

MTIOPC Summer 2025

Course and Seminar Descriptions

Homiletics Course (2 credits):

The purpose of the Homiletics course is to serve as a practicum that will supplement standard seminary homiletics programs. The practicum will provide instruction, discussion, models, and experience in preaching that is both pastoral and sensitive to the standards of preaching that have historically marked Presbyterian and Reformed churches. Special attention will be given to these standards as presented in the Orthodox Presbyterian Church's Form of Government and Directory for the Public Worship of God. The course will offer the equivalent of a two-semester seminary homiletics class in a combination of preparatory work, an intensive training program, and follow-up. Preference will be given to pastors and licentiates.

Robert Rules and Moderating Seminar:

How does one best employ Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised (12th edition) in our judicatories while also considering our Form of Government (FG) and GA Standing Rules in the assembly? How does this work in the presbyteries? Do we need to employ these rules strictly at the local sessional level? What about if you're elected the moderator? What do you need to know, and what are the best practices in moderating? These and like questions will be addressed in a seven-hour seminar (Aug. 7-8), which will also include a mock presbytery meeting with the application of the relevant FG provisions and Robert's Rules.