**Memphis/Tennessee/Holston Course of Study**

**Online May 16-17 and May 30-31, 2025 (required zoom classes-links will be emailed in early May)**

**Assignment and Course Requirements**

**Course: COS122‐Theology I**

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**Prework** must be E-MAILED to the instructor on or before **Midnight May 16, 2022**. Please staple your assignment to an ALPS-MTH “Cover Sheet” found under the General Information Tab on the ALPS-MTH website [www.alpsumc.org](http://www.alpsumc.org)

**Additional written assignments** will be due **emailed to the instructor** no later than **Midnight May 30, 2022** before the second Friday night course meeting.

Students will be able to:

1. Examine their understanding of faith, sin, salvation, grace, and the place of doctrine in the life of the Church.
2. Use and understand classical theological terms and themes.

3. Critically consider the sources of theological reflection, including scripture, tradition,

1. Reflect theologically as a resource for pastoral ministry.

**Texts:**

Gonzales, Justo L. & Zaida Moldonado Perez. *An Introduction to Christian Theology* Nashville: Abingdon Press, 2002).

Campbell, Ted A. *Methodist Doctrine: The Essentials* (Nashville: Abingdon Press, rev. ed. 2011).

Allison, C. FitzSimons. *The Cruelty of Heresy* (Harrisburg: Morehouse Publishing, 1994

**Reference:**

*2024 Book of Discipline*

Collins, Ken*. The Theology of John Wesley: Holy Love and the Shape of Grace* (Nashville: Abingdon, 2007).

**Pre-work Assignments First Weekend**

1. Read *An Introduction to Christian Theology,* pp. 7-96*;*  *Methodist Doctrine: The Essentials*, pp. 9-58; *The Cruelty of Heresy*, pp. 15-94 and the *United Methodist Book of Discipline 2016*, pp. 47-91.

2. In the light of your reading, write a 4-5 page paper on the doctrine of the Trinity. What is unique about the Christian understanding of God and why does it matter in pastoral terms?

3. In the light of your reading, write a 4-5 page paper on the doctrine of Jesus Christ. Why is the Chalcedonian definition of *one person in two natures* important? How do you understand Christ’s saving work?

4. In the light of your reading, write a 4-5 page paper on our doctrinal standards. How would you summarize what is unique about this aspect of United Methodism?

**Mid Course Assignment:**

1. Read *An Introduction to Christian Theology,* pp. 97-158*;*  *Methodist Doctrine: The Essentials*, pp. 59-112; and *The Cruelty of Heresy*, pp. 95-178.

2. In the light of your reading, write a 4-5 page paper on ecclesiology, the doctrine of the Church. What is unique about the United Methodist understanding?

3. In the light of your reading, write a 4-5 page paper on the resurrection and Christian hope. How do we offer encouragement and promise regarding the future?

4. In the light of your reading, write a 4-5 page paper on the distinctively United Methodist relationship between theology and ethics. How does what we believe effect how we live? How does the way in which we live effect what we believe?

**Grade Percentages:**

Prework 40%

Midwork 30%

Course Participation 30%