**PCM 339 – General Conference of The United Methodist Church**

**Rev. Dr. Sam Powers**

**Spring 2024 – Saint Paul School of Theology – Wednesday, February 21. 8a to 4:30p**

Reading Assignments

**The Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church 2016**

[**https://www.cokesbury.com/book-of-discipline-book-of-resolutions-free-versions**](https://www.cokesbury.com/book-of-discipline-book-of-resolutions-free-versions)

Read “The Constitution”, pp. 25-44

Read “The Nature, Design, and General Rules of Our United Societies”, pp. 77-80

Read Part IV “The Ministry of All Christians”, pp. 93-103

Read Part V “The Social Principles”, pp. 105-146

Read Part VI “The Local Church”, paragraphs 201-204, pp. 147-148

Read “The Meaning of Membership”, paragraphs 216-221, pp. 156-159

Read “The Ministry of the Ordained”, paragraphs 301-304, pp. 223-226

Read “The Superintendency”, paragraphs 401-403, pp. 323-325 and paragraphs 417-419, pp. 342-344

Read “The General Conference”, paragraphs 501-511, pp. 363-371

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[**https://s3.amazonaws.com/Website\_Properties/general-conference/2020/documents/ADCA-English-Vol-2-Sec-1.pdf**](https://s3.amazonaws.com/Website_Properties/general-conference/2020/documents/ADCA-English-Vol-2-Sec-1.pdf)

Read “Revised United Methodist Social Principles”, pp. 130-155

Read legislation surrounding the Social Principles, pp. 156-175. This is legislation dealing with paragraphs 160-164. Please take note of the author of the legislation. The submissions of the official revision process will have Susan Henry-Crowe, the General Secretary of the General Board of Church and Society, listed as the author.

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Read “Sent in Love”, the official study on Ecclesiology from the Committee on Faith and Order, pp. 589-615

Optional Reading: For extra context to “Sent in Love, you may read “The Church: Towards a Common Vision”, ecumenical paper on ecclesiology from the World Council of Churches, 2013.

[**https://www.oikoumene.org/resources/documents/the-church-towards-a-common-vision**](https://www.oikoumene.org/resources/documents/the-church-towards-a-common-vision)