

*Presented by Honoring All Voices: A partnership of Long Island Presbyterian Churches
Saturday, May 1, 2004 ~ 9:00 am - 3:30 pm ~ Setauket Presbyterian Church*

WHOSE BIBLE is it anyway WHEN WE TALK about SEX and WAR?



DIRECTIONS/PARKING

**Setauket Presbyterian Church
5 Caroline Avenue, Setauket
(631) 941-4271**

- Take Long Island Expressway to Exit 62, Route 97 North (Nicolls Road) OR
- Northern State to eastern end, 347 East to Route 97 North (Nicolls Road) OR
- Sunrise Highway (Route 27) to Route 97 North (Nicolls Road)
- Route 97 North (Nicolls Road) ends in Setauket. Turn right on Route 25A. At the fifth traffic light, turn left onto Main Street. Proceed through the first light, and immediately after bear right onto Caroline Avenue. SPC is on your right. To reach the parking lot, make a right on Dyke Road, and an immediate right into the parking lot.

Setauket Presbyterian Church
5 Caroline Avenue
Setauket, NY 11733

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Honoring All Voices is a partnership of individuals and the Presbyterian Churches of Center Moriches, Glenwood Landing, Levittown, Merrick, Northport, Old First (Huntington), Old South Haven, Port Jefferson, Setauket and Smithtown working in conjunction with the Peace, Justice and Hunger Workgroup of the Long Island Presbytery.

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conference *description...*

As Presbyterians and Americans, we have become polarized in our political and religious views about war and human sexuality. This conference is intended to improve mutual understanding between those holding opposing views by promoting both the serious study of the Bible and a sincere effort to build mutual trust and a sense of community.

As Americans, who must protect ourselves from terrorism, we struggle in the pursuit of the dual goals of maintaining peace and promoting democracy in lands where many distrust and even disdain us. When are preemptive measures appropriate? Once involved, how do we extricate ourselves? Faithful Presbyterians disagree about the proper role of the US in the world arena, as well as the scriptural basis for warfare in the pursuit of peace.

Our denomination remains divided over an amendment to the Book of Order (G-6.0106b) which is being used to prohibit faithful gay and lesbian Presbyterians from being ordained and/or installed as ministers and church officers. Presbyterians disagree so strongly about the scriptural foundations for their opinions that church resources are being drained in litigation. Consequently, the mission and spiritual health of our denomination is at risk.

In response to these concerns, *Honoring All Voices* has organized this event to create an opportunity for thoughtful study and respectful dialogue and discussion in the hope that it will further the peace, unity, and purity of the Church.



1st keynote *address...*

Frances Taylor Gench

Title: Biblical Interpretation and Human Sexuality

Frances Taylor Gench, Professor of Christian Education at Union Theological Seminary and the Presbyterian School of Christian Education in Richmond, VA, is a member of the Task Force on Peace, Unity and Purity of the Church. She is featured in a new Task Force video series distributed by the Office of the General Assembly PC(USA). Her recent publications include "Hebrews and James" in the Westminster Bible Companion and "James" in the General Letters of Proclamation Commentaries. Frances travels extensively to promote the work of the Task Force in building community and encouraging dialog among those holding differing views of Biblical authority and interpretation. In this conference, she will focus on Biblical interpretation and human sexuality with specific reference to homosexuality and the controversy surrounding G-6.0106b, the Chastity and Fidelity Amendment, which prohibits the ordination and/or installation of gay and lesbian Presbyterians.

2nd keynote *address...*

Ron Stone

Title: Just Peacemaking and/or Just War

Ron Stone, former John Witherspoon Professor of Ethics at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, continues his work in Christian ethics as a member of the General Assembly's Committees on Terrorism and Mission Through Responsible Investment as well as of the Advisory Committee on Social Witness Policy. Writing books on Reinhold Niebuhr, Paul Tillich, war and peace issues is an on-going professional commitment. His next book to be published in August, 2004, is an edited volume entitled *Resistance and Theological Ethics*. Ron will concentrate on the Biblical and theological precepts of "just peacemaking" and "just war" and relate them to today's US foreign policy. Participants will be encouraged to evaluate the nature and appropriate use of war in today's world and to explore alternatives to it.

musical *presentation...*

Love According to Luc

Alicia Mathewson, composer/lyricist and playwright will present a scene from her full length musical, "Love According to Luc," which highlights the dilemma of a lesbian candidate for ministry in the Presbyterian Church who must choose between serving God and loving her same-sex partner. It is a sensitive dramatization of the difficult ethical choices that must be made in the daily lives of Christians confronted by two truths. Alicia holds an MFW in musical theatre writing from NYU's Tisch School of the Arts and currently works at the Brooklyn Academy of Music. "Love According to Luc" will be produced in New York City at the Greenwich Street Theater, June 10-26, 2004. For more information, visit www.luclives.com <<http://www.luclives.com>> .

our *worship...*

Our day together will conclude with the worship of God in a service which focuses on what unites us in ministry and brings us together in Christ even when differing interpretations of Biblical texts threaten to divide us. **Richard E. Spalding**, Chaplain and Coordinator of Community Service at Williams College in Williamstown, MA., will be our preacher. Rick worked in campus ministry at Harvard University for 12 years and has served congregations in Boston, New York City and Albany. He is currently the Chair of the Synod of the Northeast's Committee on Outreach Ministries and Advocacy and is an articulate advocate for justice and peace in our nation and in the PC(USA) .

conference *schedule...*

9:00 – 9:30	Coffee and Registration (No Registration fee)
9:360 – 9:45	Welcome
9:45 – 10:45	Keynote 1 and Q&A
11:00 – 12:00	Keynote 2 and Q&A
12:00 – 1:00	Lunch
1:00 – 1:30	Musical Presentation
1:30 – 2:30	Continuing conversations meet simultaneously
2:45 – 3:30	Worship

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If you are planning to attend this event, please return this registration form as soon as possible so that adequate plans for accommodations can be made. Lunch will be provided for a fee of \$6.00 to be paid at the door.

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I will _____ will not _____ be staying for lunch. **For information, call (631) 941-4271.**