

Atlantic School of Theology Welcomes New Faculty Member

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For Immediate Release

Halifax, NS – The Board of Governors and the President of Atlantic School of Theology, The Rev. Canon Eric Beresford, are very pleased to announce the appointment of The Rev. Dr. Susan Willhauck as Associate Professor of Pastoral Theology, effective January 2009.



Dr. Willhauck holds a Ph.D. (1992) in Religion and Religious Education from The Catholic University of America, a Master of Theological Studies from Wesley Theological Seminary (1980), and a B.A. from Emory and Henry College (1977). Since 1998 she has been a faculty member at Wesley Theological Seminary (presently Associate Professor of Christian Formation), where she taught in the areas of Congregational Leadership, Christian Education, Religious Nurture and Development, Adolescent Spirituality, and Youth Ministry. Dr. Willhauck, an ordained deacon, has held a variety of positions in Christian Education within the United Methodist Church.

She has received numerous awards and grants, including a Teaching Learning Grant from the Association of Theological Schools and an ATS Lilly Grant for research on Women and Change in the Church. In addition to the publication of many articles, she has authored two books, *The Web of Women's Leadership: Recasting Congregational Ministry* (with Jacquelyn Thorpe) Abingdon Press 2001, and *Back Talk! Women Changing the Church*, Pilgrim Press, 2005. She is presently writing a third book entitled, *In This World: Calls to Ministry beyond the Church*, a look at ministries in unique places in the world and what they have to say to the church.

President Beresford says that "Dr. Willhauck brings a wealth of research, education and field experience to Atlantic School of Theology, where she will be teaching Christian Education and Congregational Leadership in her new position. We look forward to her leadership in cultivating a passion in our students for education and learning in the church. The school is indeed fortunate to have her joining our excellent faculty."

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