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NEWS FROM THE MANCHESTER WESLEY RESEARCH CENTRE – April 2018

Greetings from the MWRC! To reduce the amount of text below, keywords are hyperlinked to web addresses where you can find full details on news items.

Methodist Studies Seminars

The programme for the [Methodist Studies Seminar](#) at the John Rylands Library in Manchester (organised by the MWRC and Cliff College) on **Friday 20 April 2018** is now available and attached to this message. The programme for the day is attached to this message. Attendance is free of charge; however, to help us with planning catering, please register by emailing Helen Stocker at: hstocker@nazarene.ac.uk by 12 April. We're hoping to record and make as many of the presentations available as possible on the [MWRC YouTube page](#).

The Methodist Church will hold its [Annual Methodist Research Conference](#) at the Rylands on Thursday 19 April 2018.

The second 2018 seminar will be at The Queen's Foundation in Birmingham (organised by Queen's and the Oxford Centre for Methodism and Church History) on Saturday 8 December.

The MWRC Annual Lecture

The 2018 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. Maclagan Chapel on the campus of Nazarene Theological College. It will be [live-streamed here](#). A poster for the lecture is attached. The title of her lecture is 'Re-formation: Liberty in a Wesleyan Spirit and Praxis'. A short abstract of the lecture can be [found here](#).

Announcement of 2018 MWRC Visiting Research Fellows

The John Rylands Research Institute-MWRC Joint Visiting Research Fellow:

Dr Alan M. Guenther, Briercrest College and Seminary (Saskatchewan, Canada): 'The Globalization of Methodist Worship' focusing on the 19th century 'growth of the number of songs from the United States and other countries included in Methodist hymnals published in Britain', including contributions that may have come from converts in mission settings. He will be resident from 18 June to 30 July 2018.

MWRC Visiting Research Fellows:

Dr Kimberley Ervin Alexander, School of Divinity, Regent University (Virginia): 'Bearing Witness: Spirit Baptism in the Life of the Pentecostal and Her Community' focusing on 'the personal and communal meaning and significance of the experience of Spirit baptism for the Pentecostal tradition'. She will be resident from 24 June to 10 August 2018.

Dr Sarah Lancaster, Methodist Theological School in Ohio: work on volume 14 of *The Works of John Wesley* (Doctrinal and Controversial Treatises III) focusing on John Wesley's writings in response to the Moravians. She will be resident from 26 August to 15 September 2018.

MWRC Sabbatical Fellow:

Revd Douglas Childress, Baltic Methodist Theological Seminary (Tallinn, Estonia): work on a seminary project on translating Wesley's Standard Sermons and then preaching and publishing modern versions preached by current educators and church leaders in Estonian. He will be resident in August 2018.

Completion of Library Extension Project and New Donations

We're pleased to report that the library shelving extension project has been completed! This has created space for another 3,500 books in the library. A picture of part of the shelving is attached to this message.

Providentially, while this project was being completed, we gratefully received two new major donations to the library. The first donation is wonderful collection of Wesleyan books and Wesleyana from the late Nazarene minister, **Revd Allan Longworth**. A short biography of Revd Longworth can be found in the [Winter 2017 issue of Together magazine](#). See also the pictures attached to this message.

The second donation is a fantastic collection of Methodist and church history books from Methodist minister, **Revd John Munsey Turner**. A short biography of Revd Turner can be found in the [Dictionary of Methodism in Britain and Ireland](#). Together these collections make up over 150 boxes of books!

Other News:

Tyndale Seminary's annual [Wesley Studies Symposium](#) will take place on 25 April on the Tyndale campus in Toronto.

The [Wesley Historical Society Triennial Conference and Annual Lecture](#) will be in Cambridge on 22 and 23 June.

The [Charles Wesley Society](#) 2018 Annual Meeting will be held on 9-11 August at the recently-restored New Room, Bristol. The conference will include visits to historic Wesley sites in Bristol, including Charles Wesley's home. For further information contact Dr Clive Norris at cjpr_norris@hotmail.com.

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