## 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 I: Introduction

**Texts:** Gordon Fee & Douglas Stuart, *How to Read the Bible for All It’s Worth*


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, Terence 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 Brueggmann, Terrence Freitham, 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*

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Theology

122  Theological Heritage I: 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 Christianity, 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*

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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
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

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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 Mott 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 Journey