

# **MTIOPC WINTER 2025 - 2026**

## **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.

### **Reformed Evangelism (2 credits)**

This course seeks to explore the principles and practices of doing evangelism from a Reformed theological perspective for the sake of building up the body of Christ both spiritually and numerically. Course lectures will provide biblical, theological, historical, and practical reflections on the subject of evangelism. Evangelistic exercises and assignments will encourage students to put that content into practice.

Students should learn to articulate a biblical theology of evangelism, emphasize the priority of preaching and the role of the Holy Spirit, describe the evangelistic thought and practices of Reformers,

distinguish the roles of the ordained and laity in evangelism, and prayerfully consider ways to help their own churches in evangelism. The goal is to enable students to move from the theory to the practice of evangelism in ways which are consistently Reformed and practically effective.