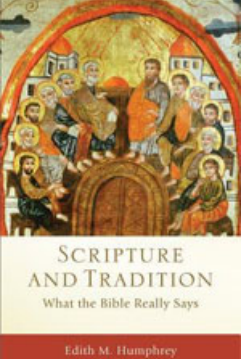




PROFESSOR WRITES BOOK ON SCRIPTURE AND TRADITION



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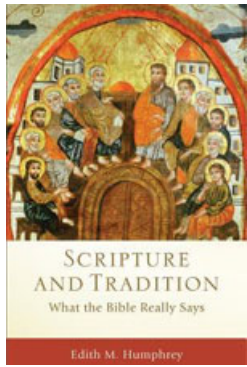
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Prior to her service at PTS, Humphrey taught at several colleges and universities in Canada, and was professor of Scripture at Augustine College, Ottawa, Canada, from 1997-2002, where in her final year she served as dean. She earned her bachelor's from Victoria University (University of Toronto) and received her doctorate from McGill University, Montreal, where she was awarded the Governor General's Gold Medal. The author of numerous articles on the literary and rhetorical study of the Bible, she has also written five other books, *Grand Entrance: Worship on Earth as in Heaven* (Brazos, 2010), *And I Turned to See the Voice: The Rhetoric of Vision in the New Testament* (Baker Academic, 2007), *Ecstasy and Intimacy: When the Holy Spirit Meets the Human Spirit*, *the Sheffield guide to Joseph and Aseneth*, and *The Ladies and the Cities: Transformation and Apocalyptic Identity in Joseph and Aseneth, 4 Ezra, the Apocalypse and The Shepherd of Hermas*. In her popular writing she has addressed such subjects as the Jesus Seminar, the Trinity, sexuality and the human person, the authority of Scripture within the Great Tradition, and Christian spirituality. Humphrey is also co-author, along with other members of the Primate's Theological Commission (Anglican Church of Canada) of a series of theological workbooks for congregational use, titled *Wrestling with God*. An active member of the Orthodox Church (attending St. George's Antiochian Church, Oakland), she retains strong ties with friends in various denominations, and is well known as a popular speaker at church retreats, ecumenical conferences, and seminary events. An accomplished musician who was the musical director and organist at St. George's Anglican Church in Ottawa, she now participates in various musical groups at the Seminary, and plays oboe in the North Suburban Symphonic band.

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