

TEXTBOOK SELECTION FOR COURSE OF STUDY

Goal: Two basic texts per class. Individual faculty may add another.

Reference books are required and are to help a student build their own library.

Assignments assure the use of the reference books; they are not classroom texts.

Supplemental texts are valuable, but optional texts if a student wants to pursue an area of ministry.

Bible

121 Bible 1: Introduction

Texts: Gordon Fee & Douglas Stuart, *How to Read the Bible for All It's Worth*
John Hayes & Carl Holladay, *Biblical Exegesis: A Beginner's Handbook*
Bernhard Anderson, *The Unfolding Drama of the Bible*

Reference: *The Interpreters One-Volume Commentary*
Harper Collins Bible Dictionary
*NRSV- New Interpreter's Study Bible**

221 Bible II: Torah and Israel's History

Texts: Michael Coogan, *The Old Testament: A Historical & Literary Introduction*
Terrence Fretheim, *The Pentateuch*

Reference: *Oxford Bible Atlas*
Bruce Birch, Walter Brueggemann, Terrence Fretheim, David Petersen,
A Theological Introduction to the Old Testament, 2nd Edition

321 Bible III: Gospels

Texts: Mark Allen Powell, *Introducing the New Testament*
Frederick Murphy, *An Introduction to Jesus and the Gospels*
Alan Culpepper, *Anatomy of the 4th Gospel*

Supplementary: Sharon Ringe, *Luke (Westminster Bible Companion)*
Moody Smith, *Abingdon New Testament Commentary on John*

421 Bible IV: Prophets, Psalms & Wisdom Literature

Texts: Walter Brueggemann, *Spirituality of the Psalms*
Louis Stulman & Hyun Paul Kim,
You Are My People: An Introduction to Prophetic Literature
Richard Clifford, *Wisdom Literature*

Reference: Bruce Birch, Walter Brueggemann, Terrence Frietham, David Petersen,
*A Theological Introduction to the Old Testament, 2nd Edition**

521 Bible V: Acts, Epistles & Revelation

Texts: Warren Carter/ Amy-Jill Levine, *The New Testament: Methods and Meanings*
Jouette Bassler, *Navigating Paul*

Supplementary: Victor Furnish, *The Moral Teaching of Paul*
N T Wright *Revelation*
Mark Allen Powell, *Introducing the New Testament**

*Students will have the book from a previous class or Licensing School

Theology

122 Theological Heritage 1: Introduction

Texts: Ted Campbell, *Methodist Doctrine: The Essentials*
Justo Gonzales & Zaida Perez, *An Introduction to Christian Theology*
Reference: *2012 Book of Discipline**
*United Methodist Hymnal**
Supplementary: Ted Runyon, *The New Creation: John Wesley's Theology Today*
Ken Collins, *The Theology of John Wesley: Holy Love and the Shape of Grace*

222 Theological Heritage II: Early Church

Texts: Justo Gonzales, *The Story of Christianity, Vol 1*
Roberta Bondi, *To Love As God Loves*
Reference: Henry Bettenson & Chris Maunder, *Documents of the Christian Church*

322 Theological Heritage III: Medieval- Reformation

Texts: James Tracy, *Europe's Reformation, 1450-1650*
Justo Gonzales, *The Story of Chistianity, Vol 1*, Vol 2*
Reference: Henry Bettenson & Chris Maunder, *Documents of the Christian Church**

422 Theological Heritage IV: Wesleyan Movement

Texts: Richard Heitzenrater, *Wesley and the People Called Methodists*
Russ Richey, Ken Rowe, Jeanne M. Schmidt, *American Methodism: A Compact History*
Randy Maddox, *Responsible Grace*
Supplementary: John Wigger, *Taking Heaven By Storm*

522: Theology in the Contemporary Church

Texts: John Caputo, *What Would Jesus Deconstruct?*
Daniel Migliore, *Faith Seeking Understanding*
Reference: Henry Bettenson & Chris Maunder, *Documents of the Christian Church**
Supplementary: Henry H Knight, *From Aldersgate to Azusa Street*

