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**Ordination Syllabus**

**Class of 2019**

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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 further cultivate **relevant, effective, disciplers**, through a standardized process of training, and assessment, that establishes and presents a collegial brotherhood of ready candidates to the Bishop for ordination.

**The Application Process**

1. Obtain Pastoral Letter of Recommendation on official church letterhead
2. Complete the COGIC Credential Request Form
3. Complete the COGIC Screening Application
4. Complete the Online COGIC Sexual Misconduct Training ($15 fee) (save certificate as .pdf)
5. Complete BCI Background Check via (Cornerstone Company)
6. $200 fee Money Order
7. Mandatory attendance Ordination Orientation (recommended with Pastor)

*\*\*Please Scan and save all forms as PDF\*\**

**2018 Important Dates**

February 2rd, 2019 – Orientation @ Generation Church (365 East 156th St. Cleveland, Ohio 44110) 11am

March 28th, 2019 – Sessions I and II @ Worker’s Meeting (Cleveland, Ohio) 9am-2pm

May 19th, 2019 – Session III and IV @ Generation Church (Cleveland, Ohio) 9am-2pm

July 24th, 2019 – Written Examination @ Holy Convocation (Columbus, Ohio) 10am-untill

July 25th, 2019 – Project Presentation and Interview @ Holy Convocation (Columbus, Ohio) 9am-untill

August 17th, 2019 @ 12 Noon– Ordination Service (Columbus, Ohio) **\*Class A Vestments Required**

**Required Free Texts (PDF’s available)**

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

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

Church of God in Christ: Official Manual (downloadable from web)

**Required Texts**

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: Official Manual

Understanding Bible Doctrine as Taught in the Church of God in Christ (RARE)

**Communication and Technology Requirements**

All Communiques will be distributed via GroupMe Group Texting App.

Candidates must be able to Word Process, Access Internet and email, and have texting capabilities.

**Class Session Attendance**

Is for enrichment, encouragement, and enlightenment. Attendees will receive extra credit points toward their grade.

**Module Assignments Submission**

Every Completed Module Document file need to **saved** as

(LastName-ModuleNumber-Date) for example (Curtain-Module2-010419)

and **emailed** to [ohionorthcogicordination@gmail.com](mailto:ohionorthcogicordination@gmail.com) by the due date

**Final Ministry Project**

**Declaration of Project – Due May 24th**

A statement declaring the general purpose of the ministry and the social ill that it addresses.

**Pastor Presentation – To be made before July 25th**

Present your Ministry Project to your Pastor, make final adjustments.

Have Pastor Sign and Date your Project Signifying that it was presented to him.

**Presentation of Project – July 25th**

Presentation is to be made with use of technology (PowerPoint, Video, audio)

Hardcopies of Presentations are to be made for Bishop Cook and the interviewing Ordination Board Members.

**Steps**

1. **Discuss with your Pastor regarding the social ill that the LORD has called you to address, and how that aligns with the vision of the ministry.**
2. **Address a “social ill” within your community.**

*Mis-education in schools*

*Mass Incarceration*

*Eugenics through Abortion*

*Gang/Gun-Violence*

*Human Trafficking*

*Media Influence/accepted mediocrity*

*LGBTQ Lifestyle*

*Pornography*

*Finances and Investments*

*Genocide*

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

*Bullying*

*Obesity and Health Awareness*

*Socio-Economic Oppression*

*Hunger and Homelessness*

*Capitalism*

*Domestic Violence*

1. **Research-** Read research articles, books, call local politicians, view a documentary or film, etc. to broaden your insight on the issues at hand.
2. **Write a short 5 paragraph essay -** explaining WHY there is a need for your ministry, and HOW that ministry would function with references to research.

Paragraph One – Introduction, statement of thesis and 3 reasons why your thesis is true.

Paragraph Two – Discussion of Reason #1

Paragraph Three – Discussion of Reason #2

Paragraph Four – Discussion of Reason #3

Paragraph Five – Restatement of thesis, reasons, and the conclusion that has been made.

1. **Create a Ministry Plan –** Plan the launching of a ministry (using the electronic template on the website)
2. **Present Ministry Plan–** Present Plan to the Pastor and the board. Use technology, presentations slides, and handouts in the presentations. PRESENTATIONS WILL BE SUBMITTED TO BISHOP COOK.

**Written Examination – Will be based on the “75 Questions”**

**Board Interview – Length of the interview may vary**

1. *Dress Code* – Black Pants, Black Shoes, Black Tie, White Shirt.
2. Hardcopy of Bible, Bottled Water

**Ordination Recommendations to the Bishop from ONFJ Ordination Board**

*Board Recommendations will be determined by the following components*

* 1. **Completed Modules –** minimum of 70% of modules completed.
  2. **Written Examination –** minimum score of 70% required for recommendation.
  3. **Ministry Project Presentation –** Average Rating of “Proficient” or better on Scoring Rubric
  4. **Board Interview –** Unanimous Recommendation of the Board –

\*The ONFJ Board reserves the right recommend or decline to recommend candidates based on a collective discretion of the results of the Modules, Examination, Presentation, and/or the Interview.

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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** | 2/11 |
| **Module #2**  *75 Questions* | *21-40* | 75 Questions 29-45  Read and Outline: **The Formative Years** | 2/25 |
| **Module #3**  *75 Questions* | *41-72* | 75 Questions 46-58  Read and Outline: **The Roots of the Azusa Street Revival - A New Spirituality** | 3/4 |
| **Module #4**  *75 Questions* | *73-81* | 75 Questions 59-66  Read and Outline: **The Holy Convocation – Moving into the City** | 3/11 |
| **Module #5**  *75 Questions* | *101-123* | 75 Questions 67-75  **Read and Outline: Mothers Roberson and Coffey – Pioneers of Women’s Work** | 3/18 |
| **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** | 3/25 |
| **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 | 4/1 |
| **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 | 4/8 |
| **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. | 4/15 |
| **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) | 4/22 |
| **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 | 4/29 |
| **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 | 5/6 |
| **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 | 5/13 |
| **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.** | 5/20 |
| **Module #16**  *Spiritual Formation*  *Practical Counseling*  *Women in Ministry* | *168-215* | **Glossary- Define all bolded and key terms** | 5/27 |

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