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About Carol Howard Merritt



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.

After being raised as a conservative Baptist and attending a fundamentalist Bible college, Carol studied at Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary in Texas and became a Presbyterian (USA) Minister of Word and Sacrament. She's known for serving growing Presbyterian (USA) churches, especially those with a deep commitment to serving the poor and disenfranchised.

A pastor for more than a decade, Carol has served Presbyterian (USA) churches in the swamps of Cajun Louisiana, a bayside village in Rhode Island, and an urban neighborhood of Washington, DC. Her committee and board work with the church includes serving as Moderator of the Special General Assembly Committee on the Nature of the Church in the 21st Century. This breadth and depth of practical experience informs her consultations with denominational councils, publishing houses, seminaries, and local churches.

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.

Carol is a founder and host of UNCO, an open-space "unconference" that attracts church leaders across denominations and generations. Since 2011, a growing community of participants meets annually to generate ideas and develop plans for 21st century ministry. She co-hosts the thought-provoking podcast, God Complex Radio, with Rev. Derrick Weston.

When not at a podium, pulpit, or an airport, Carol can be found in Chattanooga, Tennessee with her pastor-activist husband, Brian Merritt and their daughter, Calla.