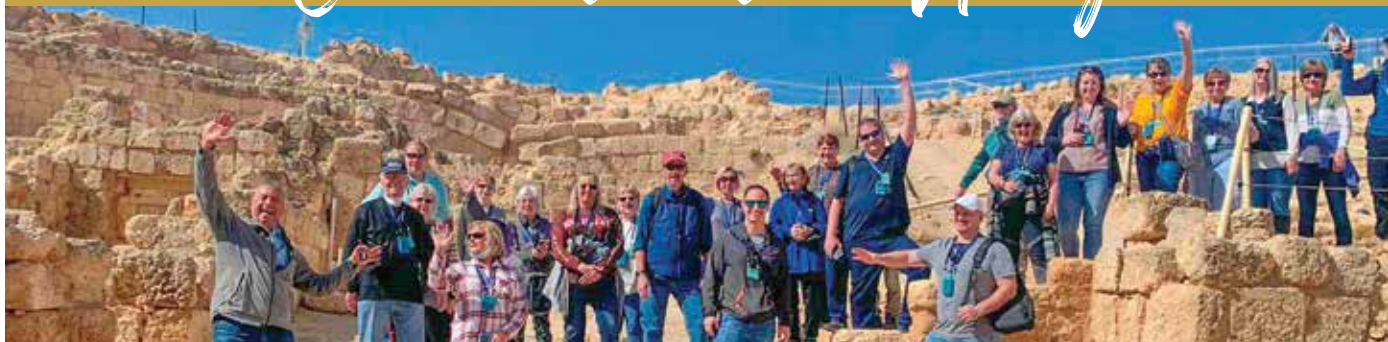




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### 11-Day Journey

Stay in Bethlehem, Tiberias, and Jerusalem.  
Visit Bethsaida, Caesarea Philippi, Herodian,  
Samaria, and more!

# At-a-Glance Daily Schedule

Use the full agenda on pages 6–8 to see events scheduled Monday, May 15, through Thursday, May 18.

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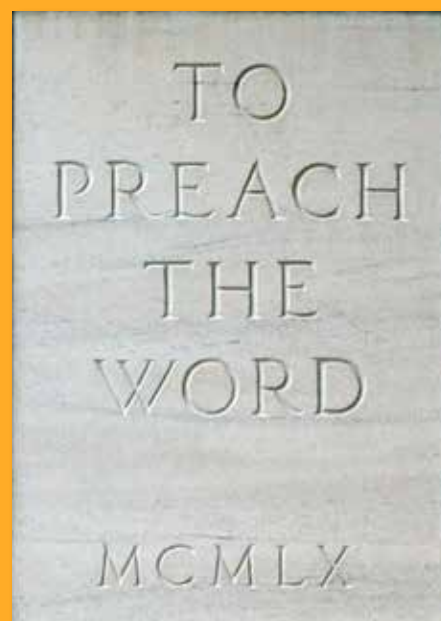
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# Venues

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## Central Lutheran

Central Lutheran is grounded in the call to explore the promise of God for all. The community seeks to live this call by welcoming all, no exception. Established over a century ago, the congregation continues to benefit from a firm foundation that persists today, both physically in the form of the stunning, century-old sanctuary and spiritually in the form of the church members' generosity and commitment to tend to the needs of the marginalized and advocate for change. Central Lutheran's Free Store, Restoration Center, and Street Voices for Change are just a few of the programs through which the congregation engages with and cares for the community. With faith formation ministries for children, youth, and adults, and a robust program of worship and music, Central Lutheran has been and will continue to be a steady, warm presence in its community, where all are welcome, no exceptions.

**Parking** | Central Lutheran has a paid parking lot and ramp located on the south side of the church facility. The parking lot is accessible via 3rd Avenue South (not the parking ramp entrance, but the surface lot entrance), from 4th Avenue South, and at the intersection of 15th Street and 4th Avenue South. A map with the entrance marked is available on the church website: [centralmpls.org](http://centralmpls.org). After entering the surface lot, the ramp entrance is by the 4th Avenue South entrance. Designated handicapped parking spaces are available in both the ramp and lot for a nominal fee.

**Entry and Elevator** | Central Lutheran is accessible from the south entrance near the parking lot. A drop-off area and ramped entrance are located on the north side of 12th Street and enter directly into the Great Room. An elevator is located inside on the main level off the Great Room near the kitchen.

**Wheelchair-Accessible Spaces** | Central is wheelchair accessible. There is designated seating for wheelchairs and those with limited mobility in the sanctuary.

**Restrooms** | Wheelchair-accessible restrooms are located off the south entrance hallway near the Welcome Desk.

**Service of Holy Eucharist** | To receive Holy Communion in your aisle, please ask an usher when you arrive.





## Westminster Presbyterian

An engaged, urban partner sharing the good news with a world in need of God's peace, love, and justice, Westminster Presbyterian Church has been a telling presence in the city of Minneapolis since 1857.

With stirring worship services, beautiful traditions, and progressive church culture, Westminster is a home for people of all ages and backgrounds to deepen their faith and make a difference in the world.

The church offers ministries in adult, children, and youth education; music and the arts; and social justice, with a highly engaged congregation welcoming and caring deeply for all people within and beyond its walls.

As an active and influential member of the city, Westminster collaborates with other faith, business, and social service partners to make our community a place where justice flourishes, love is shared, and people are valued.

Westminster is one of the nearly 13,000 similar congregations spread across the United States that, together, make up the Presbyterian Church (USA).

Westminster also houses the Westminster Gallery, sponsors the Westminster Town Hall Forum, and supports Boy Scout Troop 33, Hmong Troop 100, and Camp Ajawah north of the Twin Cities.

# Speakers

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## Jay Augustine

Professor, Pastor, Author, and Advocate

Jonathan C. Augustine (aka "Jay Augustine") is a pastor and professor, as well as an author and advocate. He is part of a group of national social justice leaders who speak for the equality of all human beings while advocating for policies of diversity, inclusion, and belonging. Since May 2019, he has served as the senior pastor of St. Joseph AME Church (Durham, NC), while simultaneously serving, since January 2017, as the general chaplain of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.



## Timothy Adkins-Jones

Assistant Professor of Homiletics, Union Theological Seminary

The Rev. Timothy Levi Adkins-Jones is the Pastor of the historic Bethany Baptist Church in Newark, New Jersey. A son of the church, Rev. Adkins-Jones was led to faith in Christ by his grandfather the Rev. Leroy Jones at Pilgrim Journey Baptist Church in his hometown of Richmond, Virginia. Before being called to Bethany, Rev. Adkins-Jones faithfully led congregations in Massachusetts and Connecticut, building a young legacy of community activism and Christian service. He gladly serves as part of the leadership team for the New Jersey Black Multi-Faith Alliance and the Clergy Caucus for Faith in New Jersey, a non-partisan, multi-faith organization seeking social and economic change through policy and relationships.



## Rosemary Bray McNatt

President of Starr King School for the Ministry, Professor of Unitarian Universalist Ministry and Heritage

The Rev. Rosemary Bray McNatt became President of Starr King School for the Ministry in Oakland, CA in 2014. For 13 years, she was Senior Minister of The Fourth Universalist Society in the City of New York, a 175-year-old Unitarian Universalist congregation on the Upper West Side of

Manhattan. Born and raised in Chicago, Illinois, she is a graduate of Yale University and Drew Theological Seminary.

She has taught Unitarian Universalist history and polity since 2005 at Union Theological Seminary in New York City and Yale Divinity School in New Haven, CT. She also served as a faculty member of the 2008 International Council of Unitarian Universalists Leadership Training Conference in Nairobi, Kenya—the first ever such gathering on the African Continent.



