

# HISTORY OF METHODISM

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## PURPOSES

To prepare candidates from Wesleyan *typos* denominations for ordination through their Churches.

To equip such future ordained ministers to “know it, or know where to find it, and know how to interpret it” as teachers and leaders serving with their congregations.

To fulfill 2012 United Methodist *Book of Discipline* ¶¶324.4a & 5.c.

## OBJECTIVES

Learning what “the work of God called Methodism” originally was in the one, holy, catholic, and apostolic church.

Seeing why the Church of England happened in the 1500s and what it had become by the time of the Wesleys of Epworth in the 1700s.

Meeting the Wesleys, especially John and Charles in their years from Epworth to Georgia.

Tracing the 1739-1795 progress of Methodism in the United Kingdom.

Discovering how Methodism in America went from ground zero in Georgia in the 1730s to the largest religious body in the USA in the 1830s.

Evaluating the historiographical concept of the years from Andrew Jackson through Woodrow Wilson as “The Methodist Century” in USA church history.

Examining primary themes of the Methodist experience in America.

Reviewing the ecumenical achievements and institutional challenges of United Methodism in the last century.

Surveying opportunities and challenges for Methodism’s third century in America.

## LEARNING OUTCOMES

Persons completing this study of the History of Methodism will have the following:

A grasp of the place of Methodism in the history of Christianity, and of the Methodist story in Britain from 1703-1795 and in the USA from the 1730s to the present.

Research studies of a 1) person and 2) movement or issue within that history.

A fair minded orientation to major contemporary issues in The United Methodist Church.

## REQUIRED BOOKS

Heath, Elaine & Scott Kisker. *Longing for Spring: A New Vision for Wesleyan Community* (Cascade Books, 2010).

Heitzenrater, Richard P., *Wesley and the People Called Methodists* (Nashville: Abingdon Press, 2<sup>nd</sup> edi., 2013).

Hempton, David. *Methodism: Empire of the Spirit* (New Haven: Yale University Press, 2005).

Richardson, Harry. *Dark Salvation: The Story of Methodism as it Developed Among Blacks in America* (Garden City, NY: Anchor Press-Doubleday, 1976). Available from Amazon. Expensive. Library copy will be on reserve.

Richey, Russell E., Kenneth E. Rowe, & Jean Miller Schmidt, *The Methodist Experience in America: Vol. I A History* (Nashville: Abingdon Press, 2010).

Schmidt, Jean Miller. *Grace Sufficient: A History of Women in American Methodism 1760-1939* (Nashville: Abingdon Press, 1999).

Wigger, John H. *American Saint: Francis Asbury and the Methodists* (New York: Oxford University Press, 2009).

## THE PROGRESS OF OUR CLASS SESSIONS

### HISTORY'S METHODISMS AND ANGLICANISM BEFORE METHODISM

Heitzenrater (2013), pp. 1-26 & chap. 2

Charles Brockwell, "Forms of *Vita Apostolica et Evangelica*: An Essay on Mendicants and Methodists" on library reserve

### THE RECTORY FAMILY OF EPWORTH

Heitzenrater (2013), pp.27-36

### THE WESLEYS' METHODISM

Heitzenrater (2013), chap. 3 thru Epilogue Schmidt (1999), chap. 1

See also: Geordan Hammond & Peter S. Forsaith (eds.). *Religion, Gender, and Industry: Exploring Church and Methodism in a Local Setting* (Eugene, OR: Pickwick Publications, 2011).

Richard P. Heitzenrater, *The Elusive Mr. Wesley* (Nashville: Abingdon Press, 2<sup>nd</sup> rev. ed., 2003).

Gareth Lloyd, *Charles Wesley and the struggle for Methodist Identity* (Oxford University Press, 2007).

### AMERICAN METHODISM: FROM THE WESLEYS IN GEORGIA THROUGH THE HEROIC AGE

Richey, Rowe, Schmidt (2010), chaps. I – V Schmidt (1999), Part I

John H. Wigger, *American Saint: Francis Asbury and the Methodists* (New York: Oxford University Press, 2009).

## THE METHODIST CENTURY? FROM JACKSON TO WILSON

Hudson, Winthrop S. "The Methodist Age in America," *Methodist History*, XII.3 (April, 1974), pp.3-15.

See also: Nathan G. Hatch, *The Democratization of American Christianity* (New Haven: Yale University Press, 1989).

Nathan G. Hatch & John H. Wigger (eds.), *Methodism and the Shaping of American Culture* (Nashville: Kingswoods Books, 2001).

John H. Wigger, *Taking Heaven by Storm: Methodism and the Rise of Popular Christianity in America* (New York: Oxford University Press, 1998).

## AMERICAN METHODISM AND RACE

Richey, Rowe, Schmidt (2010), chaps. V – XII, select the relevant sections from each chapter.

Harry Richardson, *Dark Salvation: The Story of Methodism as it Developed Among Blacks in America* (New York: Anchor Press-Doubleday, 1976).

