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PITTSBURGH THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY
LECTURE EXPLORES CHRISTIAN PERFECTION

Pittsburgh Theological Seminary will hold the annual Albright-Deering Lectures in Methodist Studies Thurs., April 24. Dr. Marjorie Hewitt Suchocki, professor emerita at the Claremont School of Theology, will present two lectures on the theme “A Plain Account of a Plain Account (of Christian Perfection).” All events are free and open to the public.

Lectures include “Christian Perfection and Resistible Grace” at 2:00 p.m. and “The Perfection of Prayer and Persistent Grace” at 3:45 p.m.

Suchocki is an author and United Methodist. She is the director of Process & Faith: A Program of the Center for Process Studies at Clarmont and director of the Whitehead International Film Festival. Professor Suchocki earned her bachelor’s *magna cum laude* from Pomona College and master’s and doctorate in religion from Claremont Graduate School. From 1977-1983, Suchocki taught theology and directed the Doctor of Ministry Program at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. Following her time at the Seminary, she served as academic dean and professor of systematic theology at Wesley Theological Seminary. In 1993, she returned to Claremont School of Theology, where she held an endowed chair in theology and joint appointment at Claremont Graduate School until her retirement in 2002. In addition to more than

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70 published articles as chapters in books or journals, Suchocki has written *A Perfect Love: Understanding John Wesley's A Plain Account of Christian Perfection*, with Steve Manskar, (Discipleship Resources) and *Divinity and Diversity: A Christian Affirmation of Religious Pluralism* (Abingdon). In addition to her work as author and scholar, Suchocki has served The United Methodist Church in various ways, most recently as chair of the Commission on Theological Education.

The Albright-Deering Lectures in Methodist Studies were established in 1999 through individual contributions and a generous gift from Joseph and Gail Deering of Dayton, Ohio, to celebrate Joseph's career accomplishments and to honor their former pastor, the Rev. Dr. H. Pat Albright. The lectureship is intended to bring outstanding scholars in the Wesleyan tradition to Pittsburgh Theological Seminary's campus.

Contact the Office of Continuing Education at 412-441-3304, ext. 2196 or

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Pittsburgh Theological Seminary is a graduate professional institution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A). Founded in 1794, the Seminary is located in Pittsburgh, Pa. and approximately 380 students are enrolled yearly in the degree programs. The Seminary prepares leaders who proclaim with great joy God's message of good news in both word and deed. PTS is rooted in the Reformed history of faithfulness to Scripture and commitment to the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

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