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To: Des Moines Site SLM Class of 2020

From: Barb Mann, Registrar

RE: March 2-3, 2019 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

Reading Assignments:

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

Read *UnLearning Church* (new 2008 edition) by Michael Slaughter (Nashville: Abingdon Press, 2008) ISBN # 9780687647088 paperback.

Read carefully Part I, Part II and Part III of the 2016 *Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church*. This Cokesbury link will allow you to see the free online version of the Book of Discipline <http://www.cokesbury.com/forms/DynamicContent.aspx?id=87&pageid=920>.

Familiarize yourself with the rest of the 2016 United Methodist Book of Discipline. Look over the table of Contents. You should have an overall grasp of its basic structure. Read parts that interest you. Skim other parts like the Organization and Administration of the Local Church.

Written Assignment:

Write a 1-page paper telling about one important thing that you learned about doctrine in the United Methodist Church from **Part III** of the 2016 *Book of Discipline*. Write down three questions you have about the Organization and Administration of the UMC according to the 2016 *Book of Discipline*.

When ordering materials from Cokesbury, go to www.Cokesbury.com or call their toll-free number in Nashville 1-800-672-1789. Be sure to check out any special shipping options that are mentioned when ordering any books from Cokesbury. 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.

Bring: Please bring to class your favorite translation of the Bible and a journal or notebook for writing during reflective times.

Worship Leaders: Saturday Evening: **Bill O'Brien**
Sunday Morning: **Bobby Rhoads**

Student-led worship is held at the end of the Saturday session and Sunday morning. 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.

Location: The United Methodist Conference Center is located at 2301 Rittenhouse Street in Des Moines. You will find directions at this link: <https://www.iaumc.org/directions>. On-site parking is available. Cars cannot park in the circle by the trash cans. If more parking is needed, you can park on the street. Classes will be held in the Wesley Hall Conference Rooms.

Details: Registration begins at 8 am Saturday morning with devotions following at 9 am; class begins at 9:15. Sunday begins at 8:30 am with devotions; class starts at 8:45. Sunday's session will close with communion at 11:30 and you'll be headed home by noon. Meals are served at the Conference Center. Please refer to the General Time Schedule on the [SLM Website](#) under Des Moines SLM Site for complete details.

Tuition: \$140 per class which covers the cost of speakers, facilities, handouts and two Saturday meals. You are responsible for costs associated with travel, lodging, books and breakfasts. *Make checks payable to the "Iowa Annual Conference"* and please pay when you register for classes on Saturday mornings.

Lodging: Make your reservations now! **Be sure to tell the three hotels listed below that you are with the United Methodist Conference Center.** It is your responsibility to reserve and pay for your own room. **Your reservations/expenses are not part of the Conference Center's direct bill.** The 3 hotels below are walking distance to the Conference Center.

Doubletree Hotel Des Moines Airport 6800 Fleur Drive, Des Moines 515-285-7777
\$116 + tax (2019 rate) Free Breakfast Johnny's Steakhouse on-site

Fairfield Inn & Suites Des Moines Airport 6880 Fleur Drive, Des Moines 515-309-4444
\$116 + tax (2019 rate) Free Breakfast

Holiday Inn Des Moines Airport 6111 Fleur Drive, Des Moines 515-287-2400
\$99 + tax (2019 rate) Free Breakfast

NOTE: *It's important that you ask for "Inhouse Reservations" when you contact the three hotels above, so you don't get transferred to the 800-phone number as those individuals won't know about our corporate rates.*

There are many motels along Fleur Drive that probably have lower rates so give yourself time to investigate before classes begin. Homewood Suites Airport, a new extended stay hotel, is on Fleur (7201 SW 22nd Street, Des Moines) and is a little farther from the Conf. Center but still in walking distance.

We look forward to seeing you at your upcoming session. Please contact John or Barb with any questions you may have.