## Anna Carter Florence

Peter Marshall Professor of Preaching, Columbia Theological Seminary

Anna Carter Florence is the Peter Marshall Professor of Preaching at Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur, Georgia. She is an ordained minister in the Presbyterian Church (USA) and holds degrees from Yale University and Princeton Theological Seminary (M.Div. and Ph.D.). Before joining the Columbia faculty in 1998, Dr. Florence served as an associate pastor for youth and young adults at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Minneapolis. Her books include *Preaching as Testimony*, *Inscribing the Word*, and *Rehearsing Scripture: Discovering God's Word in Community* (Eerdmans, 2018), based on her 2012 Lyman Beecher Lectures on Preaching at Yale Divinity School; her current book project is 'A' is for Alabaster: A Preacher's Alphabet. She has also published numerous articles and chapters in books and journals, including a year's worth of lectionary text commentaries for WorkingPreacher.org.



## Edgardo Colón-Emeric

Dean of Duke Divinity School, Irene and William McCutchen Professor of Reconciliation and Theology, and Director of the Center for Reconciliation

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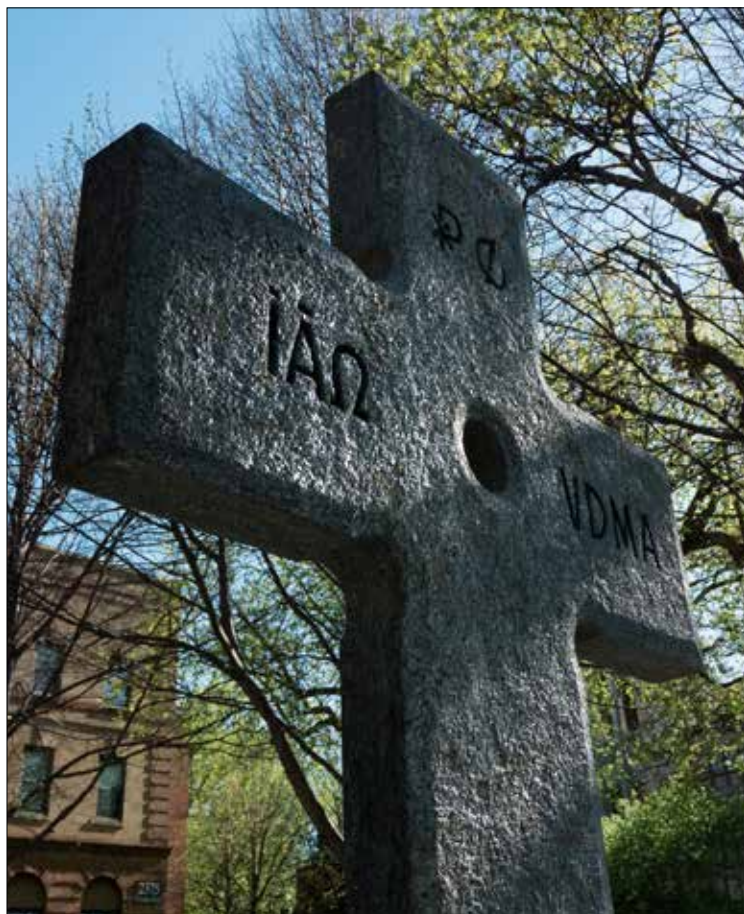
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Emeric was the first Latino to be ordained as an elder in the North Carolina Conference of the United Methodist Church and was the founding pastor of Cristo Vive UMC in Durham, NC. He became the founding director of the Hispanic House of Studies at Duke Divinity School in 2007 and joined the Divinity School faculty in 2008. From 2010–2021, he served as the director of the Central American Methodist Course of Study, which trains Methodist pastors who have not earned a formal master of divinity degree in such places as El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, and Panama. He is also the director of the Duke-Peru Theological Initiative, a partnership between the Methodist Church of Peru and Duke Divinity School.



### **Samuel Cruz**

Associate Professor of Church and Society, Union Theological Seminary

Associate Professor of Church and Society Samuel Cruz completed his Ph.D. at Drew University, Madison, N.J. in 2002 under the directorship of internationally renowned

philosopher and sociologist of religion, Dr. Otto Maduro. Cruz also completed his M.Phil. from Drew University in 1999. He received the M.A., Magna Cum Laude, from New Brunswick Theological Seminary in New Brunswick, NJ. In addition, is a 1987 graduate of the College of New Rochelle in New Rochelle, NY. Cruz's publications include two books, "Masked Africanisms: Puerto Rican Pentecostalism" (Kendall Hunt Publishing, 2005), as well as "Christianity and Culture in the City: A Post-Colonial Approach" (Lexington Books, 2013). He is currently working on a book project "Latinas and the LGBT Community: Implications for the Church and Beyond."



### **Michael Curry**

27th and Current Presiding Bishop and Primate of The Episcopal Church

The Most Rev. Michael Bruce Curry is the presiding bishop and primate of The Episcopal Church. At the church's 78th General Convention in

June 2015, he was elected to a nine-year term in this role and installed in November of that year; he serves as The Episcopal Church's chief pastor, spokesperson, and president and chief executive officer.

Throughout his ministry, Bishop Curry has been

a prophetic leader, particularly in the areas of racial reconciliation, climate change, evangelism, immigration policy, and marriage equality. The animating vision and message of his ministry are Jesus of Nazareth and his way of radical, sacrificial love, and he regularly reminds Episcopalians they are "the Episcopal branch of the Jesus Movement."



### **Yvette Flunder**

Founder and Senior Pastor, City of Refuge UCC; Presiding Bishop, the Fellowship of Affirming Ministries

Yvette A. Flunder is an advocate for justice and the founder and senior pastor of the City of Refuge United Church of Christ. She is a graduate

of the Certificate of Ministry Studies and Master of Arts programs at the Pacific School of Religion, and she received her Doctor of Ministry degree from San Francisco Theological Seminary. Since 2003, Flunder has served as presiding bishop of the Fellowship of Affirming Ministries, a multid denominational coalition of over 100 primarily African American Christian leaders and laity representing churches and faith-based organizations from the United States, Mexico, three countries in Africa, and Asia. TFAM is in a covenantal relationship with the United Church of Christ, the Metropolitan Community Church, and the Centers for Spiritual Living.



### **Cynthia Hale**

Founding & Senior Pastor; Ray of Hope Christian Church, Decatur, Georgia

Cynthia Hale is the founding and senior pastor of Ray of Hope Christian Church in Decatur, Georgia. She earned a Master of

Divinity from Duke University and earned a Doctor of Ministry from United Theological Seminary in Dayton, Ohio. Hale established a mentoring program, Elah Pastoral Ministries, Inc, and convenes a Women in Ministry Conference each year. Hale was inducted into the African American Biographies Hall of Fame and the Martin Luther King, Jr. Board of Preachers of Morehouse College. Hale has published "I'm A Piece of Work: Sisters Shaped by God" and has been a contributing writer to many publications including, Feasting on the Gospels. Hale has received the "Women of Power" award from the National Urban League and earned recognition from Ebony magazine as an influential leader.



### **Dawn Hand**

Central Maryland District  
Superintendent; Baltimore-  
Washington Conference

The Rev. Dawn M. Hand is an  
ordained elder of the Western North  
Carolina Conference of the United  
Methodist Church and Central

Maryland District Superintendent for the Baltimore-  
Washington Conference – The United Methodist  
Church.

In 2011, Hand was appointed to Foundry United  
Methodist Church in Washington, D.C., and served  
as its Executive Pastor and Chief of Staff. In this  
role, she was responsible for managing the day-  
to-day operations of a historic downtown church  
with a congregation of more than 1,200 members.  
Before being appointed to Foundry, Rev. Hand was  
an Associate Pastor at Matthews United Methodist  
Church in Matthews, NC. Hand was one of five  
associate pastors who together with the lead pastor  
helped care for the spiritual growth of the nearly  
3,000-member suburban congregation. Before parish  
ministry, Hand served on the staff of the Western  
North Carolina Conference. Joining the staff in  
1991 as Assistant Director of Communications, she  
became its Director in 1996 and served until 2006.



