

Our 16 most-read blog posts of 2016

## **Here are this year's most popular bloggers and posts from our site. Thanks for reading.**

December 27, 2016

(1) Carol Howard Merritt: [A word of thanks to those 111 clergy](#)

To hear the courage of these pastors—who have come out to stand in solidarity with one another and with LGBTQ people—makes my heart soar.

(2) Steve Thorngate: [At the RNC, a benediction that wasn't](#)

“If you believe it, shout Amen!” I don’t think for a moment that most conservative Christians believe it. The question is how much they care.

(3) Joseph Schattauer Paillé: [This Holy Week, let's stop pretending](#)

There is no way for us to ignore Easter Sunday and think only of Good Friday.

(4) Charles Hefling: [Has the Episcopal Church been plutoed?](#)

What happened at Canterbury? Nobody knows, because it hasn't finished happening.

(5) Katherine Willis Pershey: [Dressing for the job without looking like someone else](#)

Jesus says not to worry about what we will wear. Usually I fail at this.

(6) Debie Thomas: [Why I stay](#)

Because my yearning comes from somewhere, and that somewhere must be you.

(7) Daniel José Camacho: [John's prologue and God's rejected children](#)

In speaking about this Word become flesh, John also speaks powerfully to us about what it means to be human.

(8) Lawrence W. Rodgers: [White supremacy in American Christianity](#)

“All men are created equal,” claims the Declaration of Independence, which was written while black people were enslaved.

(9) Greg Carey: [Why theological schools need tenure](#)

Academic freedom is important. But there are other arguments for tenure that deserve equal attention.

(10) Emily C. Heath: [In defense of the church building](#)

We need to be in right relationship with our buildings. They should be tools, not false idols.

(11) Edward Carson: [The Christian campus and sexual identity](#)

Both racial and LGBTQ liberation struggles began with *Brown v. Board*.

(12) Ian T. Douglas: [Why I'm wearing orange on June 2](#)

We owe our children something we can no longer give them: safety.

(13) Kyle Beshears: [A Mormon militia?](#)

One of the first clues came after a militia member identified himself to a reporter as “Captain Moroni.”

(14) Lillian Calles Barger: [Another moment of reckoning](#)

American Christianity has faced theological-political crises before.

(15) Matt Gesicki: [Protesting our neighbors](#)

When I started graduate school, I never anticipated a curriculum with vocabulary like *air rights*, *luxury condominiums*, or *student protest*.

(16) Bromleigh McCleneghan: [What / know about knowing and being known](#)

The sex my friend had before marriage mostly left her awash in shame. I mostly had fun.