

## Guest Speaker

### Amy G. Oden



Dr. Amy Oden is Professor of History of Christianity at Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington, D.C. She has also served on the faculties of Saint Paul School of Theology in Kansas City and Oklahoma City University. She earned her Ph.D. in religious studies from Southern Methodist University, writing her dissertation on Augustine.

Amy shares that teaching is her vocation, and she looks forward to every day with students. For the last 25 years, she has taught theology and history, and pursued scholarship in service of the church. Most of her work has been an effort to make ancient voices, especially women's, accessible to current audiences. Her most recent scholarship has focused on the radical practice of hospitality in early Christianity and its challenge for communities today.

Dr. Oden has published an anthology of women's primary source writings in the history of Christian thought (*In Her Words*) and was a primary sources editor for the study series *Christian Believer: Historic Teachings of the Church*.

Born and raised on the prairies of Oklahoma, she currently lives in Riverdale Park, MD with her husband, who is a United Methodist pastor.

## AGENDA

- 1:00 — 1:30 pm .....Check-in  
1:30 — 2:45 pm ..... Welcome/Opening
- Opening Remarks  
*Bishop Marcus Matthews*
  - Dramatic Skit  
*Mrs. Peg Arnold*
  - Keynote Speaker  
*Dr. Amy G. Oden*
- 2:45 — 3:45 pm ..... Breakout  
3:45 — 4:15 pm ..... Shared Findings  
4:15 — 5:00 pm ..... Closing Worship  
& Communion



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Fulton, MD 20759

# Secrets of Survival



## Home - Work - Church S.O.S

Women's History Month Seminar  
March 16, 2013  
1:30 - 5:00 pm

Baltimore-Washington Conference Center  
11711 East Market Place  
Fulton, MD 20759

Resident Bishop: **Marcus Matthews**

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**Dr. Amy G. Oden**

## PROGRAM

In celebration of our 41st anniversary and Women's History Month the Baltimore-Washington Conference Commission on the Status and Role of Women (COSROW) will host an afternoon seminar to discuss issues that are important to women who aspire to leadership in the 21st century. This year's theme is "Secrets of Survival (S.O.S)" for clergy and laity. The following sessions are being offered and are open to men and women.

Each breakout session will be 45 minutes with everyone coming together to share findings and participate in the closing plenary and Communion. You don't want to miss this exciting seminar that will answer questions you always wanted to ask. Registration is \$10 per person.

Registration will be open on January 15, 2013 via the Conference website ([www.bwcumc.org](http://www.bwcumc.org)). Click on **Events** and select **COSROW Seminar** and follow the prompts.



## BREAKOUT SESSIONS

### Clergy Facilitator

*Rev. Carol Yocum*

This workshop is designed to provide an opportunity for female clergy to share their unique struggles in balancing the demands of spouses and children or grandchildren or even elderly parents. For some female clergy who are single – it's a struggle for balancing the ministry with a social life and dating. This workshop will also provide best practices in addressing issues of respect and authority for young women serving with those for whom gender and age determine one's leadership potential.

This group will ask insightful questions of how to make sure you balance home and church/work. It is hoped that through the sharing of questions like these there will be helpful answers provided to female clergy and those pastoring churches that are multi-cultural.

### Laity Facilitator

*Sharon Leatherman*

The laity session will provide an great opportunity for women of all ages to share their unique struggles in pursuing or performing their ministries in the church setting. It will look at issues of balancing home, work and church life as

they seek to do God's will. It will also provide best practices in addressing issues of respect and authority for women working in male dominated settings with those for whom gender and age determine one's leadership potential.

## REGISTRATION

Participants are asked to select the clergy or laity session they wish to attend. In order to provide adequate space we ask that you register by March 1, 2013.

Handouts for the breakout sessions will be made available online after the seminar. Please allow two weeks for posting.

1. Visit [www.bwcumc.org](http://www.bwcumc.org)
2. Click on "**Events**" from the main menu
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**The event is open to everyone.  
Register early!**