**Tuesday Morning Bible Study**

April 14, 2020 – 10:00 to 11:00 AM

A study of the division and dissention throughout Methodist history

Text reference: *The Story of American Methodism,* Frederick A. Norwood, Abingdon Press, Nashville, 1974

We’ll use this guide for the duration of the discussion leading up to this final study on Division and Dissention of the Methodist Church.

Ancestral Heritage: 1725—1784 (John Wesley 1703-1791)

Events during the life of John Wesley including his journey to America, return to England, separation from the Anglican Church, introduction to church hierarchy including establishment of the Conference concept

Pioneer Development: 1784—1860

Revivalism and Camp Meetings, the beginnings of Black Methodism, Reform movement and the Methodist Protestant Church, Slavery, and early theological expression

Settled Institution: 1860—1914

Civil War and reconstruction, Black Churches, Sectarian movements, Education and the printed word, New theology, and missionary enterprise.

Ecumenical Transformation: 1914—1970

New Liberalism and New Reformation, the Social Gospel, The Methodist Church 1939—1968, The Evangelical United Brethren, United Methodism in American Culture, and Denominationalism and Christian Unity

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“Shifts in UMC Institutional view on Sexuality”

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Hang on to the following “History of the UMC” for reference to the dates I have identified above.

History of the UMC



I would like to wrap up the Wesleyan Study and move on to other possibilities for study. We’ll talk about that at the end of the April 21 study, so give some thought to study options you would like us to consider.

For today, we’ll begin the final stages of the study Pastor Lara had started seemingly so long ago. Don’t know about you, but I’d like to get back to some actual face to face time as much as I’m really getting the hang of virtual classroom.

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