

GRAWEMEYER AWARD WINNER TO SPEAK ON JANUARY 31, 2015

The Rev. Dr. Willie James Jennings, recipient of the **2015 Grawemeyer Award in Religion**, will be joining the Pittsburgh community Sat., Jan. 31, 2015, for a time of sharing and worship on the topic of **"Tear Open the Heavens:" Race, Violence, and Faith in Our Times.**



**ALL EVENTS ARE FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.
RESERVATIONS ARE REQUESTED FOR DINNER.**

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This event is co-sponsored by Pittsburgh Mennonite Church, Union Baptist Church of Swissvale, Pentecostal Temple Church of God in Christ, and Pittsburgh Theological Seminary's Office of Continuing Education and Metro-Urban Institute.

SCHEDULE SAT., JAN. 31, 2015

Time	Session	Location
2:00-3:10 p.m.	Lecture and Q&A	Hicks Chapel Auditorium, Pittsburgh Theological Seminary (PTS) 616 N. Highland Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15206
3:10-3:30 p.m.	Snacks and Informal Conversation	Long Hall, PTS
3:30-4:30 p.m.	Small Group Workshops	Long Hall, PTS
5:00-6:15 p.m.	Dinner (Reservation Requested)	Kadel Dining Hall, PTS
6:30-8:00 p.m.	Worship and Discussion	Pentecostal Temple Church of God in Christ 3600 East Liberty Blvd., Pittsburgh, PA 15206

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RESERVE A SEAT BY E-MAILING [Click to view e-mail](#) **OR CALLING 412-924-1345.**

ABOUT WILLIE JAMES JENNINGS



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