



Ordination Syllabus

Class of 2020

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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 (save certificate as .pdf for records)
5. Complete BCI Background Check via (Cornerstone Company)
6. \$200 fee Money Order
7. Mandatory attendance Ordination Orientation (recommended with Pastor)

Class of 2020 Ordination Schedule

February 1st, 2020 - Orientation @ Generation Church (365 East 156th St. Cleveland, Ohio 44110) 10am

February 23rd, 2020 - Project Declaration Conference Call I - 7pm

March 15th, 2020 - Conference Call II- 7pm

March 27th, 2020 - Sessions I and II @ Worker's Meeting (Akron, Ohio) 9am-2pm

April 12th, 2020 - Conference Call III- 7pm

April 26th, 2020 - Conference Call IV- 7pm

May 9th, 2020 - Pastor Steven Lott Wakechurch Seminar @ Generation Church - 10am -12noon

May 17th, 2020 - Conference Call V- 7pm

June 13th, 2020 - Pastor John Dunn Wakechurch Seminar @ Generation Church - 10am - 12noon

June 28th, 2020 - Conference Call VI- 7pm

July 23rd, 2020 - Session III and IV @ Holy Convocation (Dayton, Ohio) 9am-2pm

July 24th, 2020 - Written Examination @ Holy Convocation (Dayton, Ohio) 8am

July 24th, 2020 PM - Project Summary Presentation and Interview @ Holy Convocation (Dayton, Ohio) 9am-Untill

TBD- Ordination Service (Location TBD) *Class A Vestments Required

MATERIALS NEEDED

Composition Notebook

Hardbound Notebook that will be used for journaling

Mobile Device

A GMAIL Account or GOOGLE DRIVE

All Communiques will be distributed electronically (GroupMe App, Google Docs based Ordination InfoHub)

Computer Access

Candidates must be able to Word Process, Access Internet and email, and have texting capabilities. No handwritten submissions accepted.

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)

Additional Required Texts

Christian Theology by John H. Sailhamer 0310500419

Bishop C. H. Mason and the Roots of the Church of God in Christ 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)

HOW YOU WILL BE EVALUATED

Conference Call Participation

Conference calls are a valuable part of forming meaningful relationships, accountability, communication, and refinement.

Completed Modules

minimum of 80% of modules completed.

Written Examination

Based on the "75 questions"

minimum score of 80% required

Ministry Project Presentation

Average Rating of "Proficient" or better on Scoring Rubric

Board Interview

Unanimous Recommendation of the Ordination 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.

CONFERENCE CALLS

Distributed Leadership

In order to build a collegial and accountable brotherhood, and to increase candidates, capacity as a leader, the brother candidate group will independently conduct their own weekly conference calls following a set agenda. (Should last no longer than 30 minutes)

Opening Prayer
Wellness/Accountability Check
HEAR Reflection
Prayer/Support Requests
Closing Prayer

Roles and norms will rotate every call. Agendas with participation attendance will be kept.

H.E.A.R. Journal Entries

Every candidate will complete a scripture reflection journal entry in the H.E.A.R. format each week. Candidates will share discoveries made during scripture reflections during the Conference Call.

<https://replicate.org/what-is-a-hear-journal/>

FINAL MINISTRY PROJECT

Determine Project

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 Assembly (Church) you serve.

Miseducation in schools
Mass Incarceration
Eugenics through Abortion
Gang/Gun-Violence
Human Trafficking
Negative Media Influence
Suicide

Same-Sex Loving People
Pornography Addiction
Finances and Investments
Mental Health
Genocide
Chemical Dependency
Race Relations

Bullying
Obesity and Health Awareness
Socio-Economic Oppression
Hunger and Homelessness
Capitalism
Domestic Violence

Research and Create Plan

Read research articles, books, call local politicians, view a documentary or film, etc. to broaden your insight on the issues at hand. Plan the launching of a NEW ministry (using the electronic MINISTRY PLAN template).

Initiate Plan

Take the first steps in plan. structure ministry, organize support, schedule and hold an event.

Present Ministry Summary

Presentation of summary of experience, present artifacts, and present next steps. Use technology (short PowerPoint, Video, audio)

MODULES

Module	Pages in textbook	75 Questions / Bis. Mason & the roots of the COGIC
Module #1 <i>75 Questions</i>	1-20	75 Questions 1-28 Read and Outline - About the Founders
Module #2 <i>75 Questions</i>	21-40	75 Questions 29-45 Read and Outline: The Formative Years
Module #3 <i>75 Questions</i>	41-72	75 Questions 46-58 Read and Outline: The Roots of the Azusa Street Revival - A New Spirituality
Module #4 <i>75 Questions</i>	73-81	75 Questions 59-66 Read and Outline: The Holy Convocation – Moving into the City
Module #5 <i>75 Questions</i>	101-123	75 Questions 67-75 Read and Outline: Mothers Roberson and Coffey – Pioneers of Women’s Work
Module	Pages in textbook	COGIC Theology and Doctrine
Module #6 <i>COGIC Theology and Doctrine</i>	5-24	Read Unit 1, Unit 2, and Unit 3 Create Document: Define Key Terms, Answer discussion Questions, Read Sailhamer Assigned Reading
Module #7 <i>COGIC Theology and Doctrine</i>	24-39	Read Unit 4, Unit 5, and Unit 6 Create Document: Define Key Terms, Answer discussion Questions, Read Sailhamer Assigned Reading
Module #8 <i>COGIC Theology and Doctrine</i>	40-71	Read Unit 7, Unit 8, Unit 9, and Unit 10 Create Document: Define Key Terms, Answer discussion Questions, Read Sailhamer Assigned Reading
Module	Pages in textbook	Ordination Standardized Curriculum
Module #9 <i>Overview & Ordained Elder Statement of Faith</i>	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.
Module #10 <i>Old Testament</i>	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.
Module #11 <i>New Testament</i>	72-84	Glossary- Define all bolded and key terms NT Genre Chart – <i>Make a chart that: describes the differences in NT genres, and categorizes the NT books.</i>
Module #12 <i>Church History Theological Knowledge</i>	85-120	Glossary- Define all bolded and key terms Short Essay Questions (3-5 sentences) - Page 100/1-2
Module #14 <i>The Polity The Ordination</i>	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
Module #15 <i>Preaching Course</i>	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.
Module #16 <i>Spiritual Formation Practical Counseling Women in Ministry</i>	168-215	Glossary- Define all bolded and key terms