

Gender Equity in Word and Deed Committee, Grace Church Brooklyn Heights

The Mercer School of Theology, All Saints Park Slope and Saint Ann and the Holy Trinity

Invite you for the Second Annual Feminist Scholar in Residence

## Women Leading Change Toward Abundant Life For All with The Rt. Rev. Katharine Jefferts Schori

**Saturday, June 16, 2018**  
**10:00am – 3:30pm**

**Grace Church Brooklyn Heights**  
**254 Hicks Street, Brooklyn, NY 11201**

**10:30-11:30am:** Presentation  
**11:30 – 12:30pm:** Lunch  
**12:30-1:30pm:** Follow-up talk  
**1:30-2:30pm:** Small groups, guided questions  
**2:30-3:30pm:** Q&A

### ***Feminist Scholar in Residence***

*The Rt. Rev. Katharine Jefferts Schori, Ph.D., M.Div., D.D.*

The Rt. Rev. Schori was the first woman Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church in the U.S. from 2006-2015.

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All are welcome. This is not our church, but God's house, and it belongs to all of us.

Register at [feministscholarinresidence18.eventbrite.com](https://feministscholarinresidence18.eventbrite.com)

This event is FREE!

For those who register in advance, we offer a buffet lunch for \$20.

You are also welcome to bring your own bag lunch.

Questions? Please contact us at [genderequitygracechurch@gmail.com](mailto:genderequitygracechurch@gmail.com)



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### WHY:

How do sexism and racism subjugate over half of our population? Why do our children still think that God is male? What patriarchal messages does the church communicate and how can we challenge them? As vital contributing members of the church, why are women only a tiny fraction of leaders?

At the national level, women and minorities have been marginalized, denigrated and abused by institutions. For our fight, feminist theology can help stiffen our spines and provide a ballast in the stormy weather we face.

The Gender Equity in Word and Deed committee was formed four years ago to challenge sexist language and exclusionary images in the Episcopal Church. For example, to highlight the male pronouns throughout the Nicene Creed, we led a seminar to review the book *Gender and the Nicene Creed*, by scholar Elizabeth Geitz. She argues that a return to tradition--and to several traditional texts, beginning with the original Greek version of the Creed itself--support a gender-inclusive theology of the trinity.

Our First Annual Feminist Scholar in Residence in 2017 and was led by the esteemed Reverend Dr. Emilie Townes. She issued a call for us “to broaden the spaces to welcome others,” especially in hard times like these. She introduced the notion of intersectionality, that gender, race, class, sex and sexuality exist in a matrix in which the various structures of inequality intersect. Her specific perspective is Womanist Theology, which emerged in the 1980s at Union Theological Seminary as more Black women were enrolled. She asked us to increase our awareness that, historically, American Christianity has fallen short, vis-à-vis, justice and equity.

Our goal is to elevate the level of discourse, to open dialogue with the community about the biases of sexism and racism of which we may not be aware. We want to learn how Womanist theology offers insights into how and what we think and believe.