

TRAC LOCAL PREACHER'S COURSE

MODULE	: METHODISM
DATE	: 28 th October, 2015
TIME	: 8 - 6pm
VENUE	: Damansara Utama Methodist Church
FACILITATOR	: Rev. Dr. T. Jeyakumar

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This is a course on Methodist history, doctrine and polity. There will be special emphasis on the life and times of the Rev John Wesley, as well as a study of key aspects of Wesleyan theology and the Methodist Book of Discipline.

Course requirement:

Lectures:

The candidate must attend all the lectures. Anyone who does not attend the full lectures will be considered as not having fulfilled the course requirements in order to pass this module. Attendance will be taken.

Three Written Assignments (Not longer than 1,000 words per paper), only ONE from each section below:

Section One: On some aspect of Methodist Theology and its relevance to the Universal Church today (One paper)

1. What do you consider to be Wesley's most important and enduring contribution? Where do you see his greatness? Conversely, where do you sense his humanity, personal trials and weaknesses?
2. What was John Wesley's understanding of the Church and how did he organize it to meet the spiritual and social needs of his day?
3. Evaluate the importance of John Wesley's organization of class meetings for the development of the Methodist church in Malaysia.
4. What help do we find in Wesleyan teaching and tradition on Charismatic Movement?

Section Two: On some aspect of the Methodist Discipline and its relevance to the Church today (One paper)

1. Methodist Church polity lays heavy emphasis on "Connectionalism". Evaluate the Methodist Book of Discipline to show this and explain why it is important in Methodism. What might the tension between the need of the local church and the requirement of "connectionalism" (i.e. TRAC and Methodist Discipline requirements) be, and how do you see this can be resolved?

2. Outline your understanding of the role of the District Superintendent, the pastor, and the LCEC. In your understanding, reflect how each is related to the other.

Section Three: Timeline of 10 events in the life of John Wesley with a brief explanation on their significance (One paper)

BOOKS THAT CAN BE HELPFUL

Methodist Book of Discipline, 2012 (Please bring this book to lectures)

1. Brewer, Earl D. C. & Jackson Jr, Mance C., *Wesleyan Transformation*, Atlanta, ITC Press, 1988
2. Browler, John C., *The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper in Early Methodism*, Westminster, Dacre, 1950
3. Campbell, Dennis M., *The Yoke of Obedience: the meaning of Ordination in Methodism*, Nashville, Abingdon, 1988
4. Davies., Rupert E., *Methodism*, Great Britain, Epworth Press, 1990
5. Doraisamy, Theodore, R., *The March of Methodism: In Singapore and Malaysia 1885-1990*, Singapore, MBR Publication, 1982
6. Harper, Steve, *John Wesley's Message For Today*, Michigan, Zondervan, 1983
7. Hunt, Robert et al (ed), *Christianity in Malaysia: A Denominational History*, Petaling Jaya, Pelanduk Publications, 1992
8. Lau, Earnest, *From Mission to Church*, Singapore, Armour, 2008
9. Liew, Gabriel, *Pastoral Care in the Wesleyan Spirit*, Singapore, Beaumont Publishing
10. Mickey, Paul, A., *Essentials of Wesleyan Theology*, Michigan, Zondervan, 1980
11. Outler, Albert (ed), *John Wesley*, New York, Oxford University Press, 1964
12. Outler, Albert, *Theology in the Wesleyan Spirit*, Tennessee, Tidings, 1975
13. Snyder, Howard A., *The Problem of Wineskins*, Illinois, IVP, 1975
14. Snyder, Howard A., *The Radical Wesley*, Illinois, IVP, 1980
15. Stokes, Mack B., *The Holy Spirit in the Wesleyan Heritage*, Tennessee, Abingdon Press, 1985
16. Weakley, Clare, *John Wesley: Holy Spirit and Power*, New Jersey, Logos, 1977
17. Wilke, Richard B., *Signs and Wonders*, Nashville, Abingdon, 1989
18. Wood, Skevington, J. *The Burning Heart, John Wesley: Evangelist*, England, Paternoster Press, 1967