

NEWS FROM THE MANCHESTER WESLEY RESEARCH CENTRE – October 2017

The MWRC at the American Academy of Religion: 18-21 November

As a new Related Scholarly Organization of the AAR, the MWRC will be hosting a session on 'New Research on Methodism and the Holiness Movements in Britain' on **Monday 20 November** from **4:00 PM to 6:30 PM** in the **Beacon, Room B (Third level)** at the **Sheraton Hotel**.

This session highlights the research of recent Visiting Research Fellows of the Manchester Wesley Research Centre. Two presentations will focus on early Methodism based on research done at the Methodist Archives and Research Centre at the John Rylands Library in Manchester. The other two presentations stem from research in the Church of the Nazarene in the UK archives at Nazarene Theological College and other little-known collections relating to the Holiness Movements in the UK. Collectively the presentations serve as examples of the wide-range of research possibilities on Methodism and the Holiness Movements that may be undertaken utilizing resources in the UK (particularly in Manchester).

Andrew Kloes, United States Holocaust Memorial Museum: *Reading John Wesley through Wits, Turretin, and Spanheim: Augustus Toplady's University Student Annotations*

Cindy Aalders, Regent College: *The Methodist Child in Georgian England*

David Bundy, Manchester Wesley Research Centre: *Sophia Chambers, Founder of the Holiness Church: A Case Study of Victorian Entrepreneurial Religious Leadership*

Priscilla Pope-Levison, Southern Methodist University: *Pentecost in the Churches: Women in the Pentecostal League of Prayer*

SPS-WTS-MWRC Reception:

Also at the AAR, the MWRC is joining with the Society for Pentecostal Studies and Wesleyan Theological Society to host a reception for friends and fellow scholars. This will be on Saturday 18 November 2017, 8:00 PM–9:30 PM at the Westin Copley Place-St. George A-B (Third Level).

Methodist Studies Seminars

The next Methodist Studies Seminar will be at the Wesley Study Centre, St John's College, Durham University on Friday 8 December 2017. To register, contact Penny Bissell: p.a.bissell@durham.ac.uk

The first 2018 seminar will be at the John Rylands Library in Manchester (organised by the MWRC and Cliff College) on Friday 20 April.

Call for Applications for 2018 MWRC Visiting Research Fellowships

We are currently accepting applications for the 2018 John Rylands Research Institute-MWRC Joint Visiting Fellowship and the 2018 MWRC Visiting Fellow programme. Applications are due by 15 and 31 January 2018 respectively. For full details on the Fellowships, including reports on the experiences of recent Visiting Fellows, visit: <http://www.mwrc.ac.uk/visiting-fellows/>

New MWRC Partner Institutions

The MWRC has three new partners: Perkins School of Theology at Southern Methodist University, Tyndale University College & Seminary, and Universidad del Centro Educativo Latinoamericano (UCEL).

UCEL, a Methodist university in Rosario, Argentina, may be the least known to many outside of Latin America. UCEL is celebrating its 25th anniversary on 9 December 2017. It has established a Wesley Institute and is working on initiating a Licentiate in Theology, to prepare ministers for the Methodist Church and to develop a team of scholars in Methodist theology. The Spanish and Cultural immersion programme, combined with ministry in Argentina, is open to students and pastors. See the attached flyer for details.

'Emeritus: The Life & Work of Dr. Herbert McGonigle'

This video was developed to celebrate the opening of the Rev Dr Herbert McGonigle Collection at the MWRC in June 2017. You can find it [on our YouTube page](#). McGonigle was Principal of Nazarene Theological College, Manchester from 1986-2003 and founding Director of the Manchester Wesley Research Centre. His collection developed over a lifetime of research on the Wesleyan tradition.

Details about the portion of the collection that has been accessioned can be obtained from NTC and MWRC librarian, Helen Stocker: hstocker@nazarene.ac.uk Details about this collection and other recent donations will appear in future newsletters.

MWRC Annual Lectures

The video of Prof Howard Snyder's MWRC Annual Lecture—"Works of Grace and Providence": The Structure of John Wesley's Theology—is [now available on our YouTube page](#). It will be published in the June 2018 issue of *Wesley and Methodist Studies* (vol. 10:2).

We're pleased to announce that our next annual lecture will be given by Dr Ulrike Schuler, Professor of Church History, Methodism, and Ecumenism at Theologische Hochschule Reutlingen (Reutlingen School of Theology) in Germany. The lecture will be on Monday 18 June 2018 at 5pm at the J.B. Mclagan Chapel on the campus of Nazarene Theological College. It will be live-streamed.

Digitisation of Books Relating to the History of the Church of the Nazarene in the UK

The MWRC has recently helped to facilitate the digitisation of three books:

Jack Ford, *In the Steps of John Wesley: The Church of the Nazarene in Britain* (1968).

Hugh Rae, *Scholarship on Fire: A Personal Account of the First Fifty Years of the Nazarene College in Britain* (1994).

T. A. Noble, *Called to be Saints: A Centenary History of the Church of the Nazarene in the British Isles 1906-2006* (2006).

The books are available via the [Wesleyan-Holiness Digital Library](#) and Asbury Theological Seminary [First Fruits](#) digital library.

Other News and Events:

Anglican-Methodist Union Day Conference

The Oxford Centre for Methodism and Church History at Oxford Brookes University is holding a conference on Wednesday 25 October 2017 to introduce scholars to the Anglican-Methodist Union collection of manuscripts which have recently been donated to the Centre. The manuscripts relate primarily to the Anglican-Methodist Union talks of the 1960s and 70s. For further information and to register contact Janet Acutt at: jacutt@brookes.ac.uk

Methodist Ministers at War: Wesleyan Methodist Chaplains of World War I

The John Rylands Library has launched a digitised manuscript volume containing service records of over 300 Wesleyan Methodist ministers who served as chaplains in the British military during World War I. Further details are available via a [JRL Special Collections blog article](#).

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