

NEXT VOTF MEETING

Thursday, May 9

7:30 P.M.

First Congregational Church on the Green
3 Lewis St., Norwalk

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The Forgotten Decree, Women:

Does Vatican II Speak to Women Today?

The Second Vatican Council issued no decree on what are now known as “women’s issues,” and even the related matter of birth control was removed from conciliar consideration by Pope Paul VI. What are the consequences of this omission?

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“In particular, I am interested in the ways in which Catholic theology and Roman Catholic ecclesial practice and feminist thought have supported, undermined and critiqued one another, so I move between Trinitarian theology, theological anthropology, and ecclesiology.” Her publications include ““Toward a Theology That Is Catholic and Feminist” (in *Modern Theology*, 1998), “Resilient Citizens: The Public (and Gendered) Face of American Catholicism” (in *Inculturation and the Church in North America*, 2006), and “Feminist Theologies” (in *The Cambridge Companion to Karl Rahner*, 2005).