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To: School for Lay Ministry Simpson Class of 2013 & 2014

From: Barb Mann, Registrar

RE: March 2-4, 2012 Session

Topic: Church Leadership, Doctrine & Polity

Faculty: **Rev. Dr. Elmer M. Colyer**, Prof. of Historical Theology, Stanley Professor of Wesley Studies, University of Dubuque Theological Seminary

Rev. Dr. Phil Jamieson, Assistant Professor of Pastoral Theology, Director of the United Methodist Studies Program, U of Dubuque Theological Seminary

Reading Assignments:

Read *Recapturing the Wesley's Vision* by Paul Chilcote, (Downers Grove: InterVarsity Press, 2004) ISBN #9780830827435 paperback for \$14.00.

Read *Ministry and Money: A Practical Guide for Pastors* by Jamieson and Jamieson. Come prepared to discuss chapter 11 (Expanding the Conversation) ISBN # 978-0664231989 for \$20.00.

Read carefully Part II of the 2008 *Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church*, pp. 41-86.

Written Assignment:

Write a 1 page paper telling about one important thing that you learned about doctrine in the United Methodist Church from Part II of the 2008 *Book of Discipline*.

Also be prepared to write a brief quiz over the content of Part II of the 2008 *Book of Discipline* sometime over the weekend.

Familiarize yourself with the 2008 United Methodist Book of Discipline. You should have an overall grasp of its basic structure.

These books can be purchased at Cokesbury bookstore. Let them know you are with the SLM and you will receive a 20% discount and free shipping. Their numbers are 278-1631 (Des Moines) or toll free at 877-231-1594. To cut down on the cost of these books be sure to check with your pastor, SLM graduates, Barnes & Noble or other bookstores, seminary libraries, public libraries, Amazon.com, etc

Worship Leaders: Friday Evening: **Alex Palmquist**
Saturday Evening: **Nancy Peterson**

Student-led worship is held at the end of the Friday and Saturday sessions. Plan to devote about 10 minutes to a favorite Bible passage, a Bible story, a personal experience and/or your own faith journey. Feel free to bring items along to help you create the ambience you want: boom box, cassettes, CD's, props. If you are unable to lead devotions on your specified evening, please find another class member to trade with.

Bring: Please bring: a) your favorite translation of the Bible, b) a hymnal and The Faith We Sing songbook if easily available and c) a journal or notebook for writing during reflective times. Also bring your favorite coffee or tea cup.

Location: McNeill Hall, 701 North C Street, Simpson College, Indianola Iowa. You can check www.mapquest.com and www.simpson.edu for the location of the specific addresses if you are not acquainted with the area.

Lodging: Make your reservations now! We have negotiated special rates at the following motels. Be sure to tell them you are with the School for Lay Ministry:

Apple Tree: (515) 961-0551 or (800) 961-0551 1215 N. Jefferson St. \$58.50 Single, \$64.80 Double, \$72.00 King

Super 8: (515) 961-0058 1701 N. Jefferson St. \$60.88 Single (\$6/extra person), \$68.88 Double, Breakfast, Indoor Pool.

Wesley Woods: (515) 961-4523 (15 minutes from Simpson) \$12 for *rustic* cabins; \$28 for all lodges; sharing with other students is recommended. You will need to bring you own bedding and toiletries. **IMPORTANT:** If you are planning on staying at WW, you must let Tiffany know two (2) weeks in advance so they can be sure there are enough rooms available. If you have to cancel, please be considerate and let her know this as well. A continental breakfast is available **prior** to 8:00 a.m. **as long as you let Tiffany know in advance.** Contact Tiffany at 515-961-4523 or 1-866-684-7753.

Details: Class registration starts at 5 pm in McNeill Hall with a meal together on campus from 5:00 to 6:15 in Pfeiffer Dining Hall/Great Hall. Classes begin at 6:30. We usually close with worship at 8:30 on Friday and Saturday evenings. Sunday's final session will close with communion. You will be headed home by noon. A campus map and parking information is on the SLM website at www.iaumc.org/slm.

Money Matters: Tuition is \$120 per class session and covers the cost of speakers, facilities, handouts, Friday and Saturday dinners and Saturday lunch. You are responsible for costs associated with travel, lodging, books, and breakfasts. Please make checks payable to the Iowa Annual Conference and pay at the time you register on Friday evenings.

Emergency: In case of emergency, a call may be placed to the Simpson Security Office (515) 961-1711. Identify the School and indicate you are in McNeill Hall. They will deliver a message to the Dean. You may also want to share the phone number of your motel (see above.)

We look forward to seeing you next session. Please contact Avon or Barb with any questions you may have.