See also: Donald G. Mathews, *Slavery and Methodism: A Chapter in American Morality, 1780-1845* (Westport, CT: Greenwood Press, 1978; reprint of 1965 original edition).

Homer Noley (ed.), *First White Frost: Native Americans and United Methodism* (Nashville: Abingdon, 1991).

## LAITY RIGHTS AND WOMEN'S RIGHTS IN AMERICAN METHODISM

Richey, Rowe, Schmidt (2010), chaps. V – XII, select the relevant sections from each chapter. Schmidt (1999), Parts II & III

See also: Hilah Thomas and Rosemary Skinner Keller, *Women in New Worlds: Historical Perspectives on the Wesleyan Tradition* (Nashville: Abingdon Press, 1981).

## THE HOLINESS MOVEMENT AND ITS CHURCHES

Richey, Rowe, Schmidt (2010), chaps. V – XII, select the relevant sections from each chapter.

See also: Elaine A. Heath, *Naked Faith: The Mystical Theology of Phoebe Palmer* (Eugene, OR: Pickwick Publications, 2009).

## MAKING DISCIPLES TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH

David Hempton, *Methodism: Empire of the Spirit* (New Haven, CT: Yale University Press, 2005), chap. 7

See also: Charles Yrigoyen, Jr., *The Global Impact of the Wesleyan Traditions and Their Related Movements* (Lanham, MD: Scarecrow Press, 2002).

## THE SOCIAL GOSPEL

Richey, Rowe, Schmidt (2010), chaps. V – XII, select the relevant sections from each chapter.

See also: Robert Handy, *The Social Gospel in America, 1870-1920* (NY: Oxford University Press, 1966).

## USA METHODISM AND USA WARS

Richey, Rowe, Schmidt (2010), chaps. V – XII, select the relevant sections, from each chapter.

See also: Herman Will, *A Will for Peace: Peace Action in the United Methodist Church, A History* (Washington, DC: General Board of Church and Society, UMC, 1984).

## INSTITUTIONAL UNIFICATION AND CONNECTIONAL TENSION

Richey, Rowe, Schmidt (2010), chaps. XIII – XV Schmidt (1999),  
Epilogue & Conclusion

## THE STATE OF THE CHURCH

Elaine Heath & Scott Kisker, *Longing for Spring: A New Vision for Wesleyan Community* (Cascade Books, 2010).

See also: Lovett H. Weems, *Focus: The Real Challenges That Face The United Methodist Church* (Nashville: Abingdon Press, 2012).

On <[www.umc.org](http://www.umc.org)> find these 3 documents: Call to Action; Four Areas of Focus; State of the Church.

On <[www.worldwideumc.org](http://www.worldwideumc.org)> find Worldwide Nature of the United Methodist Church.

On <[methodistthinker.org](http://methodistthinker.org)> find Bishop Scott J. Jones' ideas on global United Methodism.

## COURSE REQUIREMENTS

One's course grade will be based on two papers and a final exam.

### RESEARCH PAPER ON A METHODIST HISTORICAL TOPIC

Due on 29 March; 35% of course grade.

A Methodist history topic or issue, chosen in consultation with the professor.

10 expository pages minimum; PLUS endnotes and bibliography pages.

## RESEARCH PAPER ON A METHODIST PERSON

Due on 19 April; 35% of course grade.

Person chosen in consultation with the professor.

10 expository pages minimum; PLUS endnotes and bibliography pages.

## COMBINED OPTION ON RESEARCH PAPERS

In consultation with the professor, you may combine these paper assignments into a single paper (20 pages maximum; PLUS endnotes and bibliography) on an issue or movement in Methodist history and a person who was/is of major importance for that topic. For instance: Francis Asbury and the Heroic Era of American Methodism. Francis Willard and the Social Gospel Movement in American Methodism. James Cone and the Civil Rights Movement in American Methodism.

A combined option paper will be assessed as if it were two papers: issue/movement – person. Thus, you will still have the three components of issue/movement (35%), person (35%), final exam (30%) for your course grade.

A combined option paper is due on 19 April.

## RESEARCH PAPER SPECIFICATIONS

8.5 x 11 size pages; 12 point type; 1 inch margins all round. If possible, please number the pages AND number the lines on each page.

END OF SEMESTER EXAM  
03 May; 30% of course grade

Brief answer questions to assay the breadth of your grasp of the Methodist story.

CLASS PARTICIPATION

LPTS assumes faithful participation in class. In this course, persons are not penalized for being quiet. On the other hand, in a borderline case the professor needs a reason to assign the higher rather than the strictly “by the numbers” one.

More than three absences will result in the professor requesting the dean to withdraw a student from the course.

STATED CALENDAR

09 February first weekly meeting of class

08 March Research & Study; no class

22 March Holy Week; class will meet

29 March research paper due

12 April last day of our class on campus

19 April research paper due Our class will gather at the Galt House for United Methodist Ecumenical & Interfaith Training (UMEIT) and the National Workshop on Christian Unity (NWCU).

26 April Research & Study Week

03 May Exam day

CONTACTING CHARLES 7 DAYS A WEEK IS OK

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