

Presbytery of West Virginia's
Educator, Clergy, CRE, ALP Retreat
(Spouses welcome)

When the Bible Raises Your Blood Pressure:

***Faithful Wrestling with
Challenging Texts***

WITH **Frances Taylor Gench**



St. John XXIII Pastoral Center, Charleston, WV

Noon, Monday, February 18 – Lunch, Tuesday, February 19, 2019

Focus: The Bible is full of embarrassing, offensive, problematic texts that present serious interpretive challenges for contemporary Christian faith and practice. Should they be repudiated? Discarded? Silenced? Or are there perhaps more effective and faithful ways of handling them? This workshop will tackle the importance of engaging difficult texts directly, with the expectation that we may encounter the living God in our conversation with them. It will provide the opportunity to wrestle with such texts, to consider interpretive strategies for engaging them with integrity, and to reflect on the authority of Scripture.



Leader: Frances Taylor Gench is the Herbert Worth and Annie H. Jackson Professor of Biblical Interpretation at Union Presbyterian Seminary in Richmond, Virginia and a graduate of Davidson College and Union Theological Seminary in Virginia (now Union Presbyterian Seminary; M.Div., Ph.D.). Her most recent publication is *Encountering God in Tyrannical Texts: Reflections on Paul, Women, and the Authority of Scripture* (Westminster John Knox Press, 2015). She resides in Washington, DC and is a parish associate at The New York Avenue Presbyterian Church, where her husband, Roger J. Gench, is the pastor.

- \$110/person (double occupancy).
- Additional attendees from the same church are \$90/person (double occupancy).
- The cost for a single room is \$120.
- Commuter rate is \$70 (no overnight accommodation).

The registration deadline is Thursday, January 31, 2019.

Educator, Clergy, CRE, ALP Retreat 2019 Registration Form

Name _____

Church _____

Phone _____

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Special dietary concerns: _____

Rates: (check the one which applies):

_____ **Single Room:** \$120

_____ **Single Room** (additional person from church): \$100

_____ **Double Room:** \$110 Please Assign Roommate: _____ or

Roommate Name: _____

_____ **Double Room** (additional person from church): \$90 Please Assign Roommate: _____

or Roommate Name: _____

_____ **Double Room:** Spouses: \$200.

_____ **Commuter:** \$70.

If you have any questions, please contact Susan Sharp Campbell, Associate for Educational Ministry, susan_sharp_campbell@hotmail.com or 304-645-4568.

Please return your completed registration form with check to:

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No refunds for cancellations after Monday, February 5, 2019.