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# CL 552 The Wesleyan Church Polity and Discipline

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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)

### 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

- 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
- 4. COMPLETE THE READING REPORT included with this syllabus. Your reading report is due on the first day of class.

#### AFTER COURSE ASSIGNMENT:

• **Discipline Open Book Exam.** Complete the open book exam included in the study guide.

#### **DUE DATE AND MAILING INSTRUCTIONS:**

After-course assignment is due one week after the course: February 1, 2008. Email submissions are not preferred. Send assignment to Dr. Kerry Kind, PO Box 50434, Indianapolis, IN 46250-0434, post-marked by February 1. Grades will be reduced if assignment is not submitted by the due date. Do <u>not</u> mail fancy report covers or binders (simply staple or clip papers together). Keep a photocopy of all your work in case mail is lost or damaged. To have your graded papers returned, include a <u>stamped</u>, <u>self-addressed</u>, <u>9x12 envelope</u>.

#### **GRADE REPORTS**

Grades will be reported to the seminary according to seminary policy.

<b>GRADING:</b>	
Required reading	0-300 points
Discipline exam	0-400 points
Class attendance & participation	0-300 points
(100-point deduction for students absent from a class session)	•

A range B range C range D range	940-1000 points 860-939 points 780-859 points 700-779 points	

## CL552 The Wesleyan Church Polity and Discipline STUDENT READING REPORT

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

l.	Check the appropriate box below to affirm your reading of the required text An Outline History of Townseleyan 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 <i>Connecting to Christ: Belonging</i> (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 <i>The Discipline of The Wesleyan Church</i> (2004 <i>edition</i> ) 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
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3.	Add points for your reading score and write total here (up to 300 points possible):
Yo	ur Name (Printed please)
Vο	ur Signature (affirms that you did all reading reported)