



Celebrating Our Past, Embracing the Present, Proclaiming the Future

PLENARY SPEAKER 2

Dr. Nancy Ramsay

Embracing the Present

Friday, February 10, 8:45am–10:15am



Nancy Ramsay is a native of the eastern shore of Maryland. Her growing up years were in Maryland and North Carolina. She is a graduate of the University of North Carolina at Greensboro and attended what is now Union Presbyterian Seminary in Richmond, VA, a seminary of the Presbyterian Church (USA). She was ordained in 1975 and served the First Presbyterian Church in Rocky Mount, NC as an Associate Pastor until 1979.

She received her Ph.D. from Vanderbilt where she studied in the area of Religion and Personality. She joined the faculty of Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary in 1983 where she served until 2005 in the field of Pastoral Theology. In June, 2005 Nancy became the Dean, Executive Vice President, and Professor of Pastoral Theology and Pastoral Care at Brite Divinity School on the campus of Texas Christian University in Fort Worth, TX.

Dr. Ramsay is a clinical member of the American Association of Pastoral Counselors and the American Association of Marriage and Family Therapists in which she also has supervisory status. She is a founding member of the Society for Pastoral Theology and has served as its chair and also as the Co-editor of the *Journal of Pastoral Theology*.

Her most recent book, published in 2004, is *Pastoral Care and Counseling: Redefining the Paradigms* which she edited. She also published *Pastoral Diagnosis: A Resource for Ministries of Care and Counseling* and co-edited *Telling the Truth: Preaching about Sexual and Domestic Violence*. Her research and writing has been largely in the areas of intimate violence, gender, aging, and resisting racism and other forms of embodied oppression in theological education, the church, and the larger culture.

Dr. Ramsay is a consultant with the Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion. She twice helped lead year-long colloquies for “Nurturing Effective Teaching and Learning in Racially and Culturally Inclusive Classrooms” for scholars in theological education.

Dr. Ramsay is active in the Presbyterian Church (USA). She served on the initial General Assembly Council in 1983 and also served on the Committee to Write a Brief Statement of Reformed Faith that is now included in the Book of Confessions of the denomination.

She enjoys being out of doors, especially kayaking, and listening to good music, especially jazz. Cooking for friends and reading good novels are other favorites. She shares her home with Tex, a Springer Spaniel.