

SOUTH COASTAL MINISTERIAL INSTITUTE

C35/Wesleyan Church History and Discipline

Dates: August 27-28, 2010 (Friday and Saturday)
Times: 8:00 AM - 6:00 PM on Friday/ assignment Friday evening/
Saturday 8:00 until 3:00
Location: South Coastal District Office - 1261 Parker Road SW, Conyers, GA
30094
Lunch: Lunch will be ordered in on site to reduce our day on Saturday.
Instructor: Dr. Dan A. Berry, District Superintendent
Cost: \$100.00 for credit course/\$50.00 audit no credit (*full payment due by
August 10, 2010*)
Registration:
Go to www.southcoastal.org Ministerial Institute to register

REQUIRED TEXTS: *Contact Wesley Press/Amazon for textbooks.*

1. ***Wesleyan Church History and Discipline Study Guide*** - author Jerry Pence
Available for free download at www.southcoastal.org Ministerial Institute
 2. ***The Discipline of The Wesleyan Church*** - 2008 edition (Indianapolis, IN: Wesleyan
Publishing House, 2008) (\$10.00 or less)
 3. ***An Outline History of The Wesleyan Church***, 5th rev. ed. (Indianapolis, IN:
Wesleyan Publishing House, 2001) (\$12.99 paperback, Item #BKB448)
- *All books are available from Wesley Press 1-800-493-7539

COURSE DESCRIPTION: This course will examine persons and forces that shaped the origins and development of *The Wesleyan Church*, plus help the student develop a working knowledge of *The Discipline of The Wesleyan Church* as a tool for church administration.

OBJECTIVES:

1. To survey some of the personalities, institutions and external and internal contextual factors that birthed the Holiness Movement and led to the present development of The Wesleyan Church.
2. To enrich contemporary church leaders with an understanding and appreciation of the past that inspires both Great Commission and Great Commandment ministry in the present context.
3. To provide the student with an introductory knowledge regarding the doctrines, polity, structures and procedures established in *The Discipline of The Wesleyan Church*.
4. To enable the student to minister more effectively in the church and its agencies by demonstrating practical use of *The Discipline* in various aspects of church life.

THINGS TO DO BEFORE COURSE ATTENDANCE:

1. Read *An Outline History of The Wesleyan Church* in its entirety.
2. Become familiar with *The Discipline of The Wesleyan Church* by reading the following sections.
 - Constitution - Paragraph 200-385, 400-475
 - Church membership - Paragraphs 550-610, 5550-5595
 - Annual local church conference - Paragraph 625-655
 - Pastoral agreements and duties - Paragraph 675-746
 - LBA duties - Paragraph 750-970
 - District government - Paragraph 1075-1310
 - Ministerial supervision, orders and regulations - paragraph 1375-1405, 3000-3148
 - General church government - Paragraphs 1500-2050
 - Local church property - Paragraphs 4500-4780
 - Disciplinary procedures - Paragraphs 5000-5068, 5100-5130, 5200-5215, 5227-5251
3. Make a *copy of the course quiz and complete answers* as you read the course material. The more you complete this assignment the better able you will be able to dialogue in the class discussion.

AFTER COURSE ASSIGNMENTS: (*mail all assignments at same time to instructor*)

1. **Church History Open Book Quiz** - included in back of study guide (25%)
2. **Discipline Open Book Quiz** - in your study guide (25%)
3. **Reading Report** - Fill out the reading report form printed at the end of this syllabus to indicate required reading you have completed. This is based upon the "honor system". Your signature is a testimony of having done all the reading requested. (25%)
4. **Discipline Review Project:** Write a thorough job description for every leadership of the church. This would include senior pastor, assistant pastor, local board of administration member, local trustee member, teen leader, children's ministry leader, worship leader.

Follow this outline;

- *Position* (show the precise official title from *the Discipline* for this position if listed),
- *Job Summary* (one sentence description telling what this position is all about)
- *Working Relationship* (tell who this person is responsible for, to or works closely with)
- *Length of service for this position* (term of office specified by the Discipline)
- *Spiritual Gifts most desired for this position* (spiritual gifts are divine abilities/enablement given to individual believers. Use your Bible knowledge here and check out Galatians 5:22-23, I Corinthians 12, Romans 12 and Ephesians 4)
- *Special skills and abilities needed for this position* (what technical skills or abilities does the person need to possess?)
- *Specific duties and responsibilities and references needed.* (use much detail there rely heavily on *The Discipline* for this part and show your knowledge of

- requirements; you may summarize or paraphrase things in your own words)
- Please lean heavily upon *The Discipline* and include paragraph numbers and footnotes as needed. (25%)

5. Sermon/Teaching Note Card Project: (Optional for extra credit) Collect 25 illustrations on 3x 5 note cards that you have obtained by reading the assigned books. Use stories from the history of The Wesleyan Church or from John Wesley's life that could be used in preaching. Then submit a copy of the 25 note cards and one sermon that you have used in a local church with at least two of these illustrations inserted in the notes. (5+ points added to your final grade)

DUE DATES AND MAILING INSTRUCTION:

All written assignments and quizzes must be returned within 4 weeks after the course and must be postmarked accordingly. Send all assignments to **Dr. Dan A. Berry, 1261 Parker Road SE, Conyers, GA 30094**. Credit will be reduced or denied if assignments are not submitted by the due date, except in emergency situations. Do not mail fancy report covers or binders. Copy all your work before sending in the event of loss in the mail.

DO YOU WANT YOUR GRADED PAPERS RETURNED?

Your graded papers will not be returned unless you include a stamped, self-addressed 9 x 12 envelope along with your final assignments. Otherwise, you will receive a grade and it will be reported to *Ministerial Study Agency*, after which all papers will be discarded.

GRADE REPORTS

All grading will be done by the instructor after the course due date (unless you specifically notify the instructor that you have a deadline with DBMD and need course credit for licensing). Normally grades turned into the Ministerial Study Agency within four weeks after the course are sufficient.

UNIT GRADING:

Required reading	0-300 points
Church History Quiz	0-200 points
Discipline Quiz	0-300 points
Discipline Project	0-200 points

OVERALL COURSE GRADE:

A range	930-1000 points
B range	840-929 points
C range	730-839 points
D range	680-729 points
F range	below 679 points

C35- Wesleyan Church History and Discipline Student Reading Report

Instructions: Complete and return with all other course assignments.

1. Check the appropriate box to affirm your reading of the required text - "**An Outline History of The Wesleyan Church**"

_____ I read the entire book (100 points toward reading grade)

_____ I read more than half - but not all - of the book (50 points)

_____ I read some - but less than half - of the book (25 points)

2. Place a check on each line following the portion of **The Discipline of The Wesleyan Church** that you read. Each portion is worth 10pts toward your grade.

_____ The Constitution (par 200-385, 400-487)

_____ Church Membership (par 550-610, 5550-5595)

_____ Annual Local Church Conference (par 625-655)

_____ Pastoral Agreements and pastoral duties and powers (par 675-746)

_____ LBA organization and duties (par 750-970)

_____ District government (par 1500-1590, 1600-1655, 1800-1880, 1900-1935, 1990, 1995-2060)

_____ Local church property (par 4500-4780)

_____ Disciplinary procedures (par 5000-5068, 5100-5130, 5200-5215, 5227-5251)

Total possible points= 11

3. **Add points** for your reading score and write total here (**TOTAL** = _____)

Your Name _____(please print)

Your Signature _____(Affirmation of above)