

COS 122: 1.THEOLOGICAL HERITAGE I

Introduction

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January 8-9, 7:00-9:00 pm; January 23, 8:30 am-4:00 pm; February 6, 8:30 am-4:00 pm

This course will take place at Mt Hope UMC, Aston, PA

This course introduces the student to theological reflection in the Wesleyan tradition. Basic terms, tasks, and methods of Christian theology will be introduced. Representative classical themes will be defined and illustrated. The course provides a foundation for further historical and theological study.

Students will be able to:

1. Examine their understanding of faith, sin, salvation, grace, and the place of doctrine in the life of the Church.
2. Use and understand classical theological terms and themes.
3. Critically consider the sources of theological reflection, including Scripture, tradition, experience and reason.
4. Reflect theologically as a resource for pastoral ministry.

Required Texts include:

Ted Campbell, *Methodist Doctrine: The Essentials, Revised Edition* (Abingdon, 2011).

Justo Gonzalez and Zaida Perez, *An Introduction to Christian Theology* (Abingdon, 2002).

The Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church 2012.

The United Methodist Hymnal 1989.

Reading Assignments:

1. Pre-course reading for January 8-9: Gonzalez, Perez – pp. 9-76; *UM Book of Discipline* – pp. 78-89.
2. For January 23: Gonzalez, Perez – pp. 77-158.
3. For February 6: Campbell – pp. 9-128.

Requirements:

1. Class attendance – all scheduled classes.
2. Participation in class discussion.
3. Completion of reading assignments (see above).
4. Written assignment to be submitted no later than February 15, 2016. The assignment can be sent in an attachment to an email, or if "snail mail," send to Charles Yrigoyen, Jr., Apartment I-106, 950 Willow Valley Lakes Drive, Willow Street, PA17584-9663.
Write a four-page to five-page essay on each of the following questions:
 - a. What sources does a local pastor employ in developing a theology for ministry?
 - b. How does a local pastor employ theology in a local United Methodist congregation?

Essays should be printed on 8"x10" paper, double-spaced in Times New Roman with 12 point font. Identify all sources of any quotes or borrowed ideas employed in your essays (including biblical references).