

TEXTBOOK SELECTION FOR COURSE OF STUDY

Goal: Two basic texts per class. Individual faculty may add another.

Reference books are required and are to help a student build their own library.

Assignments assure the use of the reference books; they are not classroom texts.

Supplemental texts are valuable, but optional texts if a student wants to pursue an area of ministry.

Bible

121 Bible I: Introduction

Texts: Gordon Fee & Douglas Stuart, *How to Read the Bible for All It's Worth*

John Hayes & Carl Holladay, *Biblical Exegesis: A Beginner's Handbook*

Bernhard Anderson, *The Unfolding Drama of the Bible*

Reference: *The Interpreters One-Volume Commentary*

Harper Collins Bible Dictionary

*NRSV – New Interpreter's Study Bible**

221 Bible II: Torah and Israel's History

Texts: Michael Coogan, *The Old Testament: A Historical & Literary Introduction*

Terrence Fretheim, *The Pentatuch*

Reference: *Oxford Bible Atlas*

Bruce Birch, Walter Brueggemann, Terence Fretheim, David Petersen,

A Theological Introduction to the Old Testament, 2nd Edition

321 Bible III: Gospels

Texts: Mark Allen Powell *Introducing the New Testament*

Frederick Murphy *An Introduction to Jesus and the Gospels*

Alan Culpepper *Anatomy of the 4th Gospel*

Supplementary: Sharon Ringe *Luke* (Westminster Bible Companion)
Moody Smith *Abingdon New Testament Commentary on John*

421 Bible IV: Prophets, Psalms & Wisdom Literature

Texts: Walter Brueggemann, *Spirituality of the Psalms*

Louis Stulman & Hyun Paul Kim,

You Are My People: An Introduction to Prophetic Literature

Richard Clifford, *Wisdom Literature*

Reference: Bruce Birch, Walter Brueggemann, Terrence Frietham, David Petersen,
*A Theological Introduction to the Old Testament, 2nd Edition**

521 Bible V: Acts, Epistles & Revelation

Texts: Warren Carter/ Amy-Jill Levine *The New Testament: Methods and Meanings*

Jouette Bassler, *Navigating Paul*

Supplementary: Victor Furnish, *The Moral Teaching of Paul*

N T Wright *Revelation*

Mark Allen Powell, *Introducing the New Testament**

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Theology

122 Theological Heritage I: Introduction

Texts: Ted Campbell *Methodist Doctrine: The Essentials*

Justo Gonzales & Zaida Perez *An Introduction to Christian Theology*

Reference: *2012 Book of Discipline**

*United Methodist Hymnal**

Supplementary: Ted Runyon *The New Creation: John Wesley's Theology Today*
Ken Collins *The Theology of John Wesley:*
Holy Love and the Shape of Grace

222 Theological Heritage II: Early Church

Texts: Justo Gonzales *The Story of Christianity, Vol 1*
Roberta Bondi *To Love As God Loves*

Reference: Henry Bettenson & Chris Maunder *Documents of the Christian Church*

322 Theological Heritage III: Medieval – Reformation

Texts: James Tracy Europe's Reformation, 1450-1650
Justo Gonzales The Story of Chistianity, Vol 1*, Vol 2

Reference: Henry Bettenson & Chris Maunder *Documents of the Christian Church**

422 Theological Heritage IV: Wesleyan Movement

Texts: Richard Heitzenrater *Wesley and the People Called Methodists*
Russ Richey, Ken Rowe, Jeanne M. Schmidt *American Methodism: A Compact History*
Randy Maddox *Responsible Grace*

Supplementary: John Wigger *Taking Heaven By Storm*

522: Theology in the Contemporary Church

Texts: John Caputo *What Would Jesus Deconstruct?*
Daniel Migliore *Faith Seeking Understanding*

