



# Reading Genesis with the Rabbis: Preaching from the Questions





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## Is this for me?

The ancient Jewish rabbis had an intense curiosity about the biblical text, a deep love for God's word that led them to pore over every sentence—every letter—to see what it might reveal to them about God and the life of faith. During this retreat, we will look to the rabbis as conversation partners as we develop our own capacity to read the Bible with deep curiosity, exploring what the text might offer us as we wrestle with what it means to be people of faith today.

With Drs. Amy Robertson and Robert Williamson, Jr., co-creators of the BibleWorm podcast, we'll spend our time together in focused study of texts from Genesis alongside selections from rabbinic literature, allowing the curiosities and concerns of the rabbis to inspire our own imaginations about what the biblical text might hold for faithful preaching today. We'll conclude the weekend with a better sense of how to preach from the questions as well as a general outline of a four-week preaching series on the book of Genesis.

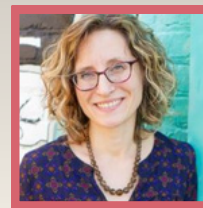
## What is included in the cost?

-  **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 are included in the cost.
-  **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 and reside within OPSF's 13 state territory ?** The cost is \$200, double occupancy.
- **Are you a registering as a regular participant and live outside OPSF's 13 state territory?** The cost is \$250, double occupancy.
- **Add \$150 for single occupancy.** Limited spots available.

## 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 enjoys asking questions that have no straightforward answer and will do almost anything to get a group to sing with her. She believes that our unfolding lives are a real source of Torah in the world, and seeks always to understand written Torah and lived Torah in light of each other. Amy is the co-host of the BibleWorm podcast, and is studying for rabbinic ordination through ALEPH: The Alliance for Jewish Renewal. She holds degrees from Emory University, Harvard Divinity School, and Rice University, and makes her home with her husband, Will, 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 church for those living on the streets of Little Rock. He is producer and co-host of BibleWorm, a popular Narrative Lectionary podcast. 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). His most recent book is *Reading the Bible with Brueggemann: Scripture's Power to Remake the World*.

## Where is the Retreat?

Located in central Oklahoma, just a short drive from Oklahoma City, St. Crispin's Conference Center + Camp has been a welcoming space for hospitality, nourishment, and growth for over 50 years. Operated by the Episcopal Diocese of Oklahoma, it provides a peaceful retreat where participants can step away from the busyness of daily life and embrace a sacred rhythm of rest, renewal, and connection in a truly serene setting.

## What does the schedule look like?

**The sample schedule below will give you an idea of what to expect.** The schedule may change slightly.

### Sunday, February 8

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

### Monday & Tuesday February 9&10

8:00 AM	Breakfast
9:15 AM	Morning Worship
10:00 AM	Workshop 1
12:00 PM	Lunch
1:00 PM	Free Time
4:00 PM	Workshop 2
6:00 PM	Dinner
7:30 PM	Evening Vespers
8:00 PM	Social Hour

### Wednesday, February 11

8:00 AM	Breakfast
9:00 AM	*Evaluations/Check out of room
9:30 AM	Interest Groups
10:30 AM	Closing Worship with Communion

\*Evaluations will be emailed Tuesday evening. Please complete before you leave.



## How do I register?

**Register at**

<https://tinyurl.com/ReadingwithRabbis>



## Questions?

Contact the Omaha Presbyterian Seminary Foundation's Director of Programs, Rev. Tricia Dillon Thomas, at [programs@opsf-omaha.org](mailto:programs@opsf-omaha.org)