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Carol is the award-winning author of *Tribal Church: Ministering to the Missing Generation* (Alban) and *Reframing Hope: Vital Ministry in a New Generation* (Alban) and a frequent contributor to books, websites, magazines, and journals. She is a regular columnist at the Christian Century where her blog, "Tribal Church," is hosted. Carol is a founder and facilitator of UNCO, an open-space "unconference" that attracts church leaders across denominations.

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Re-inviting the Missing Generation of Christians

with Rev. Carol Howard Merritt



Wayside Presbyterian Church
Fall Convocation
October 11 & 12, 2014

The Schedule

Saturday, October 11, 2014

8:00am **Registration and Continental Breakfast**

8:30am **Opening Worship**

8:45am **Session One
“Weaving the Carpet”**

One of the most important things that we do in our churches is provide a rare space for different generations to learn from one another. We are called to teach the faith from generation to generation. Like carpet weavers, our nimble fingers work to bring different groups together to create something beautiful.

10:15am **Mid-morning break for refreshments and book signing**

10:45am **Session Two
“Creating the Connections”**

In our time together, we will talk about the how churches are effectively navigating generational shifts. We will explore how generational dynamics, technological advancements, and evolving communication that have changed our culture and how we can faithfully respond.

12:15pm **Lunch**

1:00pm **Session Three
“Reframing Ministry”**

In this third session, we will talk about different churches and worshipping communities—both old and new—who are reaching out to multiple generations. What are they doing well? What can we learn from them?

2:15pm **Conclude for the day**

Sunday, October 12, 2014

8:30 & 11:00 a.m. **Worship with
Rev. Carol Howard Merritt preaching**

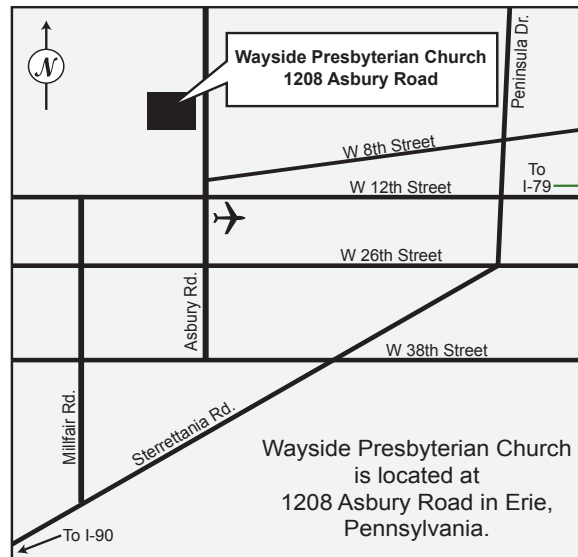
Sermon Title: “Holes, Holiness, and Wholeness”—Based on Hosea 6:1-6

9:45am **Continental Breakfast**

**Session Four
“There is a Balm—Healing from Religious Wounds”**

We know the “nones” are the fastest growing religious group in the United States. We hear people tell us that we are spiritual but not religious. We talk with men and women who don’t like organized religion. We read startling accounts of abuse and how people have been wounded by religion. Yet, as church leaders, are we equipped to minister with people who have been hurt by the church? Do we have the tools and spiritual disciplines we need?

During this lecture and discussion, we will talk about some of the trauma that church has caused, in our lives and in the lives of those we love. Then, we will explore the healing that it can provide.



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Registration Form

PLEASE REGISTER BY OCTOBER 5

Wayside Church Members _____ \$25.00, includes lunch

Guests _____ \$35.00, includes lunch

College and high school students are admitted free of charge to the lectures. They may purchase a lunch for \$6.00.