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Advanced Practice of Ministry: Preaching in the Wesleyan Spirit
Summer 2008
Dr. Edgardo Colón-Emeric

Dear sisters and brothes:

Candidates for ordination as Elders in *The United Methodist Church* are asked, whether they will preach and maintain the doctrines of the church. But, what does the answer to this question look like? Assuming that there is a stable set of Methodist doctrines to be maintained; is there a way of preaching them that is characteristically Methodist in both content and form? Can and should a sermon by a Methodist be Wesleyan? By reading sermons by Wesley and his heirs, by responding to each others sermons, and by preaching in class, this course seeks to nurture habits supportive of a life of preaching in the Wesleyan spirit.

In preparation for this course I am asking you to read all the required books. As you read these books ask and answer the following questions:

Read Lacey Warner's *Saving Women*. Is there something uniquely Wesleyan about women evangelists and preachers?

Read James Howell's *The Life We Claim*. What is the role of doctrine in preaching?

Read Randy Maddox's *Responsible Grace*. What is the chief orienting concern of John Wesley's theology?

Read *John Wesley's Sermons*. What lessons can we learn from Wesley as a preacher?

You will not need to turn your answers in, but there might be a quiz (let those who have ears to hear, listen).

Your servant in Christ,
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P.S. Bring your Bibles and hymnals.

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