

PROSPECTUS

CHHI 70134 History and Doctrine of the United Methodist Church

Spring 2022

Thursdays 1:00-4:00 p.m.

Four (4) Semester Hours

Instructor: Natalya Cherry

Prerequisites: None

Description of Content: A study of the origin and development of the United Methodist Church and its doctrinal standards, with attention to John Wesley's life and thought, subsequent theological transitions, and contemporary guidelines for doctrinal reflection in an ecumenical context. It includes attention to many historic Methodist-related denominations, such as the Evangelical Association, United Brethren, African Methodist Episcopal Church, African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church, and Christian Methodist Episcopal Church. Students will demonstrate an understanding of UM history and an ability to apply UM doctrine to real ministry throughout both the ordination process and their life in ministry. This course is required of United Methodist students for ordination.

Class Procedures:

Lectures, individual seminar paper presentations and discussions, group work

Requirements:

1. Attendance and informed participation in the class sessions
2. Journal comprised of a) weekly responses to prompts, reflecting thoughtful, complete engagement with the readings (1 page maximum each) and b) a terminology sheet
3. In-class presentation of a seminar paper (5-7 pages)
4. Final Take-home Exam (12-15 pages total)

Texts:

1. *The Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church 2016*. Nashville: United Methodist Publishing House, 2016. ISBN 13: 978-1501833212 Retail price: \$23.99 (hardcover)
2. Andrews, William L. *Sisters of the Spirit: Three Black Women's Autobiographies of the Nineteenth Century*. Indianapolis: Indiana University Press, 1986. ISBN 13: 978-0253287045 Retail price: \$22.00 (paperback)
3. Burton, Vicki Tolar. *Spiritual Literacy in John Wesley's Methodism*. Waco: Baylor University Press, 2008. ISBN 13 978-1602580237 Retail price: \$49.95 (hardcover)

4. Campbell, Ted. *Methodist Doctrine: The Essentials*. Nashville: Abingdon Press, rev. ed. 2011. ISBN 13: 978-1426727016 Retail price: \$21.99 (paperback)
4. Campbell, Ted. *Encoding Methodism: Telling and Retelling Narratives of Wesleyan Origins*. Nashville: New Room Books, 2017. ISBN 13: 978-0938162445 Retail price: \$35.95. (paperback).
5. Heitzenrater, Richard. *Wesley and the People Called Methodists: Second Edition*. Nashville: Abingdon, 2013. ISBN 13: 978-1426742248 Retail price: \$29.99 (paperback)
6. Maddox, Randy. *Responsible Grace: John Wesley's Practical Theology*. Nashville: Kingswood Books/Abingdon Press, 1994. ISBN 13: 978-0687003341 Retail price: \$33.99 (paperback)
7. Outler, Albert and Richard Heitzenrater, eds. *John Wesley's Sermons: An Anthology*. Nashville: Abingdon Press, 1991.* ISBN 13: 978-0687204953 Retail price: \$28.99 (paperback)
8. Richey, Russell E., Kenneth E. Rowe, and Jean Miller Schmidt, *American Methodism: A Compact History*. Nashville: Abingdon Press, 2012. ISBN 13: 978-1426742279 Retail Price: \$29.99 (paperback) – note that this volume makes plentiful reference to the two volumes by the same authors on the Recommended list below.

Numerous online primary and secondary sources, made available on the course site.

Also Recommended (optional for those wanting more than will be excerpted online):

- Abraham, William J. and James Kirby, eds. *The Oxford Handbook of Methodist Studies*. Oxford: OUP. ISBN 13: 978-0199696116 Retail price: \$55.00 (paperback)
- Campbell, James T. *Songs of Zion: The African Methodist Episcopal Church in the United States and South Africa*. Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 1998 (reprint). ISBN 13: 978-0807847114 Retail Price: \$42.00 (paperback)
- Campbell, Ted. *Wesleyan Beliefs: Formal and Popular Expressions of the Core Beliefs of Wesleyan Communities*. Nashville: Abingdon, 2010. ISBN 13: 978-1426711367 Retail price: \$49.99 (paperback)
- Hammond, Geordan. *John Wesley in America: Restoring Primitive Christianity*. Oxford: OUP. ISBN 13: 978-0198701606 \$90.00 (hardcover)
- Heath, Elaine. *Naked Faith: The Mystical Theology of Phoebe Palmer (Princeton Theological Monograph Series)*. Eugene: Wipf and Stock, 2009. ISBN 13: 978-1556359750 Retail price: \$19.00 (paperback)
- Johnson, Andre E. *No Future in This Country: The Prophetic Pessimism of Bishop Henry McNeal Turner (Race, Rhetoric, and Media Series)*. Jackson: University Press of Mississippi, 2020. ISBN 13: 9781496830692 Retail price: \$30.00 (paperback)
- Kimbrough, S.T. *The Lyrical Theology of Charles Wesley – Expanded: A Reader*. Cambridge: Lutterworth Press, 2014. ISBN 13: 978-0718893385 Retail price: £28.25 (paperback) £24.75 + VAT (PDF E-book)

- Manskar, Steven. *Disciples Making Disciples*. Nashville: Discipleship Resources, 2016. ISBN 13: 978-0881777741 Retail price: \$17.00 (paperback)
- Melton, Gordon J. *A Will to Choose: The Origins of African American Methodism*. Lanham, Md: Rowman & Littlefield, 2007. ISBN 13: 978-0742552654 Retail Price: \$42.00 (paperback)
- Rasmus, Rudy ed. *I'm Black. I'm Christian. I'm Methodist*. Nashville: Abingdon, 2020. ISBN 13: 978-1791017095 Retail Price: \$16.99 (paperback)
- Richey, Russell E., Kenneth E. Rowe, and Jean Miller Schmidt, *The Methodist Experience in America: A History*. Nashville: Abingdon Press, 2010. ISBN 13: 978-0687246724 Retail Price: \$52.99 (paperback)
- Richey, Russell E., Kenneth E. Rowe, and Jean Miller Schmidt, *The Methodist Experience in America: Sourcebook*. Nashville: Abingdon Press, 2009. ISBN 13: 978-0687246731 Retail Price: \$52.99 (paperback)
- Rieger, Joerg. *No Religion but Social Religion: Liberating Wesleyan Theology*. Nashville: Wesley's Foundry Books, 2018. ISBN 13: 978-1945935169 Retail price: \$24.99 (paperback)

Additional resources listed in *United Methodist Studies: Basic Bibliographies, Sixth Edition* (2014), ed. Christopher J. Anderson, available at http://s3.amazonaws.com/gcah.org/UMC_History/Bibliographies/UMStudies_Anderson_2014.pdf See especially Part 1 (pp. 13-17), Part 3 for History (pp. 21-139, organized geographically and then topically), and Part 4 for Doctrine (pp. 141-179).

*Note: Wesley's sermons can be read in this anthology or in other editions of the sermons. However, only the Outler/Heitzenrater anthology has the footnotes, introductory comments, and pagination we will be following in class.

Grading Procedures:

Class attendance & discussion participation:	15%
Journal (total of all portions together):	30%
Seminar Paper and presentation:	25%
Final Exam:	30%