

Pre-Assignments for UM Studies Course 2021
Due Tuesday, January 5, by 5 p.m. via email to the instructors

Required Materials (Most are available on the Perkins website on the Certification landing page or online via the links provided; two must be purchased.):

- *The Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church 2016*
<https://www.cokesbury.com/forms/DynamicContent.aspx?id=87&pageid=920>
- Peter Browning, “Homosexuality, Ordination & Polity”
- Ted A. Campbell, *Methodist Doctrine: The Essentials* (to be purchased)
- Ted A. Campbell, “United Methodist Basics” <https://www.dropbox.com/sh/q83gbox63k109fw/AABWwtgtPy9lsEJqNcThA5D8a?dl=0>
- Mary Martin, video lecture on United Methodist Doctrine
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3osBXhTHSLg>
- Lacey Warner, *The Method of our Mission: United Methodist Polity & Organization* (to be purchased)
- John Wesley, “The Scripture Way of Salvation” in “United Methodist Basics”
- Charles Wood, video lecture on Ecclesiology
- Anne H. Pinn and Anthony B. Pinn, “African American Methodist Churches”
- “History of Methodism in Africa” <http://www.umc.org/who-we-are/history-of-the-united-methodist-church-in-africa>

Pre-Assignments:

➤ ***United Methodist History***

1. **Read:** “A Brief History of The United Methodist Church” in “United Methodist Basics,” and/or view the lecture based on the document on Youtube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1y2-qyeWj0Q>

Write: Based on your viewing/reading of “A Brief History of The United Methodist Church,” demonstrate in two to three written paragraphs your comprehension of this material by showing how leadership roles of women have evolved in the history of The United Methodist Church and its predecessor denominations.

2. **Read:** Part II of *The Book of Discipline* and the excerpt from John Wesley’s sermon on “The Scripture Way of Salvation” in “United Methodist Basics”

Write: Based on your reading of Part II of *The Book of Discipline* and the excerpt from John Wesley’s sermon on “The Scripture Way of Salvation” in “United Methodist Basics,” demonstrate in two to three written paragraphs your comprehension of these readings by showing how the “way of salvation” has been expressed by Methodists from the time of John Wesley to the present.

3. **Read:** “African American Methodist Churches” and “History of Methodism in Africa”

Write: Based on your reading of “African American Methodist Churches” and “History of Methodism in Africa,” demonstrate in two to three written paragraphs your comprehension of these readings by showing how Methodism has expanded both in the United States and the world, using these histories as examples.

➤ ***United Methodist Doctrine***

1. **Read:** pp 11-99 in Campbell's *Methodist Doctrine: The Essentials*

Write: Based on your reading of Campbell's *Methodist Doctrine: The Essentials*, demonstrate your comprehension of this reading by discussing one particular teaching (doctrine) and showing a) what is commonly Christian about it, and b) what is distinctly Methodist about it.

2. **Read:** Part III in *The Book of Discipline*

Write: Based on your reading of Part III of The Book of Discipline, demonstrate your comprehension of this reading by discussing how scripture, tradition, reason, and experience might all contribute to understanding a particular teaching (doctrine). (But not the one you discussed in question 1).

3. **Watch:** Martin’s video on United Methodist Doctrine:

Write: Based on your viewing of Martin’s video on United Methodist Doctrine, demonstrate your comprehension of this video by discussing what openness Methodists might allow on a particular Christian teaching (doctrine). (But not the one you discussed in questions 1 or 2).

➤ ***United Methodist Polity***

1. **Watch:** Charles Wood’s video lecture on Ecclesiology

Write: Based upon your viewing of Wood’s video, demonstrate your comprehension by writing two to three paragraphs that best describe Dr. Wood’s understanding of the nature of The United Methodist Church.

2. **Read:** “Homosexuality, Ordination & Polity”

Write: Based upon your reading of this article, explain in two paragraphs per topic why homosexuality and ordination are more divisive in The United Methodist Church from The Disciples of Christ.

3. **Read:** The following pages in *The Method of our Mission* by Warner:

Introduction: pp 1-9

UM Mission: Called & Formed for Ministry pp. 69-127

Conferences: pp. 131-145

Organization Charts: pp. 166-167

Write: Based upon the readings from Warner, write a two-paragraph summary of **each** of the four chapters.

4. **Read:** Pages 173-204, ¶246-258 in *The Book of Discipline*, and come prepared in our class sessions to share what you consider to be an ideal organization and structure for your local church.