



Methodist e-Academy

Serving Methodist Churches in Europe



Methodist Studies Program

With application form for 2020

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The Methodist e-Academy is beginning a new sequence of courses in Methodist Studies in October 2020. These courses provide a unique opportunity for studying the Methodist heritage in companionship with students from across Europe using the internet. We are inviting applications from all who are interested in completing a program in Methodist Studies either in preparation for ordination in a Methodist church or as further education for those who are already ordained.

Introducing the Methodist e-Academy

The Methodist e-Academy is an initiative of Methodist Churches throughout Europe to meet the challenge of equipping people for ordained and lay leadership by utilising the power of the internet and modern communication technologies. It aims to train leaders to continue the task of equipping Methodist churches to bear faithful and effective witness to God's reign and act as agents for personal and social transformation.

The e-Academy offers an internet based distance learning program with faculty and students from across Europe. It provides a unique opportunity for students to encounter Methodism in its various expressions in Europe and encourages them to learn from the experiences of others in their different contexts.

The e-Academy is not a seminary and is not a replacement for existing seminaries. Rather it provides a limited range of modules that can be used in different ways by different countries according to their specific needs. At present it offers a program of 6 modules in Methodist Studies which are suited to the following cases:

- Students training for the ordained ministry from countries where there is no Methodist Seminary and who have completed or are completing their

theological education in institutions which are either secular, ecumenical or linked to another denomination. E-Academy modules supplement this education and assist students to prepare for ordination.

- People who transfer into a Methodist church from another denomination and who wish to be ordained or to have their ordination recognised by the Methodist Church.
- A person who is an ordained pastor in a Methodist church and who wishes to have a deeper knowledge of the tradition.

Methodist Studies

While a course in Methodist Studies is a requirement for ordination in The United Methodist Church, the e-Academy goes beyond this requirement and seeks to ground ordained ministers and pastors in the Methodist heritage, so that they will be aware of its significance and will be able to express this in their theology and ethical decision making, in their church life, their mission and in their relationship with the wider world.

It offers a program of six modules covering Methodist history, theology and church practice. They are offered in German and English. Each module includes an online component, weekly online video seminars and a two to three day block seminar where we bring all the students together. The students take one module per semester.

It is possible to take individual modules as continuing education course without committing oneself to the whole program

The modules are:

Methodist History 1 The Early Years. The roots of Methodism, the eighteenth century revival, the life and work of John Wesley and beginning of the Methodist movement.

Methodist Theology 1. Methodist Doctrine. The distinctive features of Methodist doctrine as theological reflection embedded in praxis and directed towards personal, communal and social transformation.

Methodist History 2. European Methodism The history of Methodism in Europe and its roots in Britain and the USA.

Methodist Theology 2. Methodist Ethics. An examination of the theological ethic which underlies Methodism's responses to diverse ethical issues.

Methodist Ecclesiology 1 & 2 The nature, worship and mission of the church. A study of the distinctive features of a Methodist understanding of the church and its mission including the polity and discipline of the United Methodist Church

Language Studies

For students who do not have an adequate knowledge of German or English the e-Academy offers a limited number of places in an advanced language learning program. The program will combine a one or two month intensive course and an emersion experience in a church context in Germany or Britain. The courses will be arranged between June and September of 2020. Students wishing to participate in such a course must have a basic knowledge of German or English

For further information see our website:

www.methodist-e-academy.org

Application Procedure

The attached form must be filled out and returned to:

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Cost

The cost per module is € 950. This includes the costs of transport and accommodation for the block seminar. Students will be sent an account once their application has been accepted.

A limited number of scholarships, which cover a significant part of the fees, are available for students who are ordained ministers or who are preparing for the ordained ministry in Methodist churches in Europe.

Closing date for applications: 28 February 2020

Late applications will be accepted until 31 May 2020. No late applications will be accepted for the language learning course.

Further details will be sent to students once if their application is accepted.

Application for Program in Methodist Studies

Surname:

First name/s:

Address:

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E-mail:

Telephone Number :

Date of Birth:

Gender: Male/Female

What theological studies have you completed:

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Language of instruction: English / German

Please indicate what your level of expertise in German or English is

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Do you wish to register for the intensive language course? Yes / No

Are you applying for a scholarship? Yes / No

Place and Date:

Signature: