

LILLIAN DANIEL

Bio

Lillian Daniel is a preacher, teacher, writer, and speaker whose honesty and wit have taken her from the National Cathedral in Washington D.C. to the Festival of Homiletics in Denmark. Wherever she goes, Lillian brings a deep understanding of



scripture and how it can be practically applied to everyday life.

Featured in the [New York Times](#) and on [PBS](#), her words have been described as biting, hilarious, pitch perfect, tender, and often stunningly beautiful.

Her most recent book, *When Spiritual But Religious Is Not Enough: Seeing God in Surprising Places, Even the Church* (Jericho, 2014), makes a provocative case for why religious community matters. Earlier books further explore Lillian's commitment to making religious life real. *This*

Odd and Wondrous Calling: The Public and Private Lives of two Ministers shares stories about ministry from the inside. And *Tell it Like it is: Reclaiming the Practice of Testimony* tells the story of one church's attempt to get people to talk to each other about, of all things, God.

As an editor at large for *The Christian Century Magazine*, and a contributing editor at *Leadership Journal*, Lillian's words and work can be found in *The Huffington Post*, *Christianity Today*, *Relevant Magazine*, *Books and Culture*, *The Journal for Preachers*, as well as in the United Church of Christ's daily email devotionals that boast over 20,000 subscribers.

She has taught preaching the University of Chicago Divinity School, Chicago Theological Seminary, and Yale Divinity School, where she received the 2010 distinguished alumni award for "Distinction in Congregational Ministry." Equally comfortable in convention centers, classrooms, lecture halls and church pulpits, Lillian has spoken at Duke Chapel, Princeton Seminary King's College London, and Queen's University Ontario.

After leading three churches, most recently as Senior Minister of a 1,400 member church outside Chicago, IL. Lillian is currently devoting herself full time to writing, speaking and procrastination.