



The CEU News

Continuing Education Update

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Events - Coming Soon!

Check the Holston [online calendar](#) for a full listing of future events.

November:

What Now? What's Next?

November 2 Online 0.1 CEUs

What does it look like for a Methodist leader (or congregation) to respond to God's call now? What biblical texts, stories from our past, and core Wesleyan convictions can guide us from this point? In this webinar, Willimon will be joined by Rev. Dr. F. Douglas Powe, Jr., Director of the Lewis Center for Church Leadership at Wesley Theological Seminary; Dr. Olivia Poole, pastor at St. Luke United Methodist Church in Enterprise, Alabama; and Haley Jobe, seminarian at Duke Divinity School pursuing a Master of Divinity.

Preaching During Advent: Offering Hope

November 3 Online 0.1 CEUs

Using the new version of his book HOPE: An Advent Journey as a reference, Olu Brown will take participants through the Advent season, offering suggestions on making plans as you prepare for Advent and Christmas 2022.

Aging & Ministry in the 21st Century

November 7-20 Online 1.0 CEUs

Are you inspired to learn new ways of helping your congregation develop an intentional and comprehensive ministry that is by, with, and for Boomers, Gen X'ers, and others in their golden years? These are the older adults who often play leading roles in our congregations. This course explores innovative and practical ways of helping congregations develop outstanding ministry with members of our Baby Boomer Generation and beyond.

Worship Planning for Small Congregations

November 15 Online 0.1 CEUs

Learn a more powerful option for small congregations—one that expands participation, emphasizes lay leadership, ends the burnout of meetings, invites local gifts, and heightens anticipation because something is up for grabs with each worshiper treated as a co-creator.

Let Mission Shape Your Worship Webinar

November 15 Online 0.1 CEUs

Join Rev. Dr. Lovett H. Weems Jr. for *Let Mission Shape Your Worship*. This webinar helps church leaders continue to strengthen their worship in ways that engage evermore people with God's love through Jesus Christ. While mission is the church's reason for being, worship that embodies that mission brings a power that can unify and grow a congregation. In this one-hour webinar, participants will learn practical skills that can be adapted to fit Individual church contexts.

Oh no! I don't know what to preach for Advent!

November 17 Online 0.1 CEUs

Wil Cantrell, popular speaker, author and United Methodist pastor, will discuss ideas to help as you make preparations to preach during Advent 2022.

Prepare the Way for the Lord: Advent & the Message of John the Baptist

November 28 - December 23 Online 1.0 CEUs

For two thousand years, Christians have turned to the story and message of John the Baptist in the weeks leading up to Christmas. In *Prepare the Way for the Lord: Advent and Message of John the Baptist*, best-selling author and pastor Adam Hamilton explores the themes of John's life and ministry, and how John calls all followers of Jesus to prepare our hearts for his coming.

Looking Ahead....

Minister's Convocation 2023
February 27 - March 1
Pigeon Forge, TN
2.0 CEUs



SAVE THE DATE

Praying

TOGETHER

MINISTERS' CONVOCATION
February 27 – March 1, 2023

Featuring Dr. Luther Smith and Dr. Barbara Peacock
Details and registration link will be coming in a few weeks, so mark your calendar!

CEU QUICKLINKS:

[PeoplePortal User Instructions](#)

(Includes directions for submitting CEU requests)

[Event Evaluation Form](#)

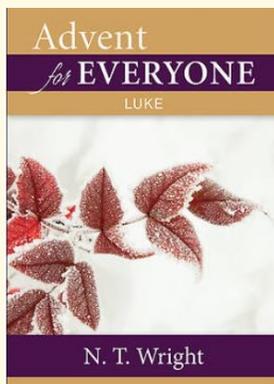


CLERGY NOTES:

Since this is charge conference season and many of you are submitting credit requests for events you have attended, here are a few reminders:

- We offer 0.1 CEU for each contact hour. So if you get a certificate that says “10 hours of credit”, it is 1 CEU, not 10 CEUs.
- If you have participated in a monthly clergy study group, you can report that for 1 CEU.
- If you are reporting books you have read, please include the author, publisher, and put a brief review in the notes section.
- In the future, coaching (group or personal) qualifies for a maximum of 0.5 CEUs.

Book Review



[Advent for Everyone: Luke](#) - by N. T. Wright

Advent for Everyone: Luke provides readers with an inspirational guide through the Advent season, from the first Sunday in Advent through the Saturday after the Fourth Sunday in Advent. Popular biblical scholar and author N. T. Wright provides his own Scripture translation and brief reflection, exploring the Gospel themes of faith, repentance, justice, and celebration.

Wright's engaging reflections take you on a journey of spiritual enlightenment, guiding you toward the wonder and joy of Christmas. This book is suitable for both individual and group study and reflection.

Professor Wright is currently Research Professor Emeritus of New Testament and Early Christianity at St Mary's College in the University of St Andrews and Senior Research Fellow at Wycliffe Hall, Oxford.



A Message from Our Director...

Well, the season is upon us. No. Not the Christmas season, although pre-Halloween at Walmart and Lowes you would think that it is. I am referring to the charge conference question: "Do I have the printout that shows my CEU season?" At this time of the year, Sue Weber gets inundated with requests to help print the report that is needed for your packets.

You would think that this is the only time of the year that CEU's are thought about. I know that it isn't. After all, you need to take those classes and attend those seminars prior to asking for that yearly fall report. I want to encourage you to keep taking classes and attending seminars. As United Methodists we value and promote the fact that our clergy are engaged in a lifelong learning process. We don't just stop with COS/ACOS or seminary. We continually strive to learn and grow in our professional knowledge and in topics that make us spiritually stronger.

Thank you for all that you do for the Kingdom, and may God continue to bless your ministry.

- *Rev. Terry Goodman*
Director of Clergy Services

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