### **Rolf Jacobson**

Dean of the Faculty, Professor  
of Old Testament and the Alvin  
N. Rogness Chair of Scripture,  
Theology, and Ministry, Luther  
Seminary

Dean of Faculty Rolf Jacobson is  
the Professor of Old Testament, and

the Alvin N. Rogness Chair of Scripture, Theology,  
and Ministry, and joined the Luther Seminary faculty  
in 2003. Before that, he served on the faculty of  
Augsburg University and as Associate Pastor of Como  
Park Lutheran Church (St. Paul, Minnesota).

Known for his humor and faithful biblical  
interpretation, Jacobson is an in-demand preacher  
and teacher. His collaborative projects include  
The Book of Psalms (NICOT; with Beth Tanner and  
Nancy deClaissé-Walford), Invitation to the Psalms  
(with Karl Jacobson), Crazy Talk: A Not-So-Stuffy  
Dictionary of Theological Terms (with five fellow  
Luther Seminary graduates), and Crazy Book: A  
Not-So-Stuffy Dictionary of Biblical Terms (with  
Hans Wiersma and Karl Jacobson). He is also the

author of The Homebrewed Christianity Guide to  
the Old Testament: Israel's In-Your-Face, Holy God.  
His scholarly interests include the Psalms, prophets,  
biblical theology, biblical narrative, and preaching of  
the Old Testament.



### **Shannon Johnson Kershner**

Senior Pastor, Fourth Presbyterian  
Church, Chicago

The Rev. Shannon Johnson Kershner  
grew up in the manse of the First  
Presbyterian Church of Waco, Texas.  
She graduated with a Bachelor of  
Arts degree from Trinity University

in San Antonio and went on to receive a Master of  
Divinity from Columbia Theological Seminary in  
Decatur, Georgia. Her first call upon graduating was  
as Associate Pastor at the Woodlands Community  
Presbyterian Church in The Woodlands, Texas  
(1999–2002).

From there, she was called to Woodhaven  
Presbyterian Church in Irving, Texas, in the middle  
of the Dallas/Fort Worth metroplex, where for seven  
years she served as Head of Staff (2002–2009) before  
being called as Head of Staff to Black Mountain  
Presbyterian Church, just outside the gates of the  
Montreat Presbyterian Conference Center in North  
Carolina.



### **Mihee Kim-Kort**

Co-pastor; First Presbyterian  
Church, Annapolis

Mihee Kim-Kort is an ordained  
Presbyterian (PCUSA) minister and  
serves as co-pastor with her spouse  
at First Presbyterian Church in  
Annapolis, MD. She is a doctoral

candidate in Religious Studies at Indiana University  
with degrees in divinity and theology from Princeton  
Theological Seminary and English Literature and  
Religious Studies from the University of Colorado-  
Boulder. She juggles various other jobs including  
raising three children, itinerant preaching and  
speaking, writing, hanging out with young people,  
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The Rev. Raquel S. Lettsome is committed to excellence and loves to help people move forward in their lives and ministries. To that end,

she has integrated over 20 years of congregational ministry experience, extensive biblical and theological training, Spirit-led discernment, and her love of God and people to create RSL Ministries ([www.rslministries.com](http://www.rslministries.com)).



### **Amy-Jill Levine**

Mary Jane Werthan University Professor of Jewish Studies and University Professor of New Testament Studies, Emerita

Amy-Jill Levine ("AJ") is Rabbi Stanley M. Kessler Distinguished Professor of New Testament and

Jewish Studies at Hartford International University for Religion and Peace and University Professor of New Testament and Jewish Studies Emerita and Mary Jane Werthan Professor of Jewish Studies Emerita at Vanderbilt.



### **Karoline Lewis**

Doctor of Ministry Program Director, Professor, and Marbury E. Anderson Chair in Biblical Preaching, Luther Seminary

Karoline M. Lewis is the Marbury E. Anderson Chair in Biblical Preaching at Luther Seminary, St. Paul, MN,

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Lewis is the author of *A Lay Preacher's Guide: How to Craft a Faithful Sermon*; *Embody: Five Steps to Leading With Integrity*; *SHE: Five Keys to Unlock the Power of Women in Ministry* (including an accompanying facilitator guide, participant guide, and DVD); and *John: Fortress Biblical Preaching Commentaries*, as well as numerous articles and book chapters. Lewis was one of the 100 religious scholars in the United States to be a part of the Values and Voices Campaign in 2016 ([valuesandvoices.com](http://valuesandvoices.com)) and again in 2021. Her current projects include *John and Method, Belonging: Lessons At The Well*, and *Grace Upon Grace: A Lectionary for the Gospel of John*.



### **Barbara Lundblad**

Joe R. Engle Professor Emerita of Preaching, Union Theological Seminary

Barbara Lundblad is the Joe R. Engle Professor Emerita of Preaching at Union Theological Seminary in New York City.

She earned a bachelor's degree in English from Augustana College, a Master of Divinity from Yale Divinity School, and a Doctor of Divinity from the Lutheran School of Theology in Chicago. An ordained minister of the ELCA, she served as a parish pastor and campus pastor. She has taught preaching at Yale Divinity School, Princeton Theological Seminary, Hebrew Union College, and in the Doctor of Ministry program of the Association of Chicago Theological Schools. In 2007, she served as president of the Academy of Homiletics. Lundblad is the author of "Transforming the Stone" and "Marking Time." She has contributed to *Lectionary Homiletics*, *Word & World*, and *The Living Pulpit*.



### **Peter W. Marty**

Editor/Publisher of The Christian Century magazine & Senior Pastor of St. Paul Lutheran Church

Peter W. Marty serves as senior pastor of St. Paul Lutheran Church, a 3,500-member congregation in Davenport, Iowa, and editor/publisher of *The Christian Century*, a journal devoted to shaping America's conversation about religion and faith in public life. He writes a monthly column for the *Century*.



### **MaryAnn McKibben Dana**

Writer, free-range pastor, speaker, and Associate Certified Coach (ICF)

The Rev. MaryAnn McKibben Dana is a writer, pastor, speaker, and ministry coach living in the Virginia suburbs of DC. She is author of three books, most recently *Hope: A User's Manual* (Eerdmans 2022). Her weekly newsletter, *The Blue Room*, reaches thousands of readers each week and covers topics ranging from mental health to ChatGPT to *Ted Lasso*. Her writing has also appeared in *TIME*, *The Washington Post*, *Huffington Post*, *Religion Dispatches*, *Journal for Preachers*, and the *Christian Century*, and in a monthly column for *Presbyterians Today* for three years. She was



featured on PBS's Religion and Ethics Newsweekly for her work on Sabbath, and was recognized by the Presbyterian Writers Guild with the 2015-2016 David Steele Distinguished Writer Award. She is a sought-after speaker, preacher, conference leader and writer around issues of leadership, faith formation, and congregational transformation. She served as co-chair for two years of NEXT Church, a movement within the Presbyterian Church (USA) that seeks to call forth vital ministry for our changing cultural context. She currently serves as associate pastor at Trinity Presbyterian Church in Herndon, VA. MaryAnn is a graduate of Rice University in Houston, Texas and received her M.Div. from Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur, Georgia. She is a mother of three, an imperfect knitter, and an occasional ultramarathoner.



### **Jonathan Merritt**

Author

Jonathan Merritt is an award-winning faith and culture writer who has published over 2,500 articles in outlets such as USA Today, The Washington Post, BuzzFeed, and Christianity Today.

He is a contributing writer for The Atlantic and senior columnist for Religion News Service, and his articles are viewed more than 2.5 million times each year. Jonathan has been interviewed by CNN, ABC World News, NPR, MSNBC, Fox News, and The New York Times and is the author of several books including the critically acclaimed *Jesus is Better Than You Imagined*. He was recently named one of 30 young leaders reshaping Christian leadership by Outreach magazine.



