

**MINISTERIAL TRAINING INSTITUTE
OF THE
ORTHODOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

April 27, 2009

Dear Brother in Christ:

The Ministerial Training Institute of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church (MTIOPC) is preparing for the summer semester, which begins on **June 8, 2009**. The courses to be offered this summer are:

- **Ecclesiology** by the Rev. Dr. A. Craig Troxel, pastor of Bethel Presbyterian Church in Wheaton, Illinois (Two credits)
- **Covenant Nurture** by the Rev. Thomas Tyson, an OPC minister and former general secretary for the Committee on Christian Education (One credit)
- **Orthodox Presbyterian Church History** by Mr. John Muether, OPC historian (One credit)

Deadline to sign up for courses is Tuesday, May 26.

MTIOPC students sit under some of the most distinguished ministers and elders of the OPC. You will interact with students from across the country who are studying to become Orthodox Presbyterian pastors, or are currently OP pastors, ruling elders, or men in other denominations. Most importantly, you will study content identified by the OPC as needing attention.

The demands of MTIOPC courses equal or exceed the demands of seminary courses. Courses require considerable preparation and involve a number of readings, papers, Internet interaction, and the required intensive training.

The Intensive Training for all courses will be held at Emmanuel OPC in Wilmington, Delaware. Classes begin at 8 a.m. Tuesday, **Aug. 11** through 8 p.m. Thursday, **Aug. 13**. Attendance is mandatory.

The cost to you, besides your time and energy, will be the cost of books and materials, and any travel expenses in excess of the MTIOPC travel scholarship for attending the required Intensive Training. There is a **\$50 per course registration fee** that is fully refundable upon course completion. Please note the additional cost of registration for OPC elders and men from other ecclesiastical bodies.

The MTIOPC makes available a travel scholarship to help defray the cost of traveling to intensive training. For men under care, licentiates, and pastors, the scholarship is a grant of \$350 with an additional \$100 available if matched by the local session or presbytery.

Please complete the MTIOPC application/registration and send it in with your registration deposit by the **May 26 deadline**. Applications and course descriptions are available at the OPC.ORG website. Look under Christian Education, then MTIOPC. Although classes do not start until June 8, 2009, enrollment is limited.

Applications may be sent to: Orthodox Presbyterian Church, Box P, Willow Grove, PA 19090. Registration checks of \$50 should be addressed to the Orthodox Presbyterian Church, with MTIOPC put on the memo line of your check.

For more information, please contact Pat Clawson, MTI coordinator, at: (215) 830-0900 or e-mail: ccesec@opc.org.

We look forward to serving you as a student of the Institute.

In Christ,



Danny E. Olinger
MTIOPC Director

Ecclesiology

by the Rev. Dr. A. Craig Troxel

(Two credits)

This course seeks to familiarize students with ecclesiology (the doctrine of the church) in the Reformed tradition, and to equip them with the theological foundations, principles and practices that support, guide and embody Presbyterianism. The goal of this course is to provide students with resources to answer the ancient and modern challenges of sacramental, ecumenical, consumeristic and post-modern views of the church, and defend—thoughtfully and winsomely—the conviction that the church visible is “the kingdom of the Lord Jesus Christ.”

Topics covered in this class include the relationship between ecclesiology and biblical and systematic theology, church power, church and state, church and the kingdom of God, the communion of the saints, as well as readings in John Calvin, John Owen, Charles Hodge, Herman Bavinck, G.C. Berkouwer, John Murray, Herman Ridderbos, Gerhardus Vos, Stuart Robinson and other contemporary ecclesiologists.

Orthodox Presbyterian Church History

by Mr. John Muether

(One credit)

Orthodox Presbyterian Church History examines the history, character, and distinguishing commitments of the OPC. The class surveys American Presbyterianism from colonial times to 1936, especially the events surrounding the formation of the OPC and the claims of "spiritual succession" to the mainline Presbyterian church. It then reviews the church's struggles through the seven decades of its life. Particular attention is devoted to the OPC's relation to American evangelicalism and to those churches with whom it enjoys ecclesiastical fellowship.

Covenant Nurture

by the Rev. Thomas Tyson

(One credit)

The course on Covenant Nurture will look at the history, principles, and importance of catechizing in the practice of Christian nurture. The class will consider how adults and children learn, how to practice Christian education in the covenant home, and the Scriptural basis and model for Christian Education in the local church. The problems of state-run education, the options of Christian schools and homeschooling, and other church and denominational Christian Education curriculum will be discussed.

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Student Application/Registration Form
Summer 2009

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Address	City	State	Zip Code
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E-mail Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____ Seminary: _____

Denomination: _____ Presbytery: _____

Status: () OPC Pastor () OPC Licentiate () OPC Man Under Care () OPC Ruling Elder
() Minister or ministerial candidate of another ecclesiastical body

() First time MTIOPC student () Returning MTIOPC student

Please enroll me in the following course(s):

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Course descriptions are on the OPC.ORG website under Christian Education, then MTIOPC.

There is no tuition charge for OPC pastors, OPC licentiates, or OPC men under care.

OPC elders will be charged \$50 per course. Others will be charged \$100 per course.

All students must pay a \$50 per course registration fee that is fully refundable upon completion of the course. Registration is finalized when the completed registration form and refundable \$50 registration fee are received.

Make checks payable to: Orthodox Presbyterian Church. Put on the check memo line: MTIOPC

Classes begin June 8, 2009. Mandatory intensive training will be held at Emmanuel OPC in Wilmington, DE from 8 a.m. Tuesday, **Aug. 11** through 8 p.m. Thursday, **Aug. 13.**

Please note that MTIOPC grants continuing education units (CEU). One CEU is equivalent to fifteen hours of class time.

Registration materials and questions should be addressed to:
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215-830-0900 Email: ccesec@opc.org