Annual Conference  
4-6 March, 2010  
Azusa Pacific University, Azusa, California  

THE FUTURE OF SCRIPTURE  

Plenary Session Speakers:  

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A Call for Papers  

● Paper proposals are invited on a wide range of topics that might help formulate a robust Doctrine of Scripture and underwrite the various roles Scripture performs in the formation of a holy people. Questions to gather around might include, is there a distinctively Wesleyan doctrine of Scripture? What is the nature of Scripture’s authority? What is the relationship between what the Bible is and how the Bible is interpreted? How does historical criticism support or hinder theological interpretations of Scripture? Who/what decides the roles the Bible performs in the church, academy, culture; and what/who regulates the meanings made of the Bible in those settings? In what sense is Scripture the Word of God in similarity to or in conflict with the Incarnate Word? What is the pneumatology, or the christology, or the ecclesiology, or the soteriology of a theology of Scripture?  

● Papers from scholars from all academic disciplines who are interested in making contributions to a Doctrine of Scripture are encouraged. For example, how might philosophy understand Scripture as a revelatory text? Historians interested in the “history of the Bible” are invited to propose papers that discuss how the Bible’s use at a particular historical moment was shaped by cultural forces. Sociologists might explore the dynamic interaction often at work between personal and congregational interpretations of Scripture.  

● Papers from clergy and practical theologians are keenly encouraged, especially those that explore different models of using the Bible in congregational ministry—in teaching and preaching, in liturgy and hymnology.  

● Papers are invited from academic administrators (or like-minded faculty!) that explore different models of a biblical curriculum in theological education.  

● Finally, and in particular, papers are invited from biblical scholars who explore passages of central importance in the history of Methodism, especially those passages that have supported the doctrine of Christian Perfection.  

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