

**Can We Build The Beloved Community through Political Action?**

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 8	5:00 to 6:00 p.m.	<b>Registration</b>
	6:00 to 7:00 p.m.	<b>Welcome Reception</b> <i>Rev. Dr. Lee Barker, President, Meadville Lombard Theological School</i>
	7:00 to 8:00 p.m.	<b>Introduction of Theme Speaker</b> <i>Dr. Sharon Welch, Provost, Meadville Lombard Theological School</i>  <b>What is the End of Beloved Community?</b> <i>Dr. Melissa Harris-Lacewell</i> If we could craft the world we wanted what would it look like? Are our visions often delimited in ways that might make beloved community more difficult to achieve?
SATURDAY FEBRUARY 9	8:30 to 9:00 a.m.	<b>Opening Worship</b> <i>Rev. Dr. John Tolley and Rev. Jim Hobart</i>
	9:00 to 10:30 a.m.	<b>A Framework for Change: Analyzing recent national election results</b> <i>Dr. Melissa Harris-Lacewell</i> Consider a framework for reading the 2004 and 2006 elections through an analysis of issues of race, gender, religion and sexual identity; then participate in group discussions of up-to-the-minute 2008 primary results in light of that framework.
	10:30 to 10:45 a.m.	Break
	10:45 to noon	<b>Healing the World through Effective Action</b> <i>Rob Keithan</i> Selecting social justice issue priorities can be educational, energizing, and ultimately more effective. This interactive workshop will present proven tools for choosing justice issues and planning successful organizing campaigns.
	12:00 to 1:30 p.m.	Lunch
	1:30 to 3:15 p.m.	<b>Prism and Policy: How identity and interests affect policy and effect change</b> <i>Dr. Melissa Harris-Lacewell</i> In this small-group task, participants will be assigned identities and interests, then have to work together to come up with a policy/law while role playing the parts of the identity and interests they have been given.
	3:15 to 3:30 p.m.	Break
	3:30 to 4:30 p.m.	<b>Faithful Democracy: How your congregation can get out the vote</b> <i>Rob Keithan</i> Blend theory and discussion with concrete tips on what congregations can legally do—and not do—to effectively engage in the electoral process.
	SUNDAY FEBRUARY 10	7:30 a.m.
8:30 to 9:00 a.m.		Check out
9:00 to 10:00 a.m.		<b>Meet Meadville Lombard</b> <i>Rev. Dr. Lee Barker and Dr. Michael Hogue</i>
10:00 to 11:30 a.m.		<b>The Promise and Limitations of Liberal Religious Congregations in Building Effective Political Strategy</b> <i>Dr. Melissa Harris-Lacewell</i>
11:30 a.m.		<b>Closing Worship</b> <i>Rev. David Bumbaugh and Rev. Dr. Neil Gerdes</i>