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**Ordination Syllabus**

**Class of 2017**

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**The Scriptural Basis for Ordination**

*“For this cause left I thee in Crete, that thou shouldest set in order the things that are wanting, and ordain elders in every city, as I had appointed thee: If any be blameless, the husband of one wife, having faithful children not accused of riot or unruly. For a bishop must be blameless, as the steward of God; not selfwilled, not soon angry, not given to wine, no striker, not given to filthy lucre; But a lover of hospitality, a lover of good men, sober, just, holy, temperate; Holding fast the faithful word as he hath been taught, that he may be able by sound doctrine both to exhort and to convince the gainsayers.” - Titus 1:5-9*

**The Mission of the Board**

To cultivate **relevant, effective, disciplers**, through systematic Biblical training, and a synergistic, collegial brotherhood.

**The Application Process**

Obtain Pastoral Letter of Recommendation on official church letterhead

Letter of Intent

Complete the Credential Request Form

Complete the COGIC Screening Application

Complete the Online Sexual Misconduct Training ($15 fee) (save certificate as .pdf)

Complete BCI Background Check via (Cornerstone Company)

$200 fee Money Order

Mandatory attendance Ordination Orientation (recommended with Pastor)

**The Timeline**

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| **February - July** | **Second Term** *(April-July)* |
| * Orientation & Pastoral Meeting * On-line Modules * COGIC Doctrine * COGIC History * Christian Theology * Spiritual Gifts Assessment * Project Declaration | * Online Modules * Standardized Ordination Curriculum * Volunteer Locally * Preaching Practicum (Cleveland, Ohio) * Project Presentation (During Convocation) * Board Interview (During Convocation) * Board Recommendation (During Convocation) |

**2017 Important Dates**

February 11th, 2017 – Orientation @ Generation Church (365 East 156th St. Cleveland, Ohio 44110)

March 16th and 17th, 2017 – Class Sessions B,C,D,E @ Worker’s Meeting (Akron, Ohio)

April 22nd, 2017 – Project Workshop @ Generation Church (Cleveland, Ohio)

May 27th, 2017 – Preaching Practicum @ Generation Church (Cleveland, Ohio)

July 18th,2017 – Project Presentation @ Holy Convocation (Cleveland, Ohio)

July 19th and 20th, 2017 - Interview Sessions I and II @ Holy Convocation (Cleveland, Ohio)

September 16th – Ordination Service (Mansfield, Ohio) \***Vestments**

* **ALL CANDIDATES are to be dressed in CLASS A Vestments for the Ordination Service**

**Technology Requirements**

Word Processing, Internet Access, Email, Texting capabilities

**What you will be doing**

* *You will be completing modules and assignments for ordination online.*
* *You will be responsible for a variety of* ***assignments*** *that will enhance your educational journey and spiritual formation.*
* ***Modules*** *and assignments can be found in the “Brother Candidates Only” section of the* [www.onfjordination.org](http://www.onfjordination.org) ***website.***
* ***EACH MODULE SHOULD BE A SEPARATE WORD PROCESSED DOCUMENT***
* You will be taking any quizzes online using ***Socrative***. The testing windows are only open for a limited amount of time.
* To take quizzes
  + Download the ***Socrative Student*** app from iTunes or Google Play store.
  + Or go to **m.socrative.com** and enter the room number (**ohionorthcogic**)
* **All work is to be uploaded on the website (in the dropbox).**
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**Required Texts (get books from amazon.com)**

Church of God In Christ Theology and Doctrine Student Book (downloadable from website)

Christian Theology by John H. Sailhamer 0310500419

[Bishop C. H. Mason and the Roots of the Church of God in Christ](https://www.amazon.com/gp/product/1562294512/ref=oh_aui_detailpage_o00_s00?ie=UTF8&psc=1) by Ithiel Clemmons 978-1562294519

Church of God In Christ: Standardized Ordination Curriculum (downloadable from website)

