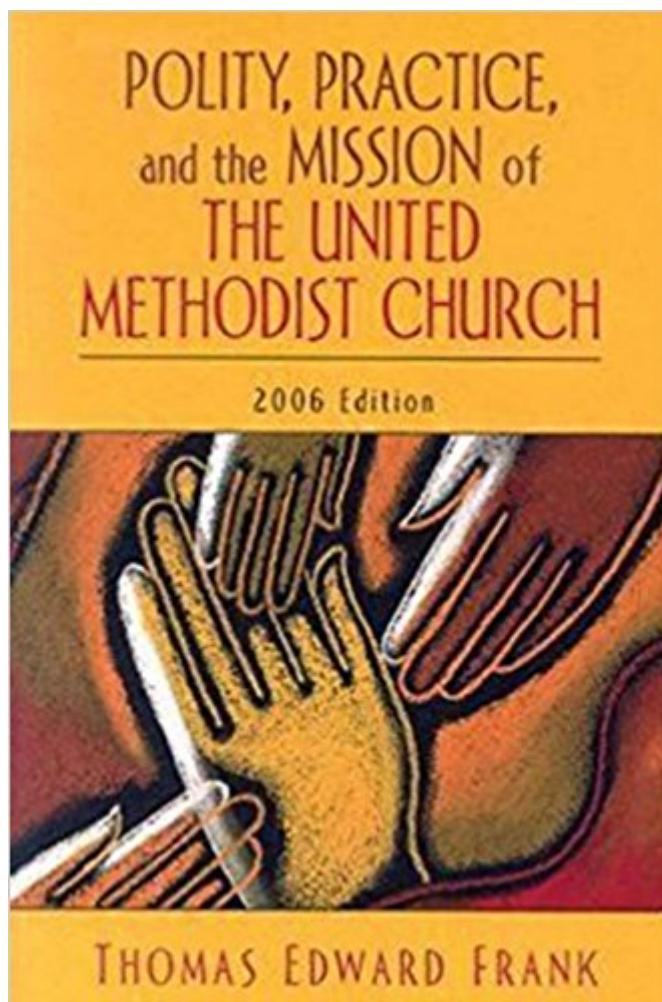


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# Polity, Practice, And The Mission Of The United Methodist Church: 2006 Edition



## **Synopsis**

"Commissioned by the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry for use in United Methodist doctrine/polity/history courses." This in-depth analysis of the connection between United Methodist polity and theology addresses ways in which historical developments have shaped--and continue to shape--the organization of the church. This revised edition incorporates the actions of The United Methodist General Conference, 2004. The book discusses continuing reforms of the church's plan for baptism and church membership, as well as the emergence of deacon's orders and other changes to ordained ministry procedures. The text is now cross-referenced to the Book of Discipline, 2004, including the revised order of disciplinary chapters and paragraph numbering. Denominational statistics are updated, along with references to recent works on The United Methodist Church and American religious life.

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## **Customer Reviews**

Thomas Edward Frank is a University Professor at Wake Forest University.

Mr. Frank, while extremely knowledgeable, is also extremely verbose. He likes multi-syllabic explanation, and while the book is directed at advanced students, it is written in a church and educational jargon mix that is confusing to both. Obfuscation should not be the hallmark of religious educational writing. Confusing one's approach does not make one's subject more pious or holy. I got a lot of information from the book. I have the lingering feeling I could have received much more if

my mind didn't feel it had been under a steam roller.

I purchased this book for a United Methodist Polity class (church law basically). I was truly surprised and pleased that I actually enjoyed reading it. Frank strikes a good balance between explaining the structure of the church, explaining the United Methodist Discipline clearly, and relating it to real life examples. He also clearly loves the church and supports it, although he is clear eyed when describing its inner workings. I would recommend this or subsequent editions published as United Methodist polity continues to evolve.

Was very informative and had lots of history of the UMC

A bit dense, but understandable when I pay attention to what I am reading.

Informative and instructive for all United Methodists and those inquisitive about our church. This was mandatory reading for a certain church group recently. I found it a little difficult to, but this is not leisure reading

This was assigned for an introductory course, but it's not introductory. A list of all the acronyms somewhere would have been helpful - I started making notes in the back.

Text book for a class I was taking. Lot's of good info and as well written as possible for a complex and sometimes dry subject.

Thorough and comprehensive. A wonderful explanation of the UMC's structure and workings. A 'must read' for every student of American Methodism.

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