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(M.Div., Ph.D., Westminster Theological Seminary) is the Gerald F. Hawthorne Professor of New Testament Greek and Exegesis at Wheaton College, teaching in both the undergraduate Ancient Language Program and the Masters Biblical Exegesis program. Before coming to Wheaton she was an Associate Professor of New Testament at Westmont College. She has also taught at Westminster Theological Seminary, Eastern College, the Center for Urban Theological Studies, and Regent College.

Her most recent commentary is on 1 Peter in Baker's Exegetical Commentary of the New Testament (BECNT) series. Her other books are *Invitation to the Septuagint* (with Moisés Silva), *The NIV Application Commentary: Esther*, and *The Alpha-Text of Esther: Its Character and Relationship to the Masoretic Text*.

She and her husband, Forrest, live in Glen Ellyn, Illinois and are members of Immanuel Presbyterian Church (EPC).

Study Groups:

Ruth 1–Susie Matter **or** Ruth 2–Janet Nygren
Jonah 1–Patty Comber **or** Jonah 2–Bethann Tyson
Habakkuk–Kim Monroe
Gal. 1–Nancy Tucker **or** Gal. 2–Constance Wieler
Ephesians–Sue Logan
Phil. 1–Cecelia Bernhardt **or** Phil. 2–Nan Clarke

Cost:

\$85 per person, which covers all conference expenses (including lunch and dinner) except lodging and breakfast. Make checks payable to Westminster. Applicants not accepted will be notified by mid-July and refunded the full application fee.

Hotel Information:

A room block has been reserved at the Best Western Hotel in Ft. Washington, approximately 15 minutes from the Seminary. Room rate is \$89 and includes a full breakfast on Saturday morning. To reserve your room, call the hotel at 215-542-7930 and mention “Westminster” as the room block name.

How to Apply:

Complete and return the application form and fee by June 30, 2007. You will be assigned your study group from your choice of three as indicated on the form.

Preparation:

Preparation materials, including your Bible study text, will be sent to you in late August. You will also receive a phone call or email from your study group leader to ensure you understand what you need to prepare in order to give your five-minute synopsis.

Directions and Conference Location:

Westminster Theological Seminary, the conference host, is located in Glenside, Pennsylvania, a suburb one mile northwest of the Philadelphia city limits, at the corner of Church Road (Rt. 73) and Willow Grove Avenue. It is easily accessible from the Pennsylvania Turnpike, Route 309, and Route 76. Due to changing road construction, directions will be sent with your preparation materials. Westminster's contact information is 215-887-5511 or www.wts.edu.

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2007 Women in the Word: A Workshop

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Women in the Word — think about it.

What a way to be identified.

What a purpose statement for your life.

What a source of encouragement and strength.

What a responsibility.

Women of Westminster has a vision to train and encourage women who love the Word, and who have a desire to become more discerning, effective teachers of God's Word. The Women in the Word Workshop is a practical, hands-on, two-day conference designed to give women an opportunity to improve their skills in teaching the Bible.

Plenary sessions that teach, as well as model interpretation and application of Scripture are interspersed with study groups where each participant presents a five-minute synopsis of a lesson from a pre-assigned Bible passage. Other group members then constructively critique the presentation. The format allows for immediate application of concepts that deepen and strengthen each person's approach to understanding God's Word.

Women from last year's workshop had this to say about their experience:

"The weekend was a great encouragement to me. A good use of my very limited time."

"A perfect combination to help encourage and hone Bible study teaching skills."

"Empowering, enlightening, enriching, exciting."

This year's plenary speaker, Dr. Karen Jobes, should not be missed. She is a speaker who models her love and depth of understanding of God's Word and her love for Christ. Her expertise in the books of Esther and 1 Peter will be launching points for understanding how we can all approach scripture more effectively. Why was it written the way it was? How does it fit with the rest of scripture? What difference does the cultural backdrop make? How does it point us to Christ? What does it mean for us today?

If we are going to live by this Word, we need to know what it says. If we are going to teach this Word, we have a responsibility to do it well. We invite you to join a community of women who eagerly desire to grow as Women in the Word.

Schedule

Friday, October 19

- 2:00 p.m. Registration and Afternoon Tea
3:00 p.m. Plenary Session #1:
Dr Karen Jobes
A Literary Approach to
Interpreting Esther
4:30 p.m. Refreshments
4:45 p.m. Study Group Session #1
6:30 p.m. Dinner
7:45 p.m. Plenary Session #2:
Dr. Karen Jobes
Reading Esther in Its
Redemptive-Historical Context
9:00 p.m. Close for evening

Saturday, October 20

- 8:30 a.m. Coffee and Tea
9:00 a.m. Study Group Session #2
10:30 a.m. Refreshments
10:45 a.m. Plenary Session #3:
Dr. Karen Jobes
Historical/Cultural Context
in 1 Peter.
12:00 p.m. Lunch
(Bookstore Open)
1:30 p.m. Study Group Session #3
3:00 p.m. Refreshments
3:30 p.m. Study Group Session #4
4:30 p.m. Plenary Session #4
5:00 p.m. End of conference

Application: Please check all that apply:

- I have been engaged in teaching the Bible for
 1 year or less 2 to 5 years
 6 or more years
- I have received training through
 My local church
 A para-church organization
 Bible Study Fellowship
 Campus Crusade InterVarsity
 Precept Ministries Navigators
 Young Life _____ (other)
 College (Bible College, Christian College or University): _____
 Seminary: _____
 Other: _____
- I have received no formal training
 I teach the Bible under the umbrella of a church ministry.
 I teach the Bible under the umbrella of a para-church ministry (i.e., Young Life, InterVarsity, etc.)
 I teach the Bible under no formal umbrella of authority.

Study Group Preference (choose 3 from the list on the back panel)

#1 _____ #2 _____ #3 _____

Name _____

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