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***Methodist Review* begins electronic publication May 1**

The board of directors and the sponsors of The Methodist Review, Inc., are pleased to announce the launch of *Methodist Review: A Journal of Wesleyan and Methodist Studies*. As an open access, peer-reviewed electronic academic journal, *Methodist Review (MR)* publishes scholarly articles in all areas and eras of Wesleyan and Methodist studies, including biblical, theological, ethical, philosophical, practical, historical, biographical, and social-scientific topics and [www.methodistreview.org](http://www.methodistreview.org).

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*Methodist Review* is partly a successor to and partly a transformation of *Quarterly Review: A Journal of Theological Resources for Ministry (QR)*, which was published jointly by GBHEM and The United Methodist Publishing House from 1980 to 2005. Russell E. Richey of Candler and Ted A. Campbell of Perkins serve as the general editors of

editorial board of highly qualified senior scholars, including non-U.S. Methodist/Wesleyan scholars, all of whom serve on a voluntary basis, reviewing and evaluating articles submitted for publication in *MR* and advising the editors about their suitability for publication in the journal.

*Methodist Review* will not be published on the regular schedule of a print journal. Instead, articles will be published on the *MR* web site when they are ready, and registered users will be notified of their publication by e-mail. Matthews noted that the electronic format was purposely chosen for the journal to best serve an increasingly global Methodist/Wesleyan academic audience by allowing for more timely delivery of articles and lower production costs. The financial support provided by its sponsors enables *MR* to provide immediate access to its content at no cost to its readers. A one-time, free user registration is required to access the articles published in the journal.

The first articles to be published in *Methodist Review* are these:

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Theological School), Donald A. Thorsen (Asuza Pacific University), Dennis C. Dickerson (Vanderbilt University), and Charles M. Wood (Perkins School of Theology), with an introduction by Sarah Lancaster.
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The first of these articles originated in a program session of the Wesleyan Studies Group at the 2008 Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion. The other three derive from the

Theology, 14 17 August 2008.

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*Humanities and Sciences.*