Congregational Life

123 Formation and Discipleship

Texts: Sondra Matthaei, *Formation in the Faith*
Marjorie J Thompson, *Soul Feast: An Invitation to the Christian Spiritual Life*
Supplementary: Jack Seymour, *Teaching the Way of Jesus*
Norma Everiste, *Church as Learning Community*
Anne Wimberly & Evelyn Park,
In Search of Wisdom: Faith Formation in the Black Church

223 Worship and Sacraments

Texts: Robin Knowles Wallace, *The Christian Year: A Guide for Worship and Preaching*
Laurence Stookey, *Let the Whole Church Say Amen!*
Hoyt Hickman, *Worshipping with United Methodists:
A Guide for Pastors and Church Leaders*
Reference: *UM Hymnal**
*Book of Worship**
Gayle Felton, *This Holy Mystery**
Gayle Felton, *By Water and the Spirit**

323 Congregational Care

Texts: Larry Webb, *Crises Counseling in the Congregation*
Ed Wimberly, *African American Pastoral Care and
Counseling: Oppression and Empowerment*
Supplementary: Jeanne Hoeft, Shannon Jung, Joretta Marshall,
Practicing Care in Rural Congregations and Communities
Howard Clinebell, *Basic Types of Pastoral Care and Counseling*

423 Evangelism

Texts: Mortimer Arias, *Announcing The Reign of God*
Henry Knight & F Douglas Powe, *Transforming Evangelism:
The Wesleyan Way of Sharing Faith*
Eddie Fox and George Morris, *Faith-Sharing*
Supplementary: Doug Powe, *New Wine and New Wineskins:
How African American Congregations Can Reach New Generations*
Stephen Gunter, Elaine Robinson, ed.
Considering the Great Commission

513 Mission

Texts: Dana Robert, *Christian Mission*
Miroslav Volf, *A Public Faith: How Followers of Christ Should Serve
the Common Good*
Selected Wesley Sermons
Supplementary: Theodore W. Jennings, *Good News to the Poor*

Pastoral Identity

124 Transformative Leadership

Texts: Bruce Birch & Lewis Parks, *Ducking Spears, Dancing Madly: A Biblical Model of Church Leadership*
Brandon O'Brien and Jim Belcher, *The Strategically Small Church: Intimate, Nimble, authentic, and Effective*
Supplementary: Larry Goleman, *Finding Our Story: Narrative Leadership and Congregational Change*

224 Administration and Polity

Texts: Lacey Warner, *The Method of Our Mission* (Due out in July, 2014)
Lovett Weems, *Leadership in the Wesleyan Spirit*
Reference: *2012 Book of Discipline**

324 Preaching

Texts: Fred Craddock *Craddock on the Craft of Preaching*
Cleophus LaRue *The Heart of Black Preaching*
Barbara Brown Taylor *The Preaching Life*
Reference: Paul Scott Wilson, Editor, *The New Interpreter's Handbook of Preaching*
Supplementary: Joseph Webb, *Preaching Without Notes*
Adam Hamilton *Unleashing the Word*

424 Ethics

Texts: Robin Lovin, *An Introduction to Christian Ethics: Goals, Duties and Virtues*
Patricia Jung and Darryl W. Stephens, *Professional Sexual Ethics*
Reference: *Social Principles*
Book of Resolutions
Supplementary: Rebekah Miles, *The Pastor as a Moral Guide*
Richard Hays, *Moral Vision of the New Testament*
Stephen Matt, *Biblical Ethics and Social Change*

524 Theological Reflection: Practice of Ministry

Texts: Will Willimon, *Pastor: The Theology and Practice of Ordained Ministry*
Kathleen Cahalan, *Introducing the Practice of Ministry*
Charles Wood and Ellen Blue, *Attentive to God: Thinking Theologically in Ministry*
Supplementary: Lacey Warner and Ken Carder, *The Grace to Lead*
Frederick Buechner, *The Sacred Journe*