### **Veronica Miles**

Mary Elizabeth McGehee Joyce  
Professor of Preaching, Wesley  
Theological Seminary

The Rev. Dr. Veronica Miles is a preacher, teacher, scholar, mentor, and artist committed to a life of ministry in the church and

the academy. She serves as the Mary Elizabeth McGehee Joyce Professor of Preaching at the Wesley Theological Seminary, Washington, DC. She has taught preaching for more than 17 years and has preached extensively. She has also contributed to various academic and church-related journals, commentaries, and books.

Her publication, *Embodied Hope: A Homiletical Theology Reflection* (CASCADE Books), explores the human capacity to live with Hope and the power and potential of preaching to amplify Hope's resonance in our lives. She is in the beginning stages of a second publication, *Speak, Sisters, Speak!* (working title), that amplifies Black women's wisdom and the necessity of their voices for the Christian church and society at large.



### **Joy J. Moore**

Professor of Biblical Preaching,  
Luther Seminary

Joy J. Moore is an ordained elder in the United Methodist Church (UMC) and received her Ph.D. from the Brunel University London School of Theology. Moore came to Luther

Seminary in 2019 as an Associate Professor of Biblical Preaching. Previously, she served Fuller Theological Seminary, providing the vision to establish the William E. Pannell Center for African-American Church Studies. She also worked at Duke University Divinity School, Asbury Theological Seminary, and Adrian College. She held pastorates in the Michigan area of the UMC. Moore contributed a chapter to Andrew C. Thompson's *"Generation Rising: A Future with Hope for the United Methodist Church"* as well as to the books *"Essential Truths"* and *"Unity, Liberty, and Charity."* She also wrote for *Sojourners* magazine, *Christian Century*, *WorkingPreacher.org*, and *Good News* magazine. She belongs to several organizations, including the Academy of Homiletics, the Society for Biblical Literature, and the American Academy of Religion. She also serves on the board of directors for ZOE Ministries.



### **Otis Moss III**

Pastor, Trinity United Church of  
Christ

As Senior Pastor of Trinity United Church of Christ in Chicago, the Rev. Dr. Otis Moss III spent the last two decades practicing and preaching a Black theology that unapologetically calls attention to the problems of mass incarceration, environmental justice, and economic inequality.

A native of Cleveland, Ohio, Dr. Moss is an honors graduate of Morehouse College who earned a Master of Divinity from Yale Divinity School, and a Doctor of

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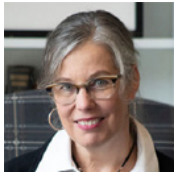
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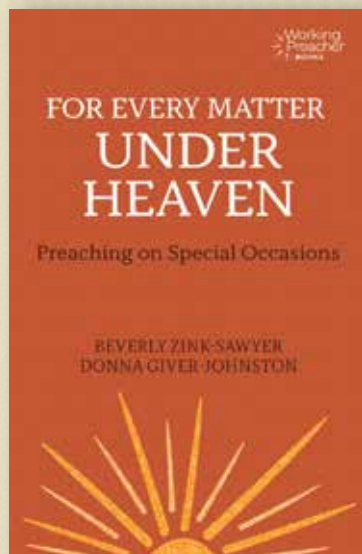
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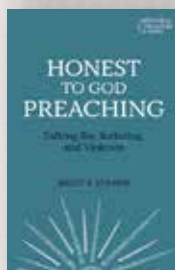
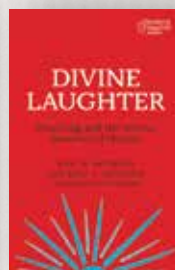
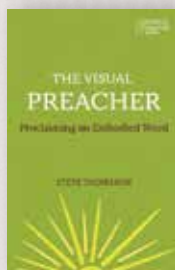
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Ministry degree from Chicago Theological Seminary. He returned to Yale in 2014 to present the famed Lyman Beecher lectures, which were the foundation of his latest book, *Blue Note Preaching in a Post-Soul World: Finding Hope in an Age of Despair*, published in 2015.



### **Luke Powery**

Dean of Duke University Chapel & Associate Professor of Homiletics at Duke Divinity School

Luke Powery is the dean of Duke University Chapel and associate professor of homiletics at Duke Divinity School. He was previously an assistant professor of homiletics at Princeton Theological Seminary. He received a B.A. in music from Stanford University, a Master of Divinity from Princeton Theological Seminary, and a Doctor of Theology from Emmanuel College at the University of Toronto. Powery is the author of several books, including *"Rise Up, Shepherd! Advent Reflections on the Spirituals"* (Westminster John Knox, 2017) and *"Ways of the Word: Learning to Preach for Your Time and Place"* (Fortress, 2016). He was ordained by the Progressive National Baptist Convention and served as secretary of the Academy of Homiletics. The African-American Pulpit named him one of 20 outstanding black ministers under the age of 40 who are shaping the future of the church, and he was inducted into the Martin Luther King Jr. Collegium of Scholars at Morehouse College for his leadership in the academy, church, and broader society. His work focuses on preaching, culture, and the African diaspora.



### **Melva Sampson**

Assistant Professor of Preaching and Practical Theology, Wake Forest University School of Divinity

Melva Sampson is an assistant professor of preaching and practical theology at Wake Forest University School of Divinity. She earned a Ph.D. at Emory University in Atlanta, a Master of Divinity from Candler School of Theology at Emory University, and a Master of Arts in Human Communication Studies at Howard University in Washington, D.C. Sampson has served in ministry roles at the Interdenominational Theological Center in Atlanta and First Afrikan Church in Lithonia, Georgia. She is an ordained minister

of the Progressive National Baptist Convention and an ordained ruling elder in the Presbyterian Church, USA. Sampson is the creator and curator of *Pink Robe Chronicles* and *Raising Womanish Girls*, digital platforms used to illuminate the role of sacred memory and ritual in the collective healing of marginalized communities.



### **Matthew L. Skinner**

Professor of New Testament, Luther Seminary; Scholar for Adult Education, Westminster Presbyterian Church

Matthew L. Skinner, one of the co-hosts of the popular *Sermon Brainwave* podcast, has served on the Luther Seminary faculty since 2002. He teaches courses there in the master's degree programs and the doctor of ministry in biblical preaching program. His research and teaching focus on the Gospels, Acts, the cultural dynamics on display in those writings, and the ways the Bible continues to shape Christian identity among its readers and hearers. His most recent publications include *Acts: Catching up with the Spirit* (2020), the three-volume work *A Companion to the New Testament* (2017-2018), and *Intrusive God, Disruptive Gospel: Encountering the Divine in the Book of Acts* (2015). An ordained minister in the Presbyterian Church (USA), Skinner has contributed to numerous print and digital resources to help preachers with biblical interpretation. He also serves in a local Minneapolis Presbyterian congregation seeking to develop new directions and offerings for educational ministries both within and beyond the walls of the church. He teaches frequently at workshops and conferences for church leaders.



### **William Willimon**

Professor of the Practice of Christian Ministry, Duke Divinity School

For 20 years, William H. Willimon was dean of the chapel and professor of Christian ministry at Duke University. He served as pastor of churches in Georgia and South Carolina. A graduate of Wofford College, Willimon holds a Master of Divinity from Yale Divinity School and a Doctor of Sacred Theology from Emory University. He has been awarded honorary degrees from a dozen colleges and universities. In 1992, he was named the first distinguished alumnus of Yale Divinity School. He is the author of 60 books. His

"Worship as Pastoral Care" was selected as one of the 10 most useful books for pastors in 1979 by the Academy of Parish Clergy.



### **Tripp Fuller**

Tripp Fuller just moved back to North Carolina after three years as a Postdoctoral Research Fellow in Theology & Science at the University of Edinburgh. He recently released *Divine Self-Investment: a Constructive Open and Relational*

*Christology*, the first book in the *Studies in Open and Relational Theology* series. For over 15 years Tripp has been doing the *Homebrewed Christianity* podcast (think on-demand internet radio) where he interviews different scholars about their work so you can get nerdy in traffic, on the treadmill, or doing the dishes. Last year it had over 4 million downloads. It also inspired a book series with Fortress Press called the *Homebrewed Christianity Guides to...* topics like God, Jesus, Spirit, Church History, etc. Tripp is a very committed and (some of his friends think overly) engaged Lakers fan and takes *Star Wars* and *Lord of the Rings* very seriously.

