

Retired PTCA clergy will hear Taylor speak on ‘Holy Envy’ at Town Hall Forum

All retired PTCA clergy and their guests are invited to gather at Westminster Presbyterian Church in downtown Minneapolis on April 30 to hear the Rev. Barbara Brown Taylor speak about “Finding God in the Faith of Others.” Taylor is the guest speaker at the Westminster Town Hall Forum that day.

The retired ministers will gather at 10:45 a.m. in the Meisel Room at Westminster for registration and fellowship. The group will move to the sanctuary by 11:30 a.m. to hear music from Aaron Humble, a former member of the vocal group Cantus, followed by Taylor’s forum talk. After the forum, the retired ministers and guests will return to the Meisel Room for a catered lunch. A \$15 per meal donation is suggested.

Taylor, an acclaimed writer, teacher and speaker, will discuss ideas that appear in her new book, “Holy Envy.” The book is an outgrowth of her 20 years of teaching world religions at Piedmont College in Demorest, Georgia.

Taylor, a devoted student of the Bible, cites many stories of men and women of various faith traditions who are used by God to bless people of another faith community. She uses, for example, Bithiah, the Pharaoh’s daughter, who found baby Moses in his floating basket, lifted him from the Nile and brought him home to raise him. Taylor writes of such stories, “For reasons that will never be entirely clear, God sometimes sends people from outside a faith community to bless those inside it.”

The event’s planning group consists of Jim Brasel, Cal Cooper, Anita Cummings, Clint Patterson, Gale Robb, Terry Roos and Pete Wyckoff, assisted by Heidi Bolt from the presbytery staff.

RSVPs are important for this event, as a space will be reserved for the group in what is expected to be a full sanctuary. More details and an invitation will follow, or retired clergy can RSVP now by sending an email to calcooper@gmail.com.

