

# The Advent Project

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**Members in Attendance:** Jill B. Comings, Suzanne Wenonah Duchesne, Timothy Duchesne (guest), Elise A. Feyterherm, Laura E. Moore, Priscilla E. Petersen (guest), William H. Petersen

**Description of Work:** Two papers were presented. One was an expansion of a paper presented in 2023. Three comprehensive presentations were given as part of a continuing seminar project for further exploration for future meetings and for posting on our [www.theadventproject.org](http://www.theadventproject.org) website. Accomplishments of 2023 were celebrated, including an NPR report, Participating Parishes/Congregations were reviewed, and continuing presence through the APS website and social media was discussed. The group closed with a time in remembrance of Carol Doran.

## **Papers and Presentations:**

- William H. Petersen: "Re-Writing Wesley: An Advent Intervention."
- Suzanne Wenonah Duchesne: "Expanded Advent as Decolonizing Liturgical Action: Through the Lens of Relationships." This was a review and update of the same paper delivered in 2023.
- William H. Petersen: "Speaking of the Divine Realm: Proposal for a Perichoretic Pattern." The presentation was an exploration of expansive language which describes the relationship and community of God's Reign and disrupts Empire and Colonization.
- Laura Moore: "Compiling Sunday School and Children's Resources for Advent."
- Elise Feyterherm: "A Women's Lectionary (Year B), Intersections and Value of Wilda C. Gafney's Lectionary for an Expanded Advent."

**Other Work and Plans for the Future:** We plan to continue exploring language and imagery and creating practical resources for congregations, particularly around children's ministries. We will also continue updating our website with the latest publications and interacting with new parishes through various social media platforms. The following were proposed for the 2025 meeting:

- "A Women's Lectionary (Year W)"
- "Expanded Advent Worship and Preaching Resources for Churches"
- "Expanded Advent Bible Study"