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### **Jana Childers**

Dean, Vice President of Academic Affairs, Professor of Homiletics and Speech Communication, San Francisco Theological Seminary's Graduate School of Theology

The Rev. Dr. Jana L. Childers, Dean of the Seminary and Vice President of Academic Affairs is also a Professor of Homiletics and Speech Communication at San Francisco Theological Seminary. She is a Presbyterian minister who served congregations in Kansas and New Jersey before joining the seminary faculty. Interests in the arts, spirituality, and worship supplement Jana's "central and great love" – preaching. She is the author and editor of several books and articles on preaching

including *Performing the Word: Preaching as Theatre* and the award-winning *Birthing the Sermon: Women Preachers and Creative Process*.



### **Kenyatta Robwaine Gilbert**

Professor of Homiletics, Howard University School of Divinity

Kenyatta Robwaine Gilbert is a professor of homiletics at the Howard University School of Divinity. He earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Baylor University

and a Master of Divinity degree and Ph.D. in practical theology from Princeton Theological Seminary. Gilbert specializes in the history, theory, and practice of African American preaching. He is the author of "The Journey and Promise of African American Preaching," "A Pursued Justice: Black Preaching from the Great Migration to Civil Rights," "Exodus Preaching: Crafting Sermons about Justice and Hope," and is a columnist for *Living the Word* in *Sojourners* magazine. Gilbert is an ordained Baptist minister, founder of The Preaching Project, and the recipient of Louisville Institute's First Book Grant for Minority Scholars and Howard University's Emerging Scholar Award and Andrew Mellon Fellowship.



### **James C. Howell**

Senior Pastor of Myers Park United Methodist Church, Charlotte, N.C.; Adjunct Professor of Preaching, Duke Divinity School

Howell has been the Senior Pastor of Myers Park United Methodist Church since 2003. He studied chemistry and physics at the University of South Carolina before going to Divinity School at Duke, where he also earned a Ph.D. in Old Testament. He has published 17 books, including *Yours are the Hands of Christ*, *Worshipful*, and *Weak Enough to Lead*. He is involved in leadership within the denomination and city-wide endeavors. Biking, hiking, and reading fill his spare time. He and his wife Lisa, a photographer and community activist, have 3 grown children.



### **Bill McKibben**

Author and Environmentalist

Bill McKibben is a contributing writer to *The New Yorker*, and a founder of Third Act, which organizes people over the age of 60 to work on climate and racial justice. He founded the first global grassroots climate campaign, 350.org, and serves as the Schumann Distinguished Professor in Residence at Middlebury College in Vermont. In 2014, he was awarded the Right Livelihood Prize, sometimes called the "alternative Nobel," in the Swedish Parliament. He's also won the Gandhi Peace Award and honorary degrees from 19 colleges and universities. He has written over a dozen books about the environment, including his first, *The End of Nature*, published in 1989, and his latest book is *The Flag, the Cross, and the Station Wagon: A Graying American Looks Back at His Suburban Boyhood and Wonders What the Hell Happened*.



### **Angela D. Sims**

President, Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School

The Rev. Angela D. Sims, Ph.D., is the first woman president of Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School (CRCDS). Before joining CRCDS on July 1, 2019, Dr. Sims served as Vice President of Institutional Advancement and Robert B. and Kathleen Rogers Professor in Church and Society at Saint Paul School of Theology in Leawood, Kansas. She holds a Ph.D. in Christian Social Ethics from Union Presbyterian Seminary in Richmond, Virginia. Before matriculation at Union, Dr. Sims completed a baccalaureate degree summa cum laude at Trinity College (Trinity Washington University) and a Master of Divinity with honors at Howard University School of Divinity.



### **Kimberly Wagner**

Assistant Professor of Preaching, Princeton Seminary

Kimberly Wagner previously served as an assistant professor of homiletics in the Axel Jacob and Gerda Maria (Swanson) Carlson Chair in Homiletics at the Lutheran School of Theology in Chicago. She

earned her B.S. in Secondary Life Science Education from Miami University of Ohio, her M.Div. from the Candler School of Theology, and her Ph.D. from the Graduate Division of Religion, both at Emory University in Atlanta, GA. An ordained minister in the Presbyterian Church (USA), Wagner's previous experience on the pastoral staff of a PC(USA) congregation in Virginia helps fuel and inform her present scholarship and teaching. She is passionate about supporting students' formation and helping clergy and communities navigate the realities of an ever-changing world and church. Her current writing and work focus on preaching and ministry in the midst and wake of trauma, particularly thinking about collective trauma, the role of the preacher, and the resources of Scriptures and faith to respond to these moments.



### **Richard Ward**

Fred B. Craddock Professor Emeritus, Phillips Seminary

Richard F. Ward received his B.A. from Oklahoma Baptist University, his M.F.A. from Trinity University, a M.A.R. from Christian Theological Seminary, and a Ph.D. from Northwestern University. Ward brings to the study of preaching a rich background in performance studies and practices. He is particularly interested in the arts of storytelling and oral interpretation of Scripture as they inform and enrich the ministry of preaching. Ward is the author of *"Speaking from the Heart: Preaching with Passion"* and has several contributions and articles for the disciplines of homiletics, performance theory, and communication studies. A second book, *"Speaking of the Holy: The Communicative Art of Preaching,"* was published in May 2002. He is also the co-editor of *"Craddock Stories"* with Mike Graves and Fred Craddock. Most recently, with David Trobisch, Ward co-authored *"Bringing the Word to Life: Exploring the New Testament through Performing It"* (Eerdmans, 2013). Ward served on the editorial boards for *"Feasting on the Word: A Lectionary Commentary Series"* and *"Feasting on the Gospels"* for Westminster John Knox Press. Ordained in the United Church of Christ, Ward previously served on the faculties of the Iliff School of Theology, Yale Divinity School, and the Candler School of Theology at Emory University. Since retiring from full-time teaching Dr. Ward has been a consultant for the Excellence in Preaching program at Perkins School of Theology and as interim pastor for UCC churches in the Denver area.





### **Sam Wells**

Vicar, St. Martin-in-the-Fields, London; Visiting Professor of Christian Ethics, King's College

The Rev. Dr. Sam Wells has been Vicar of St. Martin-in-the-Fields since 2012. He has served as a parish priest for 23 years – 10 of those in areas of urban deprivation. He also spent 7 years in North Carolina, where he was Dean of Duke University Chapel.

Sam is also Visiting Professor of Christian Ethics at King's College. He is a regular contributor to Thought for the Day on BBC Radio 4's Today program. He has published 40 books, including works on Christian ethics, mission, ministry, scripture, liturgy, and preaching. Sam is married to Jo Wells, who is the Bishop of Dorking. They have two adult children.

