

**CLFM: Bruner**  
**Mid-term Paper Topic**

Using all four components of the Wesleyan Quadrilateral as a theological method, arrive at an informed and thoughtful opinion about **one** of the following issues:

1. the ordination of women
2. the ordination of practicing gays and lesbians
3. what happens to those who have not heard the gospel, or who have heard it in a distorted way.

Please keep in mind the following things:

1. Don't preach to your reading audience (that would be me). Inform me.
2. Don't rest your arguments on unexamined assumptions.
3. Don't proof-text.
4. Try to be mindful of your own biases. Often, the best papers are those that do NOT reflect the previously held opinions of the author.

Papers need to be at least 4 *full* pages but no more than 6 pages total. Use whatever notation method you are learning in your Freshman Writing Seminar. If you aren't taking FWS, then use MLA (you can find it online or in Diana Hacker's Writing manual).

Other parameters:

1. 12pt. **Times** font.
2. 1" margins all the way around.
3. Works cited page necessary if outside works are cited.
4. Title page optional (it doesn't count towards the page count).

I grade on content and grammar. Obviously, the more well-organized the paper is, the better it will read. If you have trouble writing, the Writing Center is available to help. Make an appointment sooner rather than later.

**NO LATE PAPERS WILL BE ACCEPTED EXCEPT FOR EMERGENCIES (WHICH DOES **NOT** INCLUDE RUNNING OUT OF INK, COMPUTER MALFUNCTIONS, OR LOST PAPERS).**

**IF YOU KNOW YOU ARE GOING TO BE ABSENT, TURN YOUR PAPER IN EARLY. NO EMAILED PAPERS WILL BE ACCEPTED. ANYONE CAUGHT PLAGIRIZING WILL FAIL THE PAPER, WHICH MEANS FAILING THE COURSE. GOOD LUCK!**

**PAPER DUE AT THE BEGINNING OF CLASS, OCTOBER 29, 2009.**