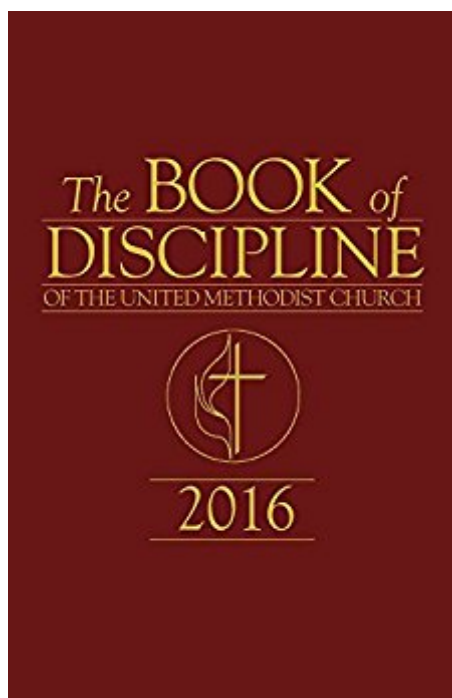


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The Book Of Discipline Of The United Methodist Church 2016



Synopsis

"The church is a community of all true believers under the Lordship of Christ. It is the redeemed and redeeming fellowship in which the Word of God is preached by persons divinely called, and the sacraments are duly administered according to Christ's own appointment. Under the discipline of the Holy Spirit the church seeks to provide for the maintenance of worship, the education of believers, and the redemption of the world." - From the Preamble to the Constitution of The United Methodist Church

The product of over 200 years of General Conferences of the denominations that form The United Methodist Church, the Discipline is the current statement of how United Methodists agree to live together. It acknowledges the past and addresses the future. Updated through the actions of the 2016 General Conference, the new Discipline includes a complete listing of bishops from Thomas Coke and Francis Asbury through the 2016 episcopal elections as well as a revised historical statement, an expanded index, and six parts: The Constitution General Book of Discipline Doctrinal Standards and Our Theological Task The Ministry of All Christians Social Principles Organization and Administration

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Seems like a solid electronic version of United Methodist denominational rules. Contrary to a prior review, it does have a table of contents. It is searchable. Excerpts can be copied and pasted (send your favorite or hated paragraphs to unsuspecting colleagues and parishioners!). Read it anywhere -- say, on vacation with a good strong drink at your fingertips or in that committee meeting that should have ended an hour ago. Ponder the mysteries on interesting sections that nobody else reads, like Our Theological Task, or proof-text with church organization trivia. As far as I know, it has no hidden code to truth, but I haven't tried reading it backwards. Useful for Twitter arguments. A seminarian must-have. My prior version made it through UM polity class with relatively few battle scars; I'm sure this version will be as reliable. Recommended.

Needed it to be available for class.. is good on kindle

It is important as a pastor that I keep abreast of my Church. The Book of Discipline provides me that opportunity.

Update

A constant companion.

This 2016 edition is perfectly adapted to the Kindle user. Well indexed and easily searchable, contrary to the ill-informed review which gave this one star, complaining of being unable to use such a digital reference. With two screen strokes you can arrive immediately at the contents page. There, with one keystroke, arrive instantly at the ¶ number pertinent to your search. Then, while studying that subject, if there is a reference to another ¶ number, you can glance at it with one keystroke to the hot-link contained there, then pop back to the original location. Then, you can cut and paste a sub-paragraph relevant to some discussion and distribute it by email to the interested parties: meanwhile, you can bookmark it for your future reference.... In sum, I feel sympathy for those restricted to the limitations of analog when living in a digital world.

No contents page so, its hard to look up a subject I'm still flipping pages to find answers! I will buy a copy so I can at least flip through to find topics

The book of Discipline is not just about rules of what it means to be United Methodists. Moreover, its historic and present instructions and guidance are to help guide anyone that is a member of United Methodism about living in true discipleship of Jesus Christ. In so doing, both a congregation--as a community--and its individual members produce the loving fruit of God's holy spirit. They do so by loving their neighbors, their selves, and even those whom they may perceive as enemies. Thereby, the purpose of United Methodist instruction and organization is to be a present and powerful example and invitation to all people of our loving, generous, gracious, sacrificial, and constant creative God.

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