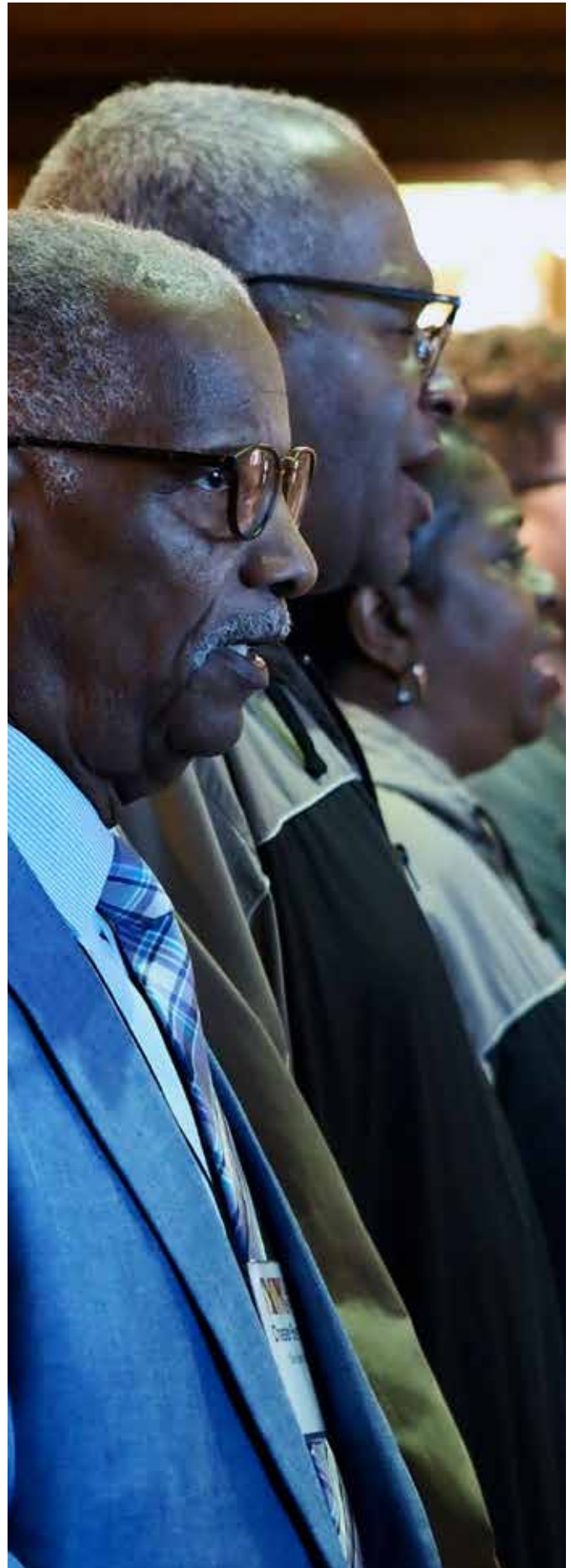


### **Lucy Winkett**

Rector of St James's Piccadilly, London

The Rev. Lucy Winkett is a broadcaster, writer, and Rector of St James's Piccadilly, London. With degrees in History and Theology from Cambridge and Birmingham, she also trained as a soprano at the Royal College of Music. She worked as a professional singer before ordination and also spent time living in a L'Arche Community with people with learning disabilities.

One of the first generation of women to be ordained priests in the Church of England, she began her ministry in Newham, East London, before becoming the first woman priest appointed at St. Paul's Cathedral in its 1,400-year history. This appointment was controversial, attracting national and international interest, as the Church of England grappled with the ordination of women for the first time. She became Canon Precentor with particular responsibility for the music and liturgy of the cathedral, being responsible for, amongst other things, HM The Queen's Golden Jubilee service of thanksgiving, the national services for the end of UK deployment in Iraq, Afghanistan, and the commemoration services after 9/11 and the South Asian tsunami of 2004.



# Liturgists and Musicians



## Jeni Grangaard, Liturgist

Jeni Grangaard, M.Div. Luther Seminary '09, serves as the Seminary Pastor at Luther Seminary in St. Paul, MN. Jeni is an avid Minnesotan and above-average cribbage player. She is also an adult convert who has been globally formed and informed. Prior calls to

Jerusalem and Glyndon, MN. Pastor Partner. Mom to two kids and one dog.



## Dr. Kelly Sherman-Conroy, Liturgist

Dr. Kelly Sherman-Conroy, Mato Wašté Winyan, or Good Bear Woman, is a member of the Oglala Lakota Nation. As the very first Native Woman Theologian with a Ph.D. in the ELCA, she's passionately pursued her calling to challenge

the traditional conventions of theology. Her work primarily focuses on systematic theology, with a unique approach to Lakota Spirituality and how it can inform Christianity and instill healing. She keeps busy as an adjunct Professor, the Director for MYLE-Multicultural Youth Leadership Event, serving on the Board of Directors for the ELCA Youth Ministry Network and Minnesota Council of Churches, and the Director of Public Ministry at Nativity Lutheran Church, Minneapolis, and Convenor of the Twin Cities Interfaith Movement Chaplains. Kelly is a devoted mother and friend.



## Brad Froslee, Liturgist

Brad Froslee serves as pastor at St. Michael's Lutheran Church in Roseville, Minnesota. His love of liturgy and music in worship has been shaped by his time at St. Olaf College, Harvard Divinity School, congregations he has served in California, Massachusetts, and

Minnesota, as well as weeks at Holden Village, Iona, and with communities in South Africa. Brad is a poet, genealogist, sometimes cook, husband, and father. When not busy with church, volunteering, or serving as a chauffeur for his son, Brad enjoys getting away to the family farm and nearby lakes for walks, kayaking, and waterskiing.



## The Fleshpots of Egypt Music Group

The Fleshpots of Egypt is a bluegrass/folk music group featuring Festival keynote Rolf Jacobson, Scott Simmons, Jeff Engholm, and Steve Thompson. Based out of Luther Seminary, this

eclectic band of string benders and chordbusters explores how Lutheran worship would sound if the Reformation had started in Appalachia.

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Potter & Pastor



  
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## Resource Fair:

We welcome the following sponsors and vendors to the 2023 Festival of Homiletics! Be sure to check out the products of those joining the in-person resource fair at both Central Lutheran and Westminster Presbyterian.

## Vendor Hours:

Tuesday, May 16: 8am-4pm

Wednesday, May 17: 8am-4pm

Thursday, May 18: 8am-3pm

We also extend a huge welcome to the vendors below who are only present at our Online Marketplace! Be sure to check out all they have to offer on our website: [festivalofhomiletics.com](http://festivalofhomiletics.com).

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# Luther Seminary Reception

A social hour for alumni, prospective students, and friends

**Tuesday, May 16, 2023 | 5–6:30 p.m.**

*Westminster Presbyterian Church, Corner Gallery*

Enjoy food and fellowship with Working Preacher's Sermon Brainwave podcasters, plus others from the Festival of Homiletics lineup who are connected to Luther Seminary. All alumni and those interested in learning more about Luther Seminary and its programs are welcome.

**The presentation begins at 5:15 p.m.**

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# Offering

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An offering will be collected digitally all week for Align Minneapolis, an interfaith collaboration of 17 Minneapolis churches, synagogues, and mosques and people with lived experiences working together to address homelessness and poverty. Align Minneapolis takes action by calling people to action, strengthening awareness of homelessness and appropriate solutions, building the public will for policy change, and coordinating the delivery of services among congregations. Check them out at [alignmpls.org](https://alignmpls.org).

You can also use this link:

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## Goals of the Festival of Homiletics

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- Bring together a variety of outstanding preachers and professors of homiletics
- Inspire discourse about preaching, worship, and culture
- Engage issues related to the church in the 21st century
- Engage theologically in the practices of preaching and worship
- Invite individual preachers to consider various styles and methodologies of preaching
- Inspire preachers in their roles of proclaiming the gospel

### Thanks to the following who assisted with this event.

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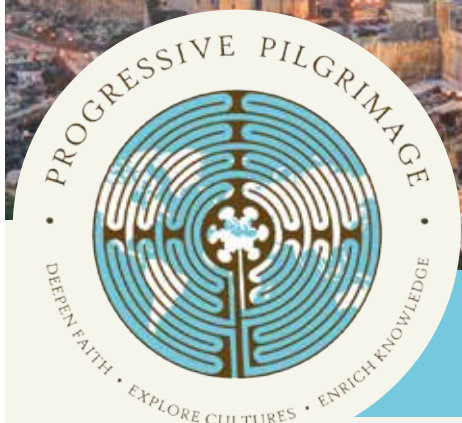
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[www.centralmpls.org](http://www.centralmpls.org)

### Westminster Presbyterian Church

1200 Marquette Avenue  
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[www.westminstermpls.org](http://www.westminstermpls.org)

