

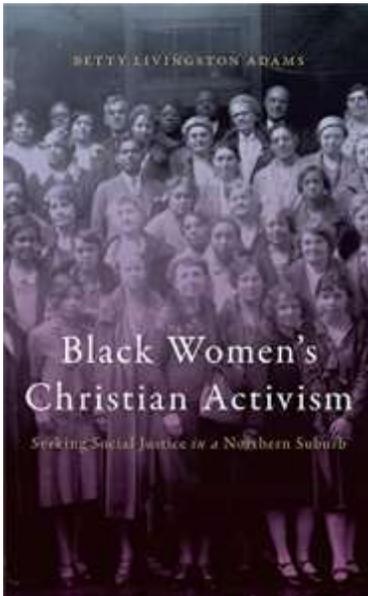
Local Author Book Talk with Betty Livingston Adams

Saturday, March 25, 2017

2 to 4 pm in the ALD Room (lower level)

Plainfield Public Library

800 Park Avenue, Plainfield, NJ 07060



Plainfield Public Library is pleased to present 2017 Wilbur Non-Fiction Award Recipient, Betty Livingston Adams, who will discuss her latest publication, *Black Women's Christian Activism: Seeking Social Justice in a Northern Suburb*, on Saturday, March 25, 2017 at 2 pm at Plainfield Public Library, 800 Park Avenue, Plainfield, NJ 07060.

Ms. Adams examines the often-overlooked role of non-elite black women in the growth of northern suburbs and American Protestantism in the first half of the twentieth century. Focusing on the strategies and organizational models that churchwomen employed in the fight for social justice, she tracks the intersections of politics and religion, race and gender, and place and space in a New York City suburb, a local example that offers new insights on northern racial oppression and civil rights protest. As this book makes clear, religion made a key difference in the lives and activism

of ordinary black women who lived, worked, and worshiped on the margin during this tumultuous time.

Betty Livingston Adams holds a Ph.D. in American Studies from Yale University and a Master of Divinity degree from Drew University. Her scholarship explores nineteenth- and twentieth-century African American/American religious and social history through the lens of gender, race, and class. Adams is a recipient of numerous fellowships and awards, including a post-doctoral fellowship at Rutgers University and a Ford Foundation Doctoral Fellowship. She is currently a Fellow and Visiting Faculty at the Rutgers Center for Historical Analysis (RCHA). In addition to serving as an Associate Minister, Adams also serves on the Executive Board of the Theological School Alumni/ae Association, Drew University.



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