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READINGS IN WESLEY

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PURPOSE/DESCRIPTION

This course provides an additional opportunity for further reading on the life and theology of the
Wesleys. Taught concurrently with DO690, John Wesley’s Theology for Today, it affords students
greater familiarity with primary documents within the Wesleyan corpus and concepts related to Wesleyan
theology.

READING PRIOR TO CONTACT WEEK

All students are required to read Steven W. Manskar, A Perfect Love prior to Fri., June 11.

SCHEDULE/OUTLINE

Thr June 10  Wesleyan Spirituality & Charles Wesley’s Lyrical Theology
(1-5)   Reading: Whaling, Wesley, 77-89, 162-250, 273-95

Fri June 11  A Plain Account of Christian Perfection
(9-5)   Reading: Collins, John Wesley
        Manskar, A Perfect Love

RESOURCES

Required Texts:
Ken Collins, John Wesley: A Theological Biography (Abingdon: 0-687-02788-8)
Steven W. Manskar, A Perfect Love (Dis Res: 0-88177-388-3)
Frank Whaling, ed., John and Charles Wesley (Paulist: 0-8091-2368-1)

REQUIREMENTS AND EVALUATION

1. Band Meeting Participation. Each student will be assigned to a Band Meeting consisting of
about four students each. Participation in Band discussions is absolutely essential and
required. Due to the brevity of this readings course, no student will be permitted to miss any
session. Discussion will be based upon assigned readings for the day. Each block session
will involve small group work, plenary discussion, time for questions/answers and prayer.
The Study Guide for the Manskar text will direct most of the day on Friday, June 11 in the
style of a retreat format.

2. Reading Report. A reading report which indicates that the student has completed all of the
assigned readings is due on Monday, June 28. Each student is required to submit a one page
paper (12 point font/single spaced) response to both the Collins and the Manskar texts, indicating
the most critical point of learning from each book. The Manskar paper is due on Fri., June 11.
The Collins paper is due no later than Mon., June 28.

3. Grading. The final grade for this readings course will be based upon completion of assigned
readings (60%), and evaluation of papers (40%). In order to qualify for an “A” grade, at least 100
pages in addition to required reading must be documented. A one page paper (12 point
font/single spaced), due no later than Mon., June 28, must discuss the relevance of the material
read to the life of the church today.