## Transportation

### Minneapolis International Airport

Catch the Blue Line to reach either Terminal 1 - Lindbergh Station or Terminal 2 - Humphrey Station. Other transportation options to and from the airport include: Lyft/Uber (\$35-\$50 estimated one-way) Taxi service is available from the Tram Level at Terminal 1 or at the Ground Transport Center at Terminal 2 (\$41-\$51 estimated one-way)

## Restaurants

Barrio, 925 Nicollet Mall, (612) 333-9953  
Brit's Pub, 1110 Nicollet Mall, (612) 332-3908  
Bruegger's Bagels, 651 Nicollet Mall, #139, (612) 339-3311  
Buca di Beppo Italian Restaurant, 1204 Harmon Pl., (612) 288-0138  
Dakota Jazz Club, 1010 Nicollet Mall, (612) 332-1010  
Dave's Downtown, 900 2nd Ave S. #230, (612) 339-8787  
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# About Festival of Homiletics

## History of the Festival

The Festival of Homiletics began in 1992 with a gathering of 400 pastors from around the country to learn and converse about preaching in a contemporary context. David Howell, an ordained minister in the Presbyterian Church (USA), created the Festival as an extension of his preaching journal, *Lectionary Homiletics*, and the Festival's ownership, leadership, and planning efforts have resided with Luther Seminary in St. Paul, Minnesota, since 2012.

A week-long conference designed to inspire discourse and theological reflection upon the practices of preaching and worship, particularly as churches navigate the 21st century and ever-changing society, the Festival aims to inspire preachers in their roles, renew their faith, and refresh their spirits.

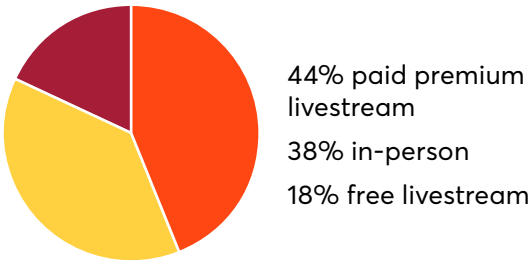
Each year we invite approximately 25 outstanding preachers and professors of homiletics from diverse backgrounds, traditions, and ministry settings to engage the complexities of today's culture through the lens of God's grace, God's church, and God's Word. Speakers over the years have included William Barber II, Nadia Bolz-Weber, Walter Brueggemann, Barbara Brown Taylor, Diana Butler Bass, Anna

Carter Florence, Michael Curry, Yvette Flunder, Otis Moss III, Luke Powery, Will Willimon, and Andrew Young.



# Audience Profile, Demographics (2022)

- The Festival of Homiletics is an annual in-person event that averages 1,200 attendees each year and rotates between cities including Atlanta; Denver; Minneapolis; San Antonio; and Washington, D.C.
- In 2021, we held the second virtual conference for free and had more than 6,500 registrations from more than 50 countries and 70 denominations.
- Ecumenical and engaging: 50% are solo pastors, 89% of participants said the Festival was worth their time and expense, and 94% said they would recommend the Festival to others. 73% were repeat attendees in 2022.
- Views of **festivalofhomiletics.com** come from more than 100 countries and territories. This site receives upward of 50,000 visits from more than 31,000 users annually. 20% are returning visitors while 80% are new visitors, and users' average visit duration is 2.35 minutes.

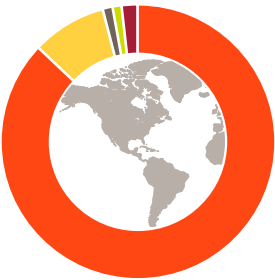


## Why they attended:

1. To hear great preaching
2. To hear from diverse voices and perspectives
3. To improve preaching skills
4. Interested in speakers
5. Time of refreshment and renewal
6. Continuing education
7. Connect with other preachers

## Virtual attendee locations

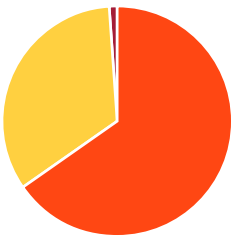
- United States
- Canada
- United Kingdom
- Australia and New Zealand
- Other locations



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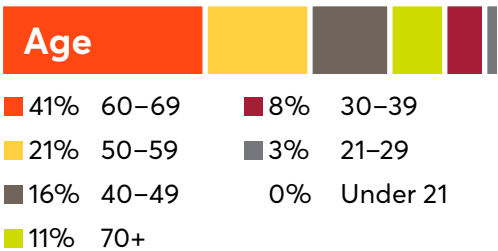
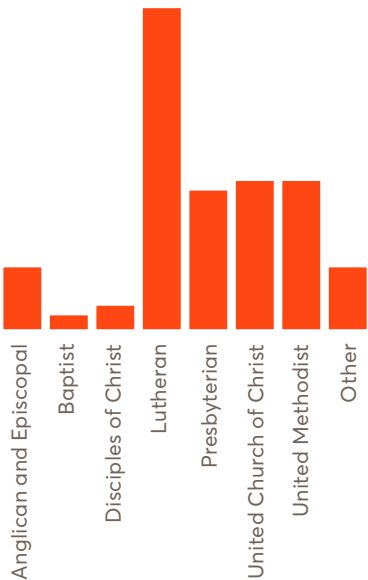
- 64% women
- 33% men
- 1% nonbinary

(from 550 survey responses)



## Denomination

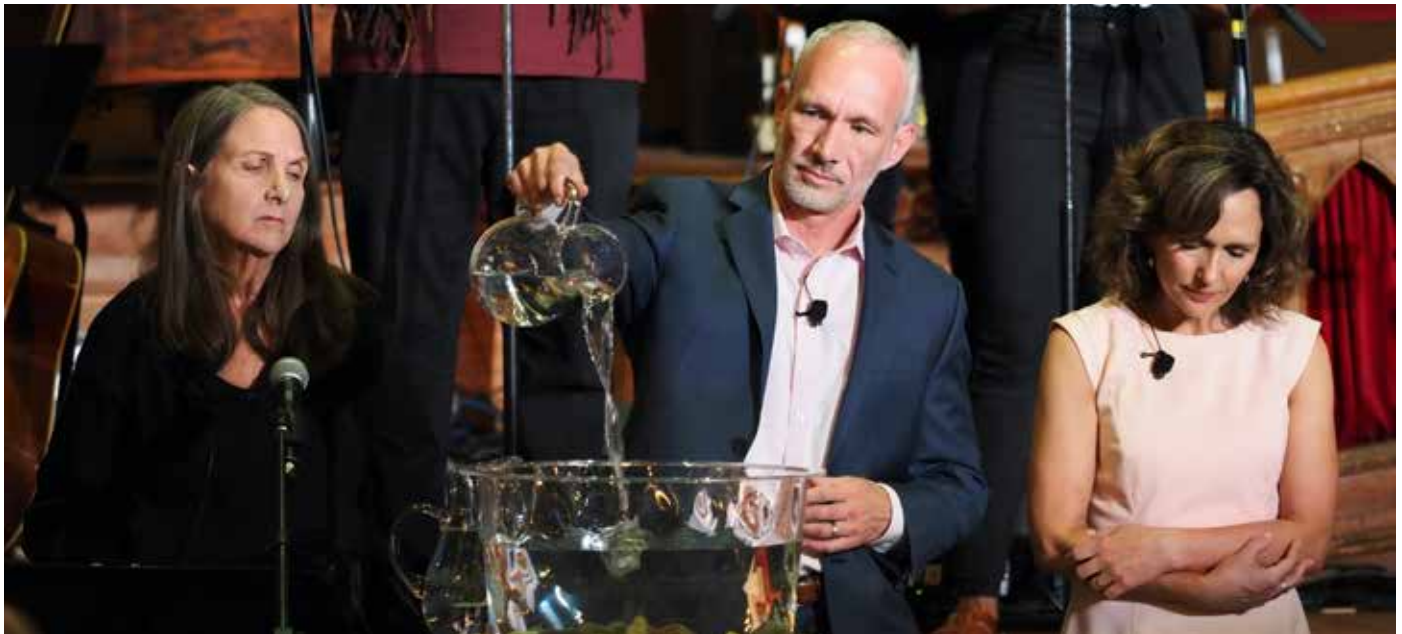
- 7% Anglican and Episcopal
- 2% Baptist
- 3% Disciples of Christ
- 34% Lutheran
- 15% Presbyterian
- 16% United Church of Christ
- 16% United Methodist
- 7% Other





# Tips for Attendees

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## Welcome to the 31st Annual Festival of Homiletics.

