

Learning Ministries Day 2021

Keynote Speaker: The Rev. Dr. Barbara R. Rossing "Journeys Through Revelation"

The Rev. Dr. Barbara R. Rossing is professor of New Testament at the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago, where she has taught since 1994. She loves to teach and preach about the Bible, including the Bible's role in public life.

An avid environmentalist, Rossing is involved with environmental initiatives at the seminary. Rossing received the bachelor of arts degree from Carleton College, the master of divinity degree from Yale University Divinity School and the doctor of theology degree from Harvard University.

She served as pastor of a congregation in Minnesota, director for Global Mission Interpretation for the American Lutheran Church, pastor at Holden Village Retreat Center, Chelan, Wash., and chaplain at Harvard University Divinity School.

Rossing has lectured and preached widely, including synod assemblies and global mission events for the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), as well as ecumenical theological conferences. She has served on the executive committee and council of the Lutheran World Federation (2003-2010), and chaired the Lutheran World Federation's theology and studies committee. She currently serves on the advisory committee for The Lutheran Magazine.

As a public theologian her media appearances have included "CBS Sixty Minutes" as well as The History Channel, National Geographic, Living the Questions, and numerous print and radio interviews.

Her publications include *The Rapture Exposed: The Message of Hope in the Book of Revelation* (Basic Books, 2004); *The Choice Between Two Cities: Whore, Bride and Empire in the Apocalypse* (Trinity Press, 1999); two volumes of the *New Proclamation commentary* (Fortress Press, 2000 and 2004); a nine-session Bible study, *Journeys Through Revelation: Apocalyptic Hope for Today* (Presbyterian Women, 2010); and articles and book chapters on the Apocalypse and ecology.