

LOCATION

2013 – The Shiloh Retreat in Jefferson, New Hampshire.



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, 2013. Applications may be requested from Gregory Reynolds, E-Mail: reynolds.1@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: http://opc.org/cce/Summer_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 Summer 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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SUMMER INSTITUTE

Introducing Ministry in the OPC

JUNE 18–20

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ABOUT THE INSTITUTE

The OPC Summer 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 Summer 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 18

12:00 PM – Lunch
1:00 PM – Registration and free time
3:00 PM – Talk and Discussion #1 "A True Presbyterian Church at Last" [Muether]
5:30 PM – dinner
7:00 PM – Talk and Discussion #2 "Spirituality of the Church" [Hart]
9:00 PM – free time

Wednesday, June 19

8:00 AM – breakfast
9:00-11:00 AM – Discussion led by Muether & Hart
12:00 PM – lunch
1:00 PM – Talk and Discussion #3 "The View of an OPC Immigrant" [Tracey]
3:00-5:30 PM – free time (optional tour or hike)
5:30 PM – dinner
7:00 PM – Talk and Discussion #4 "The Shape of OPC Ministry" [Reynolds]

Thursday, June 20

8:00 AM – breakfast
9:00-11:00 AM – Discussion led by Tracey & Reynolds, and wrap up
12:00 PM – lunch and depart