**COS 422: WESLEYAN MOVEMENT**  
**July 20-30, 2015**

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**Description:**  
This course is a critical reflection on significant individuals, decisive events, and fundamental tenets of the Christian faith as found in the development of United Methodism. Utilizing the categories of *grace* and *faith* as focusing lenses, the student appropriates particulars of the Wesleyan heritage and enters into the church’s ongoing task of interpreting, articulating, and enacting the gospel in contemporary life.

**Course Requirements:**  
Attend and participate in class...Give evidence of having completed the assigned readings, including a brief paper relating Heitzenrater’s book to the student’s place of ministry...Prepare essay (no less than 1500 words) on “Salvation in the Wesleyan Tradition”...Complete satisfactorily two tests: one at mid-course and another toward the end of the course.

**Textbooks:**

- Chilcote, *Praying in the Wesleyan Spirit* (Upper Room Books)
- Heitzenrater, *Wesley and the People Called Methodists* (Abingdon)
- Joyner, *United Methodist Questions, United Methodist Answers* (WestminsterJohnKnox)
- Maddox, *Responsible Grace* (Kingswood Books)

*United Methodist Hymnal 1989*  
*Book of Discipline 2012*

**Grading:**  
Mid-term (open book) 25% ... Final exam (closed book) 40% ... Essay 35%

**Pre-assignments (before the first class):**

1. Read Heitzenrater, *Wesley and the People Called Methodists*. In response to that reading, bring to the first class a paper (about 500 words) illustrating how Wesleyan roots do (or do not) continue to be expressed in your place of ministry.
(2) Begin to use Chilcote, *Praying in the Wesleyan Spirit* (a book of prayers based on the sermons of John Wesley)

**ONE POSSIBLE FLOW FOR THE COURSE**

- Review of tools for course
- Comments on theological stress points
- Introduction to the brothers Wesley
- Nature of our theological task
  - Aldersgate
- Methodism emerging in England
- Introduction of Otterbein, Boehm, Albright
  - Early American Methodism
- Christmas Conference 1784
  - Polity and Divisions
- Structure of The United Methodist Church
- Issues in today's United Methodism

**DATES TO NOTE**

- July 20---pre-assignments paper due (how do/do not Wesleyan roots continue to be expressed in your place of ministry)
- July 24---open book quiz on Heitzenrater and Joyner
- July 30---essay due “Salvation in the Wesleyan Tradition”
- July 30---closed book final exam on all course material

**ONE WAY TO GET ALL THE READING DONE**

- Now---start using Chilcote
- By July 1---start *American Methodism*
- Before July 20---complete Heitzenrater
  - By July 23---complete Joyner
  - By July 29---complete Maddox