Church of God In Christ: Official Manual

Understanding Bible Doctrine As Taught in the Church of God In Christ

**Recommended Books for the “Toolbox”**

A Global History of Christians by Charles Spikard – 0801022495

Charts of Christian Theology and Doctrine by H. Wayne House 978-0310416616

Exegetical

The Star Book on Preaching by Marvin McMickle - 0817014926

Living Water for Thirsty Souls by Marvin McMickle – 9780817013585

Elements of Biblical Exegesis by: Michael J. Gorman ISBN: 1565634853

Leadership

Renegade Pastor by Nelson Searcy – 9781441224408

What Every Pastor Should Know by McIntosh and Arn 978-0-8010-1435-2

Size Does Matter by R.A. Vernon 978-0-9834302-0-9

The Creative Leader By: Ed Young - 978-0805431773

Ministry

Pursued by Jud Wilhite

When Power Meets Potential by T.D. Jakes

Growing Up by Robby Gallaty - 9781462729982

What Every Pastor Should Know by McIntosh and Arn 978-0-8010-1435-2

Size Does Matter by R.A. Vernon 978-0-9834302-0-9

The Creative Leader By: Ed Young - 978-0805431773

Personal Growth

Every Man’s Battle by Stephen Arterburn - 978-1578563685

Throw It Down by Jud Wilhite – 9780310327530

Apologetics

Across the Spectrum By: Gregory Boyd and Paul Eddy ISBN: 1565634853

The Apologetics Study Bible ISBN: 9781586400248

Reference

A Global History of Christians by Charles Spikard – 0801022495

The Black Church in the U.S. by William Banks 978-0741401625

Bible Dictionary (with Illustrations, graphs, charts)

Chronological and Background Charts of the Old Testament - 0310481619

Chronological and Background Charts of the New Testament – 978-0-310-282938

Chronological and Background Charts of Church History - 9780310258131

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| **Module** | **Pages in textbook** | **75 Questions / Bis. Mason & the roots of the COGIC** | **Pacing**  **Due Date** |
| **Module #1**  *75 Questions* | *1-20* | 75 Questions 1-28  Read and Outline - **About the Founders** | 2/20 |
| **Module #2**  *75 Questions* | *21-40* | 75 Questions 29-45  Read and Outline: **The Formative Years** | 2/27 |
| **Module #3**  *75 Questions* | *41-72* | 75 Questions 46-58  Read and Outline: **The Roots of the Azusa Street Revival - A New Spirituality** | 3/6 |
| **Module #4**  *75 Questions* | *73-81* | 75 Questions 59-66  Read and Outline: **The Holy Convocation – Moving into the City** | 3/13 |
| **Module #5**  *75 Questions* | *101-123* | 75 Questions 67-75  **Read and Outline: Mothers Roberson and Coffey – Pioneers of Women’s Work** | 3/20 |
| **Module** | **Pages in textbook** | **COGIC Theology and Doctrine** | **Pacing**  **Due Date** |
| **Module #6**  *COGIC Theology and Doctrine* | *5-24* | Read Unit 1, Unit 2, and Unit 3  Create Document: Define Key Terms, Answer discussion Questions,  Read Sailhamer Assigned Reading  **Wagner-Houts Spiritual Gifts Assessment** | 3/27 |
| **Module #7**  *COGIC Theology and Doctrine* | *24-39* | Read Unit 4, Unit 5, and Unit 6  Create Document: Define Key Terms, Answer discussion Questions, Read Sailhamer Assigned Reading | 4/3 |
| **Module #8**  *COGIC Theology and Doctrine* | *40-71* | Read Unit 7, Unit 8, Unit 9, and Unit 10  Create Document: Define Key Terms, Answer discussion Questions, Read Sailhamer Assigned Reading | 4/10 |
| **Module** | **Pages in textbook** | **Ordination Standardized Curriculum** |  |  |
| **Module #9**  *Overview & Ordained Elder*  *Statement of Faith* | *4-53* | **Glossary- Define all bolded and key terms**  **Statement of Faith T-Chart –** Prepare a document containing a “T” chart that compares another denomination’s affirmations to those made in our Statement of Faith. | 4/17 |
| **Module #10**  *Old Testament* | *54-71* | **Glossary- Define all bolded and key terms**  **OT People Profile -** Research an ancient culture or people mentioned in the OT, and create a profile sheet containing the following information: Name, Names of people, Bible Passage, Geographic Location, Language, Religious practices, Times of existence, other interesting facts. (template on website) | 4/24 |
| **Module #11**  *New Testament* | *72-84* | **Glossary- Define all bolded and key terms**  **NT Genre Chart –** *Make a chart that: describes the differences in NT genres, and categorizes the NT books.*  **5 paragraph Essay (pg. 84) –** Choose a question to respond to | 5/1 |
| **Module #12**  *Church History Theological Knowledge* | *85-120* | Glossary- Define all bolded and key terms  Short Essay Questions (3-5 sentences) - Page 100/1-2 | 5/8 |
| **Module #14**  *The Polity*  *The Ordination* | *121-155* | **Glossary- Define all bolded and key terms**  **COGIC Flow Chart –** create a COGIC Organizational Flow Chart  **8 L’s Chart #2-** Complete an 8 L’s exegetical chart | 5/15 |
| **Module #15**  *Preaching Course* | *156-167* | **Glossary- Define all bolded and key terms**  **8 L’s Chart #1-** Complete an 8 L’s exegetical chart  **Write a Sermon – using the exegesis from the 8 L’s chart.** | 5/22 |
| **Module #16**  *Spiritual Formation*  *Practical Counseling*  *Women in Ministry* | *168-215* | **Glossary- Define all bolded and key terms** | 5/29 |

