



*“As
pastors,*

we are called to lead
churches and teach the
faith from generation
to generation. How are

congregations effectively navigating gen-
erational shifts? In our time together, we
will explore how generational dynamics,
technological advancements, and evol-
ving communication have changed our
culture and how they affect our minis-
tries. Whether you serve a traditional
congregation or you're interested in new
church movements, we will discern how

God is working through and with
our current landscape.”

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2012 Annual Conference May 8-10, 2012

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**Keynote Speaker:
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Carol Howard Merritt is a pastor at Western Presbyterian Church in Washington, D.C. She is the award-winning author of *Tribal Church* (Alban Institute, 2007) and *Reframing Hope* (Alban Institute, 2010), and the Co-Host of the God Complex Radio

podcast. Carol leads conferences nationally and internationally on cultural shifts and religion. She writes regularly for the Christian Century, Duke's Faith and Leadership, The Hardest Question, and the Huffington Post blogs.

Drawing upon her knowledge of postmodernism and her lived experience as a young mainline pastor, Carol Howard Merritt proposes hope as the virtue for vital Christian community, especially for the younger – often missing – generations.

Tuesday:

Session 1 - Shifting Authorities--In this session we'll be exploring how our power structures are changing in a new generation. From our commerce, to our communication, to our congregations, the way we interact with leadership looks different.

Session 2 - Evolving Technologies--How is social media changing the way that we do church together?

Wednesday:

Session 3 - Changing the Story--Why is the art of narrative important in a Google generation? What do those narratives look like?

Session 4 - The Currents (or the Frames, depending on which title you choose)--How are congregations faithfully responding to these shifts?

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE 2012

TUESDAY, MAY 8

12:00 Noon Lunch
1:00 PM Welcome by President Imhoff
1:15 Session 1 – Carol Howard Merritt
2:30 Break
3:00 Session 2 – Carol Howard Merritt
4:15 Break
6:00 Dinner
7:00 Parish Pastor of the Year Award
8:00 First Call Pastor Essay Winner
9:00 Worship

WEDNESDAY, MAY 9

7:30 AM Morning Prayer
8:00 Breakfast
9:00 Session 3 – Carol Howard Merritt
10:15 Break
10:45 Session 4 – Carol Howard Merritt
12:00 Noon Lunch
1:15 PM Carol Howard Merritt In Open Forum: "Emergent Conversations"
2.30 Free Time/Workshops
College of Fellows Meeting
6:00 Dinner
7:00 Book of the Year Program
8:30 Worship – Compline

THURSDAY, MAY 10

7:30 AM Morning Prayer
8:00 Breakfast
9:00 Academy Business Meeting
10:00 Closing Worship
11:00 On Our Way Rejoicing

REGISTRATION FORM

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Full-time fee: \$230.00

(includes program, accommodations, & meals)

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(includes program, accommodations, & meals)

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(by request, if available)

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There are four (4) double rooms available for persons with disabilities.

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_____ I will be arriving on Monday, May 7.