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Sacramento Presbytery
Preaching Pastors' Retreat
October 5 - 7, 2015

"Preaching the Verbs"

If you do a quick survey of any bible passage, you'll find that what is true in life is also true in scripture: the verbs dominate. Not adjectives; *verbs*. It's what we *do* and *don't do* that preoccupies human beings. And it's the verbs we cannot imagine for ourselves (*live, liberate, forgive, resurrect*) that the church offers, and that we reach for, week after week. So what happens when we read scripture and let the verbs lead? In this conference, Anna puts a twist on dramatic theory and invites us to read the biblical "script" by focusing on the verbs that are given and chosen by the characters. What new things will we see and hear in both our sacred text *and* our human drama when we connect the verbs? How can that, in turn, change and renew our preaching?



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