Reference: Henry Bettenson & Chris Maunder *Documents of the Christian Church**

Supplementary: Henry H Knight *From Aldersgate to Azusa Street*

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Congregational Life

123 Formation and Discipleship

Texts: Sondra Matthaei *Formation in the Faith*
Marjorie J Thompson *Soul Feast: An Invitation to the Christian Spiritual Life*

Supplementary: Jack Seymour *Teaching the Way of Jesus*
Norma Everiste *Church as Learning Community*
Anne Wimberly & Evelyn Park
In Search of Wisdom: Faith Formation in the Black Church

223 Worship and Sacraments

Texts: Robin Knowles Wallace *The Christian Year: A Guide for Worship and Preaching*
Laurence Stookey *Let the Whole Church Say Amen!*
Hoyt Hickman *Worshipping with United Methodists:
A Guide for Pastors and Church Leaders*

Reference: *UM Hymnal**
*Book of Worship**
Gayle Felton *This Holy Mystery**
Gayle Felton *By Water and the Spirit**

323 Congregational Care

Texts: Larry Webb *Crises Counseling in the Congregation*
Ed Wimberly *African American Pastoral Care and Counseling:
Oppression and Empowerment*

Supplementary: Jeanne Hoeft, Shannon Jung, Joretta Marshall
Practicing Care in Rural Congregations and Communities

Howard Clinebell *Basic Types of Pastoral Care and Counseling*

423 Evangelism

Texts: Mortimer Arias *Announcing The Reign of God*
Henry Knight & F Douglas Powe *Transforming Evangelism:
The Wesleyan Way of Sharing Faith*
Eddie Fox and George Morris *Faith-Sharing*

Supplementary: Doug Powe *New Wine and New Wineskins:
How African American Congregations Can Reach New Generations*
Stephen Gunter, Elaine Robinson, ed. *Considering the Great Commission*

523 Mission

Texts: Dana Robert *Christian Mission*
Miroslav Volf *A Public Faith: How Followers of Christ Should Serve the Common Good*
Selected Wesley Sermons

Supplementary: Theodore W. Jennings *Good News to the Poor*

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Pastoral Identity

124 Transformative Leadership

- Texts:** Bruce Birch & Lewis Parks *Ducking Spears, Dancing Madly: A Biblical Model of Church Leadership*
- Brandon O'Brien and Jim Belcher *The Strategically Small Church: Intimate, Nimble, authentic, and Effective*
- Supplementary:** Larry Goleman *Finding Our Story: Narrative Leadership and Congregational Change*

224 Administration and Polity

- Texts:** Lacey Warner *The Method of Our Mission* (Due out in July, 2014)
- Lovett Weems *Leadership in the Wesleyan Spirit*
- Reference:** *2012 Book of Discipline**

324 Preaching

- Texts:** Fred Craddock *Craddock on the Craft of Preaching*
- Cleophus LaRue *The Heart of Black Preaching*
- Barbara Brown Taylor *The Preaching Life*
- Reference:** Paul Scott Wilson, Editor *The New Interpreter's Handbook of Preaching*
- Supplementary:** Joseph Webb *Preaching Without Notes*
- Adam Hamilton *Unleashing the Word*

424 Ethics

- Texts:** Robin Lovin *An Introduction to Christian Ethics: Goals, Duties and Virtues*
- Patricia Jung and Darryl W. Stephens *Professional Sexual Ethics*
- Reference:** *Social Principles*
- Book of Resolutions*
- Supplementary:** Rebekah Miles *The Pastor as a Moral Guide*

Richard Hays *Moral Vision of the New Testament*

Stephen Mott *Biblical Ethics and Social Change*

524 Theological Reflection: Practice of Ministry

Texts: Will Willimon *Pastor: The Theology and Practice of Ordained Ministry*

Kathleen Cahalan *Introducing the Practice of Ministry*

Charles Wood and Ellen Blue *Attentive to God: Thinking Theologically in Ministry*

Supplementary: Lacey Warner and Ken Carder *The Grace to Lead*

Frederick Buechner *The Sacred Journey*