



San Francisco Theological Seminary Seminars
Exploring Your Faith ~ Expanding your Understanding
Compassion Care, Contemplative Listening

Dates: Nov. 3 – 5, 2019

Location: *Glacier Presbyterian Center (the camp!)*

Professor: *Rev. Dr. Laurie Garrett-Cobbina, M.Div., Th.M., Ph.D.*

Who should attend?

- **EVERYONE!**
- Pastors & CREs
- Those who may consider a CRE ministry
- Ruling Elders, Session members, Deacons

To Register:
 Call - 406-844-2114
 Email - timothy@glaciercamp.org

Fees:

Commuters (includes Sunday Dinner, Lunch on Monday and Tuesday)
 \$65/person
 Single Room (all meals included) \$175/person
 Double Room (all meals included) \$97/person
(Single and Double Room occupancy includes your room, dinner on Sunday, three meals on Monday, breakfast and lunch on Tuesday.)

Description: Compassion Care, Contemplative Listening

Compassionate care and contemplative listening is a unique aspect of spiritual care. Compassionate care inaugurates a more reflective engagement with suffering people. Compassionate care resists the urge to fix, becoming more comfortable with the mystery of the caring encounter. Contemplative listening resists the urge to do, choosing instead to deeply listen and connect. Contemplative compassion resists the urge to lead, electing to follow the lead of the one who suffers. Compassion care with contemplative listening forges a deep awareness of the suffering of another, which is coupled with a desire to help alleviate the physical, mental, emotional or spiritual pains of another. Contemplative compassion consists of skills a person can learn and develop, yet also, it is a way to be in the world, and a way to behold the world.

Rev. Dr. Laurie Garrett-Cobbina joined the faculty at San Francisco Theological Seminary in 2006. She occupies the Shaw Family Chair for Clinical Pastoral Education and is Associate Professor of Pastoral Care and Education. Laurie is a life-long Presbyterian. She was born in Indianapolis, IN where she was spiritually nurtured by her parents, pastor and congregation at Witherspoon Presbyterian Church. Laurie was elected a Ruling Elder at the age of 16, her first ordination. Laurie’s second ordination was as Teaching Elder in the Presbyterian Church (USA). She has served in various capacities at local churches, including Pastor of Smallwood Presbyterian Church (Charlotte, NC). Laurie served hospitals as Certified Clinical Pastoral Educator and Chaplain in Indianapolis, IN, San Francisco, CA, and Charlotte, NC prior to accepting the call to SFTS. In addition to her full-time teaching position at SFTS, she is serving as Interim Pastor at St. Andrew Presbyterian Church, Marin City, CA.