

Preachers of Grace Formed by the Word: Wrestling with the Text for Year A

2010 Lectionary Retreat

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Shalom Prayer Center / Mt. Angel, Oregon

Carol J. Dempsey, OP, Ph.D., Facilitator

The Professional Support Committee of the Presbytery of the Cascades is pleased to announce that this year's Lectionary Retreat facilitator will be **Carol J.**

Dempsey, OP, Ph.D. Carol is Professor of Biblical Studies at the University of Portland. She holds a BA from Caldwell College, NJ, an MA from St. Louis University, MO, and a Ph.D. in Biblical Studies from The Catholic University of America in Washington, DC where she double majored in both Old and New Testament and biblical languages. She was a research fellow at Yale University from 1986-1989.

She teaches both undergraduate and graduate courses at the University of Portland, and has been a member of the Order of Preachers (Dominicans) for 34 years.



She is the author of five books, most recently *Isaiah: God's Poet of Light* (in press; Chalice Press) and *Justice: A Biblical Perspective* (2008, Chalice Press). She is also the editor of four books most recently *Earth, Wind, and Fire: Biblical and Theological Perspectives on Creation* (The Liturgical Press, 2004)

Carol is also the lead editor and contributor to an exciting new interdisciplinary series for Orbis Books entitled *Theology in Dialogue*. The first volumes will begin appearing in 2011. Working with a host of international scholars, Carol is also one of three main editors for *The Wisdom Bible Commentary Series*, a 60-volume project that involves voices from both developed, developing, and third world nations. Carol will be editing the books on the Prophets. These volumes will begin appearing in 2012. She was also a biblical and theological consultant on the recent *Columbia River Pastoral*.

For our retreat this year, Carol will explore selected texts in the context of Year A. The focus of the presentations and conversations will be on understanding the Word in its ancient and contemporary contexts, the prophetic dimension to the Word, and how the Word can help us to become Preachers of Grace whose transformed lives become a source of transformation.

