

Brian K. Blount

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Brian K. Blount is president and professor of New Testament at Union Presbyterian Seminary, a theological institution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) with campuses in Richmond, VA, and Charlotte, NC. Blount was called to this position in March 2007, after serving for 15 years as the Richard J. Dearborn Professor of New Testament Interpretation at Princeton Theological Seminary. A master of divinity graduate of Princeton Seminary in 1981, he obtained his B.A. from the College of William and Mary in 1978.

After graduating from Princeton Seminary, he became pastor of the Carver Memorial Presbyterian Church in Newport News, Virginia from 1982-1988. William and Mary's first African American to receive membership in the Alpha Chapter of the Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society, he received his Ph.D. in New Testament Studies from Emory University in 1992. He returned to teach at Princeton Seminary the same year. In 1998, Professor Blount became the first African American to be tenured in the Department of Bible at Princeton Theological Seminary. Recently he received an honorary Doctor of Divinity from Presbyterian College.

Blount's primary work has been in the Gospel of Mark and in the area of cultural studies and hermeneutics. He is the author of four books: *Cultural Interpretation: Reorienting New Testament Criticism* (Fortress Press, 1995); *Go Preach! Mark's Kingdom Message and the Black Church Today* (Orbis Book, 1998); *Then The Whisper Put on Flesh: New Testament Ethics in an African American Context* (Abingdon Press, 2001); *Can I Get A Witness? Reading Revelation Through an African American Culture* (Westminster John Knox Press, 2005). In addition, he has edited a volume of essays on worship with Leonora Tubbs Tisdale entitled *Making Room at the Table: An Invitation to Multicultural Worship* (Westminster John Knox Press, 2000). He is the coauthor of a book with Old Testament scholar Walter Brueggemann and theologian William C. Placher entitled *Struggling With Scripture* (Westminster John Knox Press, 2001); and co-authored the book *Preaching The Gospel of Mark in Two Voices* (Westminster John Knox Press, 2002) with Gary W. Charles, pastor of Central Presbyterian Church in Atlanta, GA.

Blount's commentary on The Book of Revelation for the Westminster John Knox New Testament Library Series was recently selected as the top reference book of 2009 by the Academy of Parish Clergy (APC). He is an associate editor of *The Thoughtful Christian Study Bible* by Westminster John Knox Press. As a part of his work for the Bible, he has also written the introduction and notes for Mark and Matthew. He is an associate editor of the *New Interpreter's Dictionary of the Bible* for Abingdon Press. He is also the general editor for *True To Our Native Land: An African American New Testament Commentary* published by Fortress Press. The author of numerous articles, he also preaches and directs adult education classes in local congregations.

He and his wife, Sharon, have two children, Joshua and Kaylin.

Dr. Brian K. Blount

Union Presbyterian Seminary Alumni/ae

are invited

to an information conversation with Dr. Blount
immediately following today's presbytery meeting.



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Join us at the Walkup Building.

(The Walkup Building is in Montreat at the foot of the parking lot for Anderson Auditorium. After you pass through the Montreat gate, take the 4th right turn onto Community Center Circle Drive and the Walkup Building is the first building on the right. If you get to Lookout Road, you have gone one block too far.)

Enjoy refreshments and conversation with Dr. Blount.

Please RSVP by April 22 to Bob Tuttle, bobt@montreat.org.

You might even win a door prize, but you'll walk away with much, much more!