

Southwestern College / Institute for Discipleship / SPARK Youth Ministry Conference  
January 2017 Certification Class  
Texts and Assignments: Doing Theology with Youth

## Reading List

### Required

1. **Aiming At Maturity: The Goal of the Christian Life** by Stephen W. Rankin. Cascade, 2011. ISBN 978-161097-246-8
2. **On The Way To Somewhere: Stories and Songs for the Journey** by Celia Whitler. Abingdon, 2006. ISBN 0-687-49367-6 **\*You do not need to read this before class**
3. **John Wesley for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century: Set Apart for Social Witness** by John O. Gooch. Discipleship Resources, 2006. ISBN 0-88177-445-6
4. **Evangelism and Theology in the Wesleyan Spirit** by Albert C. Outler. Discipleship Resources, 2000, 2004. ISBN 0-88177-151-1
5. **Key United Methodist Beliefs** by William J. Abraham & David F. Watson. Abingdon, 2013. ISBN 978-1-4267-5661-0
6. **Transforming Evangelism: The Wesleyan Way of Sharing Faith** by Henry H. Knight III & F. Douglas Powe Jr. Discipleship Resources, 2006. ISBN 978-0-88177-485-6
7. **Transforming Community: The Wesleyan Way to Missional Congregations** by Henry H. Knight III & F. Douglas Powe, Jr. Discipleship Resources, 2016. ISBN 978-0-88177-754-3
8. **The Faith of the Christian Church: An Introduction to Theology** by Tyron Ibody. Eerdmans, 2005. ISBN 0-8028-4151-1 **\*Read Chapters 1, 2, & 3 as well as the Glossary. The rest of the chapters will be basically covered in class so you will want to have this text with you for reference.**
9. **¶ 101-104 The Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church** 2012. ISBN 978-1426718120
10. Wesley's Sermons (3): available at <http://gbgm-umc.org>
  - "Causes of the Inefficacy of Christianity"
  - "Christian Perfection"
  - "Catholic Spirit"
11. Wesley's Hymns (3): available at <http://gbgm-umc.org>
  - "And Are We Yet Alive?"

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- “Come, Sinners to the Gospel Feast”
- “A Charge I have to Keep”

**Recommended**

1. **Starting Right: Thinking Theologically About Youth Ministry** edited by Kenda Creasy Dean, Chap Clark, & Dave Rahn. Zondervan, 2001. ISBN-10: 0310234069 ISBN-13: 978-0310234067
2. **Responsible Grace: John Wesley’s Practical Theology** by Randy L. Maddox. Kingswood, 1994. ISBN 0-687-00334-2
3. **How To Think Theologically** 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition by Howard W. Stone & James O. Duke. Fortress, 2013. ISBN 978-0800699327
4. **Why I Am Not A Calvinist** by Jerry L. Walls and Joseph R. Dongell. IP, 2004. ISBN 0-8308-3249-1
5. **Against Calvinism** by Roger E. Olson. Zondervan, 2011. ISBN 978-0-310-32467-6
6. **A Handbook of Theological Terms: Their Meaning and Background Exposed in Over 300 Articles** by Van A. Harvey. Simon & Shuster, 1964, 1992. ISBN 0-684-84644-6
7. **A Primer On Postmodernism** by Stanley J. Grenz. Eerdmans, 1996. ISBN 0-8028-0864-6
8. **A Wesley Reader: Writings of John and Charles Wesley** edited by Ted A. Campbell. Tuckapaw Media, 2008. ISBN 0-9820698-0-4

**Assignments**

1. **Read ALL** required material BEFORE class starts on January 6, 2017!
2. **Participate** in on-line discussions prior to class. On-Line resources provided by The Institute for Discipleship & Southwestern College.
3. **Attend and Participate!** [25 points] One letter grade per day late will be deducted from each item turned in after the due date/time.
4. **ALL work MUST be submitted as a digital PDF.** No exceptions. The Document name absolutely MUST include the student’s full name!

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5. **ALL** work MUST include: Student Name, Class Title, & Date with page numbers on each page! Do NOT use a cover page.
6. [10 Points] On Sunday January 8, 2017 do **“Theological Rocks”** worksheet (Download from on-line class site)- DUE Monday January 9, 2017
7. **DURING CLASS ASSIGNMENT:** [15 points] Write a contemporary music reflection (1-2 pages) on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday (3 total). A song will be listened to in class with discussion each day and lyrics will be available in a document on the web site. **DUE next day (Tues, Wed, Thurs)** Grade will be Pass/Fail.
8. [15 Points] Christian Conferencing Sessions based on a reading of a Wesley Sermon/Hymn will be held each day/evening. You must participate and contribute to your assigned group in discussion.
9. **FINAL ASSIGNMENT:** [35 points] After Class Assignment:
  - a. Project will be given a letter grade.
  - b. Using the book **On The Way To Somewhere** by *Celia Whitler*
  - c. **Pick 3 stories** that emphasize (1 each) Prevenient Grace, Justifying Grace, and Sanctifying Grace “opportunities” to think and work theologically.
  - d. **Analyze** each narrative and describe YOUR response to the real life situation using practical theology as discussed in class. Can you use and Wesleyan tools to address this narrative? Anything from Charles Wesley’s hymns or John Wesley’s sermons? From UMC doctrine? Integrate as much as you can.
  - e. **Pick 1 song** that you like (any song from Celia’s book) and **analyze** using the tools we used in class to address contemporary music.
  - f. Assignment should be 7-10 pages.
  - g. **DUE Friday February 3, 2017 @ 5PM.** Doc must be uploaded to the web site as a PDF. DO NOT EMAIL ASSIGNMENTS.
  - h. **Questions?** Text or email Charles: 972.333.9870  
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