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## NEWS FROM THE MANCHESTER WESLEY RESEARCH CENTRE – June 2020

We hope this finds you and yours safe and healthy during this difficult time. This is a brief newsletter focusing on two public events that will be streamed live online this week and next week.

### Lecture on Methodism in Russia Live Online on Friday 12 June

At this year's annual Nazarene Theological College One-Day Theology Conference the main paper will be given by MWRC guest, Revd Dr Sergei Nikolaev, President of the Moscow United Methodist Theological Seminary and E. Stanley Jones Professor of Evangelism. The lecture will be on **Friday 12 June from 3:00 to 4:30pm** UK time (10am Eastern start in North America) via ZOOM. The title of the lecture is: 'Methodists in Northwestern Russia and Moscow, 1889-1937: A Study in Methodist Identity'.

**Link:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9764150003>

**Meeting ID:** 976 415 0003

**Password:** Nazarene1

### MWRC Annual Lecture Live Online on Tuesday 16 June

The 2020 lecture will be given by Professor Karen B. Westerfield Tucker, Professor of Worship, Boston University School of Theology. The lecture is titled '**Another Look at the Methodist/Wesleyan Love Feast: Reception, Adaptation, and Emerging Possibilities**'. The lecture will be on **Tuesday 16 June 2020 at 5pm** UK time (12/noon Eastern time in North America). \*The lecture will be an online event via Zoom at: <https://zoom.us/j/266089184>; meeting ID: 266 089 184 (no password needed). It will also be live-streamed on our YouTube page: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCv7KRnuHwpW3CJgNuOJB1bA>. To whet your appetite, here's a description of the lecture:

*'The love feast was a feature of early Methodism thanks to Moravian influences and to the Wesleys' appreciation for what they saw as primitive Christian praxis. As the Methodist movement spread across oceans and continents and into new denominations, the love feast was sometimes repurposed while still including some of the characteristic components of its earliest Methodist/Wesleyan expression—food-sharing, prayer, offerings of money and personal experiences, and song. In this examination of the love feast in the global "Wesleyan tradition", focus is placed on reception, adaptation, and reinterpretation from the nineteenth century to the present. Attention is then given to what a love feast (or an adaptation) might offer to Methodists/Wesleyans in a twenty-first century context.'*

**Wesley and Methodist Studies, vol. 12/2 (June 2020)**

In addition to book reviews, the latest issue of *Wesley and Methodist Studies* (<http://www.mwrc.ac.uk/wesley-and-methodist-studies/>) includes the following articles:

Ulrike Schuler, Re-formation in Action: Liberty in a Wesleyan Spirit and Praxis—The Tolpuddle Martyrs, Part II

Stanley J. Rodes, A Tale of Two Sermons: The Quest for Theological Coherence in Early Nineteenth-Century English Methodism

### **Articles on Health and Healing in Wesleyan and Methodist Perspectives**

Sharon Grant, Introduction to 2018 American Academy of Religion Articles

Alex Gunter Parrish, 'Houses of Mercy': The Healthcare Initiatives of the Woman's Home Missionary Society in Alaska

Sangwoo Kim, Chun Jin's Charismata of the Spirit: A Methodist Spiritual Healer in the Twentieth-Century Prayer Mountain Movement in Korea

Michael Nausner, Together Whole: A Participatory Understanding of Health from a Wesleyan Perspective

Sarah Conrad Sours, Disabling Hope: Healing Imagery in the Wesleyan Hymn Tradition

Natalya Cherry, Response to AAR Articles

Further details about the journal, including the full contents pages, how to subscribe, and how access the journal via JSTOR, can be found at the link above.

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