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WATER's Feminist Conversations in Religion Series presents —

"Searching for an Ethic: Children, Moral Agency, and Justice" An hour-long teleconference with Kate Ott

Wednesday, 9 March 2011 1:00PM-2:00PM EST

Dr. Kate M. Ott is deputy Director of the Religious Institute. She holds a doctorate in Christian Ethics from Union Theological Seminary in New York and teaches ethics and sexuality-related courses at Yale Divinity School, Drew Theological Seminary, and Union Theological Seminary. In addition to training clergy and religious leaders, she conducts workshops for congregations on sexuality education for parents and youth. Her forthcoming book with Westminster John Knox Press is titled, Let's Talk about Sex: A Christian Parent's Guide from Toddlerhood through the Teenage Years. She serves as the second-grade Sunday School teacher in her home parish in Guilford, CT, where her husband, 5 year old boy and 9 year old girl worship. In addition to a number of scholarly articles, Dr. Ott is author of the second edition of A Time to Speak: Faith Communities and Sexuality Education and Sex and the Seminary: Preparing Ministers for Sexual Health and Justice. She is also the co-editor of Just Hospitality: God's Welcome in a World of Riotous Difference (written by Letty Russell). WATER's newest book, New Feminist Christianity (edited by Mary E. Hunt and Diann L. Neu, Skylight Paths 2010), features a chapter by Dr. Ott entitled, "Searching for an Ethic: Sexuality, Children, and Moral Agency."

Children and youth are our future, the future of feminist religions, of feminist ethics, and of our faith communities. Kate Ott will discuss new insights from feminist Christian ethicists about children's moral agency. New understandings of children's moral agency affect how we educate children and youth in our faith communities, as well as how the discipline of Christian Social Ethics discusses moral agency for adults. Specific examples and experiential challenges will be shared with regard to sexuality, racial and economic justice.

Gather your friends and colleagues for lunch and join us for what is sure to be an engaging session. This is also a great opportunity for study groups and seminary or university classes to hear from an expert in the field.

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