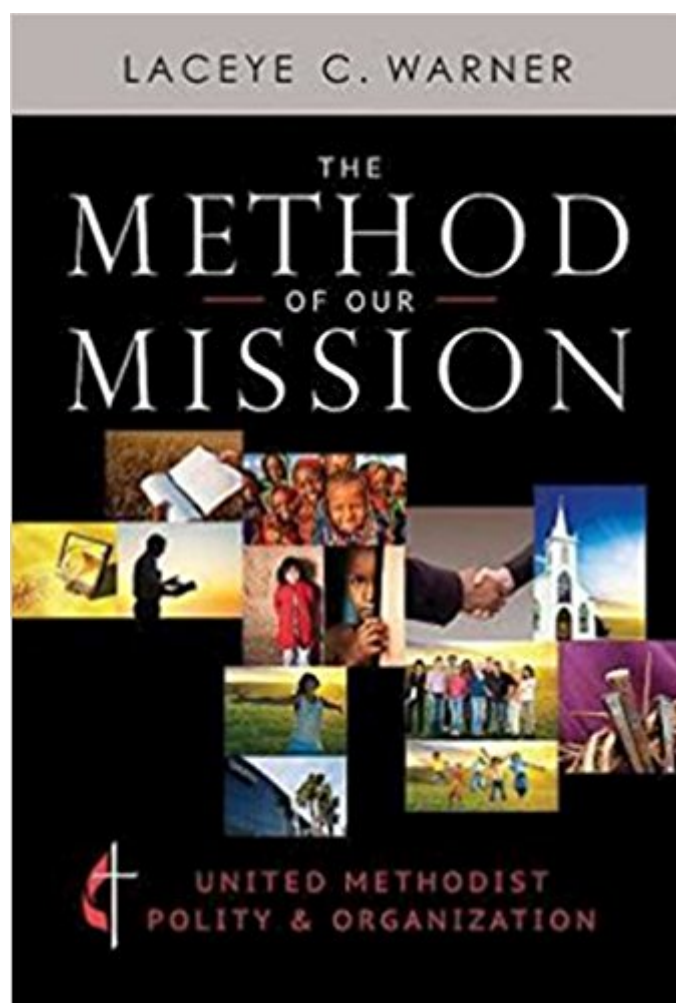


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# The Method Of Our Mission: United Methodist Polity & Organization



## Synopsis

Theology shapes who we are and how we organize to transform the world. Especially written for required United Methodist classes, this accessible book uses a Wesleyan theological framework to help readers understand United Methodism's polity and organization as the interrelationship of our beliefs, mission, and practice. The book is organized into four parts: United Methodist beliefs, mission, practice, and organization. Polity and organization are primary embodiments of The United Methodist Church. Functional in nature, these aspects of the denomination facilitate our mission to make disciples for the transformation of the world. This book connects denominational governance and organization to our beliefs as well as our mission. A clear understanding of our identity as Methodists with Wesleyan roots in connection and our purpose to make disciples for the transformation of the world can help students of United Methodism navigate this treacherous landscape as present and future leaders. Warner also addresses the estrangement between theology and institutional structures and practice by framing governance practices and organizational structure within a Wesleyan theology of connection. This approach will assist current and future denominational leaders in understanding their practices of administration and participation in polity as a theological endeavor and key component of their ministries. This textbook has been updated with changes from the 2016 General Conference.

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## Customer Reviews

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Good information but not for an average reader. Hard to understand and follow. Needed a translator, lol, and I am a college grad.

Thank you for finding this book, which should not have gone to Florida. Thanks so much, I have a business P.O. Box here in California while going to school. Great read and easy on the eyes ! Thanks for having this for us in the United Methodist Church.:)

This book provides a good overview of the structure and mission of The United Methodist Church. The organization of the information is a little odd and too many chapter summaries are provided. I found much more detailed information in "Polity, Practice and the Mission of The United Methodist Church" by Thomas Frank.

Warner does an incredible job of providing a theological and missional lens to UMC polity and structure. As a historian, she pays close attention to the subtle shifts of the ecclesial body over time. As a new clergy member in the UMC, I found this book to be invaluable in understanding the nature and make-up of this body.

Good resource tool with United Methodist Polity classes. Thanks

Very informative about the Methodist Church History

Awesome book great for new believers

Great read. required text for seminary. Enjoyed the read.

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