

## 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, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 Matthaai *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*

### 513 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*