

## **Methodism 101**

### **Syllabus**

- 5/15 UM History – John Wesley, Methodism in America
- 5/22 UM Doctrine – The Theological Task, Wesleyan Quadrilateral, Order of Salvation
- 5/29 UM Polity – The Organization and Connectionalism of the United Methodist Church

### **Theological Task**

- 1. Nature of the Task
- 2. Wesleyan Quadrilateral
  - a. Scripture
  - b. Tradition
  - c. Reason
  - d. Experience

### **Doctrinal Heritage**

- 1. Basic Christian Affirmations
  - a. Triune God
  - b. Mystery of Salvation through Jesus Christ
  - c. Reign of God is both present and future reality
  - d. Christ's Universal Church
    - i. One Baptism
    - ii. Open Communion

### **Order of Salvation**

- 2. Distinctive Wesleyan Emphases
  - a. Prevenient Grace
  - b. Justification and Assurance
  - c. Sanctification and Perfection
  - d. Mission and Service
- 3. General Rules
  - a. Do no harm; Do good; Stay in love with God

### **Social Justice Ministry**

- 1. Social Principles
  - a. Natural World
  - b. Nurturing Community
  - c. Social Community
  - d. Economic Community
  - e. Political Community
  - f. World Community
- 2. Social Creed