***MINISTRY PROJECT***

**Plan to be presented during convocation, and submitted to Bishop Cook.**

**Choose a social ill…that the LORD has called you to address in your ministry.**

*Mis-education in schools*

*Eugenics through Abortion*

*Gang/Gun-Violence*

*Human Trafficking*

*Media Influence/accepted mediocrity*

*The LGTB Lifestyle*

*Pornography*

*Finances and Investments*

*Genocide*

*Chemical Dependency (Drugs, Alcohol, and Tobacco)*

*Bullying*

*Obesity and Health Awareness*

*Socio-Economic Oppression*

*Hunger*

*Homelessness*

*Capitalism*

**Read a book, view a documentary or film** to broaden your insight on the issues at hand.

30 for 30 “Benji” (Gun Violence) – Netflix

30 for 30 “Unguarded” (Drugs) – Netflix

Bling (Conflict “Blood” Diamonds) - Netflix

Bowling for Columbine (Guns and Violence in America) – Google Search

Bully (Bullying) - Netflix

Capitalism: A Love Story (Money and U.S. Financial Crisis) – Google Search

Erasing Hate (Tattoos and Racism) - Netflix

Forks over Knives (Obesity in America) - Netflix

Loose Change (9/11 Government Conspiracy Theory) – YouTube

Maafa 21 (Eugenics and Abortion) - YouTube

Serving Life (Penal System) – Netflix

Srebrenica – A Cry From the grave (Genocide in Bosnia) – YouTube

Super Size Me (Obesity in America) – YouTube

Tent City (Homelessness in America) - Netflix

Trigger (Gun Violence) - DVD

Waiting for Superman (Educational System in America) - Vimeo

On the Down Low (LGTB) – Netflix

For the Bible tells me so (LGTB) – Netflix

**Full-Length Movies**

Hotel Rwanda (Genocide in Rwanda) – Netflix

I am Slave (Sudanese Human Trafficking) – Netflix

Last King of Scotland (Genocide in Uganda) \*\*\* Extremely Graphic\*\*\*

Schindler’s List (Genocide in the Holocaust) \*\*\* Extremely Graphic\*\*\*

Shooting Dogs/Beyond the Gates (Genocide in Rwanda) – Netflix

Skin (Apartheid in South Africa) - Netflix

**Complete research and write a short 5 paragraph essay -** explaining WHY there is a need for your ministry, and HOW that ministry would function.

**Create a Ministry Plan –** Plan the launching of a ministry (using the template)

**Present Ministry Plan to Board and Pastor –** Present Plan to the board and the Pastor. Use technology, presentations slides, and handouts in the presentations. PRESENTATIONS WILL BE SUBMITTED TO BISHOP COOK

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