



# Digging Deep with BibleWorm





November 6-9, 2023, Aurora, NE  
hosted by the Omaha Presbyterian Seminary Foundation

## Is this for me?

As parish pastors, many of us meet the beginning of fall with trepidation. How might we craft worship for the upcoming year? Which texts do we use or themes do we follow? How do we design our sermons so there is consistency between the weeks? The Narrative Lectionary (NL), developed by Luther Seminary in 2010, is a four-year lectionary cycle that focuses on story and helps preachers tell the story of God's people - of whom God is and whom we are called to be.

Drs Amy Robertson and Robert Williamson, Jr., co-creators of the BibleWorm podcast - a weekly conversation about the Narrative Lectionary text at the intersection of biblical scholarship and faithful living - will engage us in collaborative study through worship, workshop, and conversation with six scriptures to use during the year. Participants leave with resources in hand.

## What is included in the cost?

-  **Mindfulness, Prayer, Vespers, and Worship** - to mark your day
-  **Workshops** - We will delve into the contexts of our bible texts with Drs. Amy Robertson and Bobby Williamson to discern how God might be calling us and the church to be in the world.
-  **Lodging and Meals** - All lodging and meals minus one dinner are included in the cost. There is an option to eat one meal out in town.
-  **Free Time** - Participants will have time to do what helps them fill their souls: read, pray, nap, hike, play games, crafts, ride into town, etc.

## How much does it cost?

- **Are you registered as a full participant in Pastoral Leadership Revitalization (PLR) ?** This event was included in your PLR registration cost
- **Are you a PLR alumni?** The cost is \$100, double occupancy
- **Are you a registering as a regular participant?** The cost is \$200, double occupancy.
- **Add \$150 for single occupancy.** Limited spots available.

## How do I register?

Register at <https://tinyurl.com/OPSF-BibleWorm>

## Retreat Leaders



*Dr. Amy Robertson*

Dr. Amy Robertson is the Director of Lifelong Learning and Music at Congregation or Hadash, a Conservative synagogue in Sandy Springs, GA, where she very much enjoys asking questions that have no straightforward answer and will do almost anything to get a group to sing with her. She believes that as our lives unfold they are a real source of Torah in the world and seeks always to understand written Torah and lived Torah in light of each other. She is the co-host of the BibleWorm podcast. She is also part of the Atlanta-based vocal trio The Mamalehs, which leads prayer services and sings at Jewish and interfaith gatherings. She holds degrees from Emory University, Harvard Divinity School, and Rice University, and makes her home with her husband, Will Robertson, and two wonderful teenagers who enjoy neither her impossible questions nor her propensity to break into Jewish song.



*Rev. Dr. Robert Williamson, Jr*

Dr. Robert Williamson, Jr (Bobby) is Professor of Religious Studies at Hendrix College in Conway, Arkansas, and Theologian in Residence of Canvas Community, a mission church serving the homeless of Little Rock. He is producer and co-host of the BibleWorm Podcast, a weekly conversation about the Narrative Lectionary text at the intersection of biblical scholarship and faithful living. He holds graduate degrees from Emory University, Oxford University, and Columbia Theological Seminary, and is an ordained Minister of Word and Sacrament in the Presbyterian Church (USA). He lives in Little Rock with his wife, Rev. Lindy Vogado, and their two young children.

## What does the schedule look like?

The schedule below will give you an idea of what to expect. The schedule may change slightly. Participants may choose the components that best feed their souls.

### Monday, November 6

4-5:00 PM	Check-In
6:00 PM	Dinner
7:00 PM	Welcome, Introductions, and Overview
8:00 PM	Evening Vespers
8:30 PM	Social Hour

### Tuesday, November 7

8:00 AM	Breakfast
9:00 AM	Morning Prayer
10:00 AM	BibleWorm Session 1
12:00 PM	Lunch
1:00 PM	BibleWorm Session 2
3:00 PM	Free Time (including dinner on your own)
8:00 PM	Evening Vespers
8:30 PM	Social Hour

### Wednesday, November 8

8:00 AM	Breakfast
9:00 AM	Morning Prayer
10:00 AM	BibleWorm Session 3
12:00 PM	Lunch
1:00 PM	BibleWorm Session 4
3:00 PM	Free Time
6:00 PM	Dinner on your own
7:30 PM	Worship with Communion
8:30 PM	Social Hour

### Thursday, November 9

8:00 AM	Breakfast
9:00 AM	Evaluations
9:30 AM	Break - Check out of room
10:00 AM	Closing Vespers

## Where is the Digging Deep with BibleWorm Retreat?

The Leadership Center is located in Aurora, Nebraska, eighteen miles from the Grand Island Airport in Grand Island. Check it out at <https://tlcaurora.org> Transportation to and from the retreat center is up to individual participants to organize.



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Pastoral Leadership Revitalization (PLR) is a grant funded program in partnership with Omaha Presbyterian Seminary Foundation (OPSF). PLR's mission is to increase pastoral resilience and adaptive leadership by providing dynamic continuing education and creating a network of support for pastoral leaders.



## Questions?

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