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COMMUNICATING THE GOSPEL IN A PLURALISTIC WORLD

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Dr. Truesdale is a prolific writer, authoring many books and magazine articles. He has also co-authored and co-edited several publications, and contributed chapters to many books. Recent works include: *When You Can't Pray: Finding Hope When You're Not Experiencing God* and *A Charge to Keep: Telling the Story in a Pluralistic World* (publication pending). Dr. Truesdale's research interests include philosophy of religion in modern novels, world religions, bioethics, and the problem of evil.

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EXPLORING JOHN WESLEY'S THEOLOGY

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She has published articles in the *Wesleyan Theological Journal* and has contributed to two books, including *Heart Religion in the Methodist Tradition and Related Movements*. Her full-length book, *Singleness of Heart: Gender, Sin, and Holiness in Historical Perspective*, won the Wesleyan Theological Society Book of the Year Award in 2002. Leclerc is an active member of the Wesleyan Theological Society and the Wesleyan-Holiness Women Clergy Association. She resides in Nampa, Idaho, with her husband and son.

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PRACTICING WESLEYAN-HOLINESS SPIRITUAL FORMATION

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TELLING THE NEW TESTAMENT STORY OF GOD

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TELLING THE OLD TESTAMENT STORY OF GOD

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