LOCATION

ADMISSION COST
Room and board expenses will be provided for students attending, as well as a stipend to subsidize travel expenses.

APPLICATION
Young men in their senior year of college and in the first two years of seminary are eligible to attend. Applications must be submitted by April 15, 2020. Applications may be requested from Gregory Reynolds, E-Mail: greg.reynolds@opc.org. This, the essay, and the recommendation should be Word documents sent by e-mail as attachments to Mr. Reynolds at the address above. For more information: www.opc.org/cce/Shiloh_Institute.html

Pastoral Reference
Please ask your pastor or an elder from your church to submit a reference on your behalf to the email address above. The reference should explain why he is recommending you to attend the Shiloh Institute, including details that might bear on your candidacy.

Essay
Describe (in 500 to 1000 words) your understanding of the nature of Presbyterianism and your personal commitment to be an Orthodox Presbyterian minister.
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ABOUT THE INSTITUTE

The OP Shiloh Institute is part of a broader strategy to reconnect the church with the ministerial training of its ministers. The Subcommittee on Ministerial Training of the Committee on Christian Education seeks to acculturate ministerial candidates in the Orthodox Presbyterian Church through a variety of initiatives, such as the Ministerial Training Institute of the OPC and denominationally-subsidized internships. Similar to the successful Timothy Conference (though with an older age-group in view), the Shiloh Institute offers a taste of ministry in the OPC through an intensive time of reflection and conversation.

This June eight to ten ministerial candidates will gather at a site in the mountains of New Hampshire that is conducive to thoughtful discussion. A list of reading will be distributed in order to assist participants in preparation for the seminar. Lectures, discussion, and informal conversation will give time for presentation and reflection on the material presented. The institute will discuss such topics as:

- The OPC: continuity with Reformed tradition and distinguishing characteristics.
- The centrality, nature, and benefits of being a confessional church.
- The importance of the means of grace in the church’s mission.
- The meaning of a culturally-aware pilgrim church.
- The work of a minister of the Word in an organized church and a mission work.

PROGRAM

Tuesday, June 23
12:00 PM – Lunch
1:00 PM – Registration and free time
3:00-5:00 PM – Talk and Discussion #1 "The OPC and Global Calvinism" [Hart]
5:30 PM – dinner
7:00 PM – Talk and Discussion #2 "A True Presbyterian Church at Last" [Muether]
9:00 PM – free time

Wednesday, June 24
8:00 AM – breakfast
9:00-11:00 AM – Discussion "TBA"
11:00 AM – Shiloh chores with Greg Gordon
12:00 PM – lunch
1:00 PM – Talk and Discussion #3 "The Shape of OPC Ministry" [Reynolds]
3:00-5:30 PM – free time (optional tour or hike)
5:30 PM – dinner
7:00 PM – Talk and Discussion #4 "The View of an OPC Immigrant" [Tracey]

Thursday, June 25
8:00 AM – breakfast
9:00-11:00 AM – Discussion led by Tracey & Reynolds, and wrap up
11:00 AM – Shiloh chores with Greg Gordon
12:00 PM – lunch and depart