

# **Wesley Theological Seminary Course of Study Philadelphia Satellite Winter Term 2018**

**January 19-20, Feb 3, Feb 24, 2018**

**These classes will take place January 19-20, 2018 at the Comfort Inn Exton, PA.  
and Feb 3, 24, 2018 at The United Methodist Church of West Chester, West Chester, PA.**

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**PLEASE READ THE ENTIRE STUDY GUIDE BEFORE BEGINNING THE ASSIGNMENTS**

## **COURSE DESCRIPTION**

This course examines the sacraments, rites, and liturgy of the United Methodist Church and the pastor's role as worship leader as well as laity worship roles.

### **Objectives:**

1. Examination of the Church year and its historical and theological grounding
2. Examination of the theology and practice of the sacraments
3. Review of the rites of Christian marriage, death and resurrection, and other occasional services, including appropriate counseling methods
4. Reflection on worship practices including non-traditional liturgies , media, music, and lay leadership
5. Development, for reflection and evaluation, leading worship services in class.

### **Required Texts:**

Laurence Hull Stookey. Let the whole Church say Amen.

Robin Knowles Wallace. The Christian Year: A Guide To Worship and Preaching

Holyt L. Hickman. Worshipping With United Methodists, revised edition

James F. White. Introduction to Christian to Christian worship

### **Reference Texts:**

The United Methodist Hymnal

The United Methodist Book of Worship

Gayle Carlton Felton. The Holy Mystery

Gayle Carlton Felton, *By Water and the Spirit*

**Supplement Text:**

William Willimon: *Worship as Pastoral care*

Laurence Hull Stookey. *Baptism: Christ's Act in the Church*

Laurence Hull Stookey. *Eucharist: Christ's Feast Within the Church*

**Assignments**

Two Papers are due January 19 2018:

- a. Written assignment one, seven pages max. The paper will be on a theology of worship. Why do we worship? What purposes does true worship fulfill? How does worship reveal what God wants to do in our world?
- b. Written assignment two, seven pages max on the sacraments. What does the United Methodist Church have in common with other denominations? What do you believe is unique about our views of the sacraments? Use the order of services your readings and extra research to write this paper.

You will be expected to form into four teams for the purpose of designing a worship experience for the class. Each team will plan a 30-40 minute worship service that you will design and lead during the class. We will begin the morning of Feb. 3 and the 24 with worship and also will end with worship those two days.

Each assignment should be submitted in its entirety in hard copy by the deadlines stated. Be sure to include your name and the date on each paper you turn in.

**Citation and Plagiarism:**

It is imperative that appropriate standards of academic integrity and citation be observed. The basic rule for citation is simple: when quoting another person's work, or referencing an idea published by another, cite the source. Keep in mind: either quoting verbatim from another person's work without citation or rephrasing another person's work in your own words without citation are equally forms of plagiarism. Gross plagiarism violations may result in a failing grade for the assignment at the professor's discretion. When citing the source, please use parenthetical notes including the author's name, book title, and page number).

The assignment requires the student to process and integrate the material course's readings into the paper; therefore, in no case should a paper include lengthy, verbatim quotes (e.g., an entire paragraph from the United Methodist Book of Worship). The work is your critical reflection upon the questions below. Be sure to include, at the end of your paper, a bibliography of all your sources formatted according to the Chicago-Turabian Style Guidelines. (e.g., Hudson, Valerie, N. *Culture and Foreign Policy*. Boulder: L. Rienner Publishers, 1997.)