We are excited to bring the Festival back to the vibrant city of Minneapolis.

Spring is a beautiful time to visit the Twin Cities; however, should the weather take a nasty turn, the Skyway System of enclosed, second-floor bridges connects roughly 80 city blocks, making it possible to walk through town without setting foot outside! Check out the map at [minneapolis.org](http://minneapolis.org) or through the Skyway Map Minneapolis app.

We can't wait for you to experience this city rich with history, culture, and entertainment. Keep reading for tips as you plan your trip.

### Stop by Minneapolis Visitor Information.

Located on the corner of 5th Street and Nicollet, directly in front of the Nicollet Metro Transit light rail station. The shop has maps, visitor information, and a selection of local crafts, gifts, and souvenirs.

### Plan ahead.

The schedules provided online and in your program can help you plan out your week and avoid missing your favorite speaker. Use the At-a-Glance schedules on-site and in the program to orient yourself. The Festival of Homiletics website is also loaded with all sorts of helpful information, including tips on things to do in Minneapolis, restaurants, and accessibility information.

### Wear comfortable shoes.

The venues are located close to one another, but you will do a fair amount of walking during the week.

### Explore food options.

Morning refreshments will be served buffet style at each location, but lunch and dinner are on your own! Luckily, our venues are within walking distance from Nicollet, downtown Minneapolis's core shopping and entertainment artery.

### Prepare to make new friends.

While it may seem like everyone knows someone else, half of the attendees are new to the conference each year.

### Relax and take breaks when you need to.

Festival recordings with bonus materials are available for all of the lectures, sermons, and workshops.

### Questions?

Stop by the information desks at both venues from 8 a.m.–4:30 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday.

No food is allowed in the sanctuaries; however, you can bring water in.

Relax, absorb, and enjoy the Festival of Homiletics!

# Digital Access

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## As a registered participant, you already have digital access to:

- Livestream of all sessions during the week of the Festival.
- Video and audio recordings of all sessions from both venues. Videos are available to view in the Learning Lab for one calendar year; audio recordings are yours to download.
- Special bonus recordings.

## How do I access the recordings?

All paid registrants for this year's Festival have digital access. To access the recordings of the sessions (as well as bonus recordings), you'll need to log in to the Festival portal on Hopin.com at <https://app.hopin.com/events/festival-of-homiletics-2023/replay>. You'll be asked to log in using the same email address you registered with, and then you can either request a link or provide a password to gain access. From there, all 2023 recordings will be at your fingertips.

**If you'd like to recommend the recordings to a friend/colleague, they'll need to register at <https://hopin.com/events/festival-of-homiletics-2023> and purchase a ticket for "Online Access."**

## Who will we hear from through the bonus recordings?

In addition to our incredible live speakers, you can look forward to accessing these sermons and lectures through the bonus recordings:

Jana Childers: "The Hope Behind the Curtain"

Kenyatta R. Gilbert: "(Kin)dom-Conscious Preaching and Christian Hope"

James Howell, "Preaching Hope: Not Enough, Too Much, Just Right"

Bill McKibben: "Are We Too Big?"

Angela Sims: "Truth Telling in An Age of Denial"

Kimberly R. Wagner: "When Good News Is Harder to Proclaim: Preaching Authentic Hope Amid Trauma"

Richard F. Ward: "Faith, Hope, Love: The Voice in the Middle"

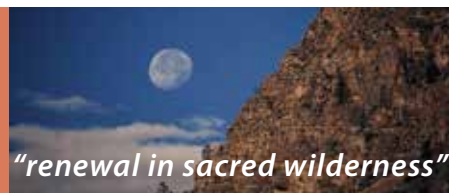
Sam Wells: "Coming Ready or Not"



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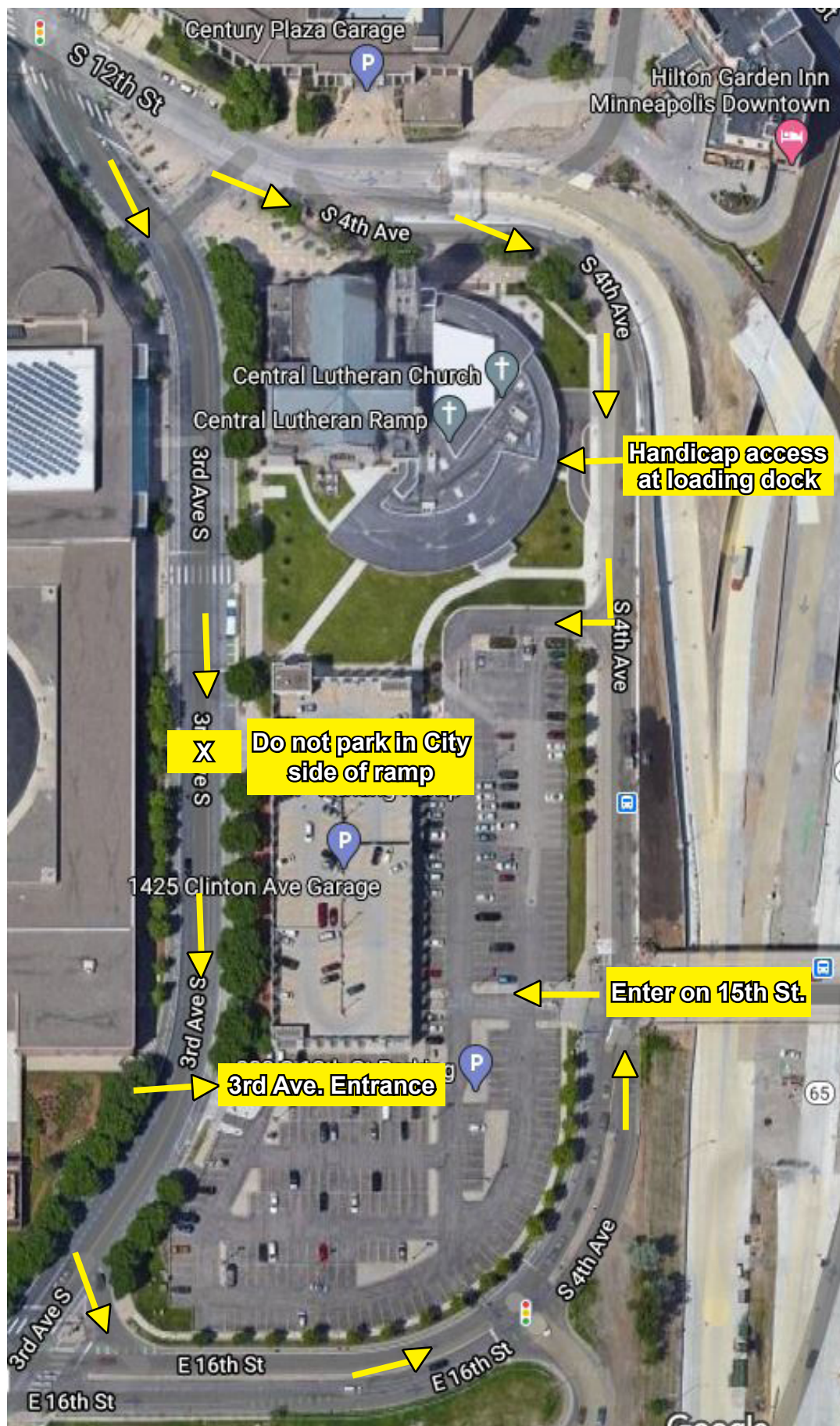
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