

## HOUSING INFORMATION

Please note: **Starved Rock Lodge** will hold rooms until September 1, 2015

Expected rates for Starved Rock Lodge:  
East Lodge-double/double: \$115/night  
West Lodge-queen-queen: 125/night  
for single/double occupancy  
Extra person \$10/room/night

Please make your own room reservations at Starved Rock Lodge - (800) 868-7625. Indicate you wish to reserve a room in the ATiiM block. Senior Discount (10%) is available if you ask when you reserve or check in.

Additional rooms are available in Oglesby, about 15 minutes from Starved Rock Lodge. Please make your reservations directly with the hotel:

### DAYS INN

I-39 & Oglesby exit 54  
(815) 883-9600  
\$99.99 - plus tax – Continental breakfast

### BEST WESTERN

I-39 & Oglesby exit 54  
(815) 883-3535  
\$89.99 plus tax—Continental breakfast

If you wish to share a room at Starved Rock, email Dave Kniker at [dfkniker@gmail.com](mailto:dfkniker@gmail.com) or contact by telephone at (309) 853-7814. He will assist in coordinating such requests.

## LAYING THE GROUND FOR THE CONFERENCE

What is the future of the church? That is a question many ask today. Rev. Carol Howard Merritt, author of her most recent book; *Reframing Hope: Vital Ministry in a New Generation* will share her ideas and insights to this ongoing question.

Carol, a pastor for more than a decade, has served on committees, boards, and local churches. This breadth and depth of practical experience informs her consultations with denominational governing bodies, publishing houses, seminaries and local churches.

We hope that you will join us for this conference. Bring your questions and be open to the new ideas that Carol has to share.

## REGISTRATION

Register by completing the attached form and mail with a check to ATiiM, %CCIW, 1011 North Main Street, Bloomington, IL 61701-1753

**OR**

Go to [www.ilucc.org](http://www.ilucc.org) or [www.cciwdisciples.org](http://www.cciwdisciples.org) and register online. Confirmation will provide details for online payment with credit/debit card.

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THE ASSOCIATION OF TRAINED  
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## REFRAMING HOPE: VITAL MINISTRY IN A NEW GENERATION



Rev. Carol Howard Merritt  
Pastor, Author

24<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference

October 7-8, 2015

Starved Rock Lodge & Conf. Center  
Starved Rock State Park  
Utica, Illinois  
Near the junction of I-80 and I-39



## REFRAMING HOPE: VITAL MINISTRY IN A NEW GENERATION

### **Rev. Carol Howard Merritt, Pastor and Author**

Member of the Leadership Staff, Senior Consultant of The Center for Progressive Renewal

Rev. Carol Howard Merritt (@CarolHoward) is a minister whose writing, speaking, and teaching is anchored in theological wisdom and fresh sociological insight. She's a sought-after keynote speaker, especially on the topic of ministering in a new generation.

The award-winning author of *Tribal Church: Ministering to the Missing Generation* (Alban) and *Reframing Hope: Vital Ministry in a New Generation* (Alban), Carol is a frequent contributor to books, websites, magazines, and journals. She is a regular columnist at the *Christian Century* where her blog, "Tribal Church," is hosted.

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**Clergy:** \$150.00 (early registration fee of \$135.00 before September 15, 2015).

**Non Clergy:** \$95.00

Fee includes materials, break, Wednesday dinner and Thursday lunch. See Housing Information. Extra meal costs for guest/spouse: Dinner \$22.00; Lunch – \$16.00.

**ATiMDues:** \$25.00 per calendar year. If 2016 dues are paid with registration, you can choose a book from selected books in the Conference Bookstore.

**StarvedRock:** The Lodge offers excellent dining, pool, whirlpool and other amenities. The State Park offers many hiking trails, a visitor center and nearby shops and historical sites in Utica and along the Illinois River. A trolley tour of Starved Rock Park and the Illinois Waterway Museum, as well as a guided hike may be available for a small fee. Please indicate your interest on the registration form. Upon receipt of your registration an e-mail confirmation will be sent.

See web information-next panel. Come early and enjoy !

## CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

### Wednesday, October 7

- 10:00 a.m. Registration
- 11:00 a.m. Welcome/Orientation/Worship
- 11:15 a.m. Session 1 – Rev. Carol Howard Merritt
- 12:30 p.m. Lunch on your own - Free Time – Relax, Hike Starved Rock trails, visit Illinois Waterway Museum or nearby State Parks
- 3:30 p.m. Session 2 – Carol Howard Merritt
- 5:30 p.m. ATiM Annual Meeting
- 6:00 p.m. Dinner
- 7:30 p.m. Session 3 – Carol Howard Merritt
- 9:00 p.m. Adjourn, snacks

[Bring snacks to share!](#)

### Thursday, October 8

- 8:00 a.m. Dining Room Opens (Breakfast on your own)
- 9:00 a.m. Morning devotions
- 9:15 a.m. Session 4 – Carol Howard-Merritt
- 10:30 a.m. Break
- 11:00 a.m. Session 5 – Carol Howard-Merritt
- 12:30 p.m. Lunch
- 1:30 p.m. Session 6 – Carol Howard-Merritt
- 2:30 p.m. Worship
- 3:15 p.m. Evaluation and closing
- 3:30 p.m. Leave or stay to enjoy Starved Rock State Park and environs

Starved Rock Lodge: [www.starvedrocklodge.com](http://www.starvedrocklodge.com)

Starved Rock State Park: <http://dnr.state.il.us>

Click on "Parks & Recreation" for directions.