



## Syllabus

### **WESLEYAN HISTORY & DISCIPLINE CLASS**

Clergy Development Class of the Kentucky-Tennessee District  
Maysville Campground – Maysville, Kentucky

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#### **COURSE DESCRIPTION**

This course will examine persons and events that shaped the origins and development of The Wesleyan Church, plus help the student develop a working knowledge of *The Discipline of The Wesleyan Church* as a tool for church administration.

#### **COURSE TEXTBOOKS**

- **The Story of The Wesleyan Church**, by Robert Black and Keith Drury (Indianapolis: Wesleyan Publishing House, published 2012/2018)
- **Position Statements of The Wesleyan Church** – [see the following website: <https://www.wesleyan.org/ps>]  
The Wesleyan Church adopts official statements in order to encourage laity and ministers to integrate faith and life to respond appropriately and responsibly to current cultural and public policy issues.
- **The Discipline of The Wesleyan Church 2016**. (Indianapolis: Wesleyan Publishing House, 2016)

#### **COURSE OBJECTIVES – Upon completion of the course, students will:**

- Demonstrate an understanding of the personalities, institutions, and external and internal contextual factors that birthed the Holiness Movement and led to the present development of The Wesleyan Church.
- Discuss, at an introductory level, the doctrines, polity, structures and procedures established in *The Discipline of The Wesleyan Church*.
- Explain and demonstrate practical uses of *The Discipline* as it relates to various aspects of church life in order to minister more effectively in the church and its agencies.

## **GRADING SCALE**

100-97 A  
96-94 A-  
93-91 B+  
90-88 B  
87-85 B-  
84-81 C+  
80-76 C  
75-71 C-  
70-68 D  
67 or below F

Students must earn a “C” or above to pass the course and receive credit for ordination.

## **COURSE ASSIGNMENTS**

### PRE-CLASS ASSIGNMENTS

- Read *The Story of The Wesleyan Church*, by Robert Black and Keith Drury, in its entirety.
- Read all official **Position Statements of The Wesleyan Church** as posted on the denominational website <https://www.wesleyan.org/ps> and then write a reflection response (½ page response per position) concerning 2 of the position statements that may be shared with others in class. **(due to the instructor by May 5, 2020)**
- Read Part One–Basic Principles (Paragraphs 1-475; pages 1-48) and Part Two–Local Church Government (Paragraphs 500-970; pages 49-110) of **The Discipline - 2016**
- **Become familiar** with Parts Three – Eleven; pages 111 -430) of *The Discipline of The Wesleyan Church 2016*
- **Interview** a Wesleyan pastor and ask him/her to discuss with you two (2) issues relating to *The Discipline* that have caused confusion or misunderstanding in their church
- **Write** a 2-3 page paper on your findings from your interviews – **(due to the instructor by May 5, 2020)**

### IN-CLASS EXPECTATIONS

- **Attend and participate** in all class sessions / **Complete** all in-class assignments

### POST CLASS ASSIGNMENTS – Due June 10, 2020

#### WESLEYAN HISTORY

- In view of our Wesleyan Church history and heritage prepare/write a 2-3 page paper entitled – “**Why I Choose to be a Wesleyan Minister.**”

#### THE DISCIPLINE of The Wesleyan Church

- **Complete** the Open Book Wesleyan Discipline Test
- **Prepare/Write** a 2-3 page paper of your understanding of Article 15 of the Articles of Religion in *The Discipline* 236 – **Sanctification: Initial, Progressive, Entire**

# **Policies & Requirements**

## **Attendance**

Students are required to attend all class sessions. Failure to attend at least 80% (16 hours) of the minimum required seat time (20 hours) will result in automatic failure of the course. Any and all absences within that 20% window must be approved by the professor prior to the course in writing (e.g. email). Do not ask for permission to be excused during the class or after the absence has already occurred.

## **Extensions**

Extensions may be (*but are not guaranteed*) granted for sickness, serious injury, or death in the student's immediate family or for similar extenuating circumstances. *When in doubt, please contact the professor.* Also, no assigned work will be accepted after the final due date, unless an extension has been granted in writing (e.g. email) from the professor. Communication is the key! Professors may reduce a student's grade by 20% for each week past the due date (even in the event of approved extensions). The Education and Clergy Development Office (Wesleyan Headquarters) reserves the right to refuse extension and override the professor as it deems necessary.

## **Papers**

All written papers must be typed. Papers should be double spaced on 8.5x11 paper using 12 point font in a normal, easy to read type style (Arial, Cambria, Times New Roman, etc.). Margins should be 1" on all sides. Each paper should include at least: student's full name, course title, and date. It is advisable to include your name on each page of the paper.

## **Ordination Deadline**

If the student is a candidate for ordination in a given year, coursework must be completed as follows: the final grade submission deadline (12 weeks after the last day of class) must be at least 40 days before the student's district conference. Professors are not required to fulfill any requests for grade submission prior to this deadline.

## **Plagiarism**

Ministerial students in The Wesleyan Church are expected to exhibit honesty and integrity in their personal, professional and academic life and work. As Christians, we are called to a high standard of honesty. As such, students in our ministerial training courses are required to adhere to strict academic guidelines.

The following is borrowed from a college catalog.

**Plagiarism** — This is defined as offering the work of another as one's own. It is an attempt to deceive by implying that one has done work that was actually done by another. Faculty and students are honor bound to show that ideas and words match with the sources used and thus demonstrate that honest research has been done. Examples of plagiarism include (but are not limited to) the following:

1. Copying all or part of a theme, examination, paper, library reading report, or other written work from another person's production
2. Submitting as one's own work that which was wholly or partially done by another so as to appear to one's professor to be more accurate or skilled in one's work than one actually is
3. Quoting material from any source without proper documentation
4. Summarizing or paraphrasing from any source without proper documentation
5. Misrepresentation of documentation or resources
6. Using in collateral reports or book reviews the opinion of a professional literary critic or of a campus friend as though it were one's own original thought
7. Submitting workbook answers copied from another person or working in a group and submitting an identical set of answers for each member of the group without explicit permission from the professor

**Cheating** — Examples of cheating include (but are not limited to) the following:

1. Use of unauthorized prepared materials (cheat sheets) for answering test questions
2. Giving aid to another student during a test or quiz
3. Gaining answers to test questions from others during testing periods
4. Signing another person's name to the attendance record
5. Claiming to have done laboratory work or outside reading that was not done
6. Submitting the same work for more than one course without the prior approval of the professors involved

The Wesleyan Church Education and Clergy Development policy for all students receiving credit through non-accredited ministry training programs (e.g. FLAME, FLAMA, Correspondence Courses, Cross Training, District Extension Classes, Equipping for Ministry, etc.) is as follows:

- 1) Any instance of plagiarism (whether intentional or not) will result in an automatic "F" for the particular assignment and may also result in an automatic failing of the course.
- 2) A repeat offense will result in an automatic failing of the course.
- 3) A third offense will result in an automatic withdrawal from a credentialing track in The Wesleyan Church.