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## **REQUIRED TEXTS:**

Barnwell, Ray E., Sr., ed., *Connecting to Christ: Belonging* (Indianapolis, IN: Wesleyan Publishing House, 2002) [\$8.99 paperback, Item #BKB910]

*The Discipline of The Wesleyan Church—2004 edition* (Indianapolis, IN: Wesleyan Publishing House, 2005) [\$5.99 paperback, Item #BKB482; \$8.99 hardcover, Item #BKB283]

Haines, Lee M. and Thomas, Paul William, eds., *An Outline History of The Wesleyan Church*, sixth rev. ed. (Indianapolis, IN: Wesleyan Publishing House, 2001) [\$12.99 paperback, Item #BKB448]

(All books can be ordered from Wesleyan Publishing House—1-800-493-7539)

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# **CL552 / THE WESLEYAN CHURCH POLITY AND DISCIPLINE**

**Asbury Theological Seminary**

**January 22-25, 2008**

**8:30 AM – 3:30 PM**

### ***Professor:***

Dr. Kerry D. Kind, General Director of Education & The Ministry, TWC  
Enrollment Limitation: 25 (not expected to be a factor).

## **COURSE DESCRIPTION:**

This course will examine the development of The Wesleyan Church, plus help the student develop a working knowledge of *The Discipline of The Wesleyan Church* as a tool to guide church life and administration.

## **Competencies to be Developed:**

1. To understand the main historical and other forces in the development of The Wesleyan Church.
2. To acquire an introductory knowledge regarding the doctrines, polity, structures and procedures established in *The Discipline of The Wesleyan Church*.
3. To demonstrate the knowledge and capability to practically use *The Discipline* as an essential tool to minister effectively in the life of The Wesleyan Church and its agencies.

## **THINGS TO DO BEFORE SEMINAR (NOTE: Reading report is due first day of class):**

1. Read *An Outline History of The Wesleyan Church* in its entirety.
2. Read *Connecting to Christ: Belonging* (only the first 111 pages are required reading).
3. Become familiar with *The Discipline of The Wesleyan Church* by reading ALL of the following selections (be sure to check each selection you read on the “Reading Report” at the end of this syllabus):
  - The Constitution of the North American General Conference and the Special Directions—Paragraphs 200-385, 400-475
  - Church membership—Paragraphs 550-610, 5550-5595
  - Annual local church conference—Paragraphs 625-655
  - Pastoral agreements and pastoral duties and powers—Paragraphs 675-746
  - Local board of administration organization and duties—Paragraphs 750-970



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STUDENT READING REPORT

**INSTRUCTIONS: Complete and give to the instructor on the first day of class.**

1. Check the appropriate box below to affirm your reading of the required text *An Outline History of The Wesleyan Church*.
  - I read the entire book (100 points toward your reading grade).
  - I read more than half—but not all—of the book (50 points toward your reading grade).
  - I read some—but less than half—of the book (20 points toward your reading grade).
  
2. Check the appropriate box below to affirm your reading of the required text *Connecting to Christ: Belonging* (only the first 111 pages are required reading for this report).
  - I read the entire book (100 points toward your reading grade).
  - I read more than half—but not all—of the book (50 points toward your reading grade).
  - I read some—but less than half—of the book (20 points toward your reading grade).
  
3. Check the box for each of the following portions of *The Discipline of The Wesleyan Church (2004 edition)* that you read. Each portion read is worth 10 points toward your grade.
  - The Constitution of the North American General Conference and the Special Directions—Paragraphs 200-385, 400-475
  - Church membership—Paragraphs 550-610, 5550-5595
  - Annual local church conference—Paragraphs 625-655
  - Pastoral agreements and pastoral duties and powers—Paragraphs 675-746
  - Local board of administration organization and duties—Paragraphs 750-970
  - District government—Paragraphs 1075-1180, 1200-1245, 1250, 1300-1310
  - Ministerial supervision, orders and regulations—Paragraphs 1375-1405, 3000-3124
  - General church government—Paragraphs 1500-1590, 1600-1655, 1800-1880, 1900-1935, 1990, 1995-2050
  - Local church property—Paragraphs 4500-4780
  - Disciplinary procedures—Paragraphs 5000-5068, 5100-5130, 5200-5215, 5227-5251

3. Add points for your reading score and write total here (up to 300 points possible): \_\_\_\_\_

**Your Name** (Printed please) \_\_\_\_\_

**Your Signature** (affirms that you did all reading reported) \_\_\_\_\_