

Texts & Assignments:

Perkins Certification January 9-15, 2010- Theology in Youth Ministry

Reading List

Required

1. **On The Way To Somewhere: Stories and Songs for the Journey** by Celia Whitler. Abingdon, 2006. ISBN 0-687-49367-6
2. **John Wesley for the 21st Century: Set Apart for Social Witness** by John O. Gooch. Discipleship Resources, 2006. ISBN 0-88177-445-6
3. **Evangelism and Theology in the Wesleyan Spirit** by Albert C. Outler. Discipleship Resources, 2000, 2004. ISBN 0-88177-151-1
4. **Grace and Holiness in a Changing World: A Wesleyan Proposal for Postmodern Ministry** edited by Jeff E. Greenway & Joel B. Green. Abingdon, 2007. ISBN-13: 978-0-687-46570-5
5. **United Methodist Beliefs: A Brief Introduction** by William H. Willimon. Westminster John Knox, 2007. ISBN-13: 978-0-664-23040-1 ISBN-10: 0-664-23040-7
6. **Transforming Evangelism: The Wesleyan Way of Sharing Faith** by Henry H. Knight III & F. Douglas Powe, Jr. Discipleship Resources, 2006. ISBN 978-0-88177-485-6
7. **The Faith of the Christian Church: An Introduction to Theology** by Tyron Inbody. Eerdmans, 2005. ISBN 0-8028-4151-1
8. ¶ 101-104 **The Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church 2008**. ISBN 978-0-687-64785-9
9. Wesley's Sermons (3): Available at <http://gbgm-umc.org>
 - "Causes of the Inefficacy of Christianity"
 - "Christian Perfection"
 - "Catholic Spirit"
10. Wesley's Hymns (3): Available at <http://gbgm-umc.org>
 - "And Are We Yet Alive?"
 - "Come, Sinners to the Gospel Feast"
 - "A Charge to Keep I Have"

Recommended

1. **Starting Right: Thinking Theologically About Youth Ministry** edited by Kenda Creasy Dean, Chap Clark, & Dave Rahn. Zondervan, 2001. ISBN-10: 0310234069 ISBN-13: 978-0310234067
2. **Responsible Grace: John Wesley's Practical Theology** by Randy L. Maddox. Kingswood, 1994. ISBN 0-687-00334-2
3. **How To Think Theologically** 2nd Edition by Howard W. Stone & James O. Duke. Fortress, 2006. ISBN 0-8006-3818-2
4. **Why I am Not A Calvinist** by Jerry L. Walls and Joseph R. Dongell. IVP, 2004. ISBN 0-8308-3249-1
5. **A Handbook of Theological Terms: Their Meaning and Background Exposed in Over 300 Articles** by Van A. Harvey. Simon & Schuster, 1964, 1992. ISBN 0-684-84644-6
6. **John Wesley's Sermons : An Anthology** edited by Albert C. Outler & Richard P. Heitzenrater. Abingdon, 1991. ISBN 0-687-20495-X
7. **John Wesley's Sermons: An Introduction** by Albert C. Outler. Abingdon, 1984, 1991. ISBN 0-687-20496-8
8. **A Primer on Postmodernism** by Stanley J. Grenz. Eerdmans, 1996. ISBN 0-8028-0864-6

Assignments

1. **Read ALL** required material BEFORE class starts on January 9, 2010!
2. **Attend and Participate!** [25 points]
3. ALL paperwork MUST include: Student Name, Class Title, & Date with Page Numbers, on each page!
4. On Sunday Jan. 10 do "Theological Rocks" worksheet (provided in class)- **DUE Monday Jan. 11, 2010**. [10 Points]
5. Write a Contemporary Music reflection (1-2 pages) on Tues., Wed., Thurs., (3 total) song will be listened to in class with discussion each day and lyrics will be handed out for analysis- **DUE next day (Wed., Thurs., Fri.)**. [15 Points]
6. Christian Conferencing Sessions based on a reading of a Wesley sermon or hymn will be held each day/evening in class. [25 points]
7. After Class Assignment-
 - a. Using the book **On The Way To Somewhere** by Celia Whitler
 - b. **Pick 3 stories** that emphasize (1 each) Preventive, Justifying, and Sanctifying Grace "opportunities" to think and work theologically.
 - c. **Analyze** each narrative and describe YOUR response to the real life situation using practical theology as discussed in class. Can you use any Wesleyan tools to address this narrative? Anything from Charles Wesley's hymns or John Wesley's sermons? From UMC Doctrine? Integrate as much as you can.
 - d. **Pick 1 song** and **analyze** using the tools we used to address contemporary music.
 - e. Assignment should be **7-10 pages**. [25 Points]
DUE Friday January 22, 2010 @ 5pm via e-mail andy@andystoker.com