Men's Leadership/Officer Training Class

Time: 6:45-8:45 p.m. each session

Format: 6:45-7:15; Study of the qualities and responsibilities of an officer and the Book of Church Order
7:15-8:45; Study of the Westminster Standards

Requirements: Regular attendance
Complete reading assignments
Be prepared to take an active role in the class
Two take home, open book exams

Resources: Harmony of the Westminster Confession and Catechisms
(Morton H. Smith)
The Book of Church Order of The Orthodox Presbyterian Church
(2000 edition)
Manual of Christian Doctrine
(Louis Berkhof)
The Apostolic Church: Which is it?
(Thomas Witherow)
Redemption Accomplished and Applied
(John Murray)
Handouts
Tentative Schedule

Session I: Nov. 6, 2000
1. Introduction to the course.
2. The Necessity and Calling of Officers.
3. Introduction to Creeds and WCF.
   Assignments: Read 1) *Harmony* pp. 11-15
                2) *Manual* pp. 23-49
                3) *The Concept and Importance of Canonicity*

Session II: Nov. 13, 2000
1. Qualifications of an Officer: Personal life I
2. Theology: WCF I
   Assignments: Read 1) *Harmony*, pp. 16-18
                2) *Manual*, pp. 53-83

Session III: Nov. 27, 2000
1. Qualifications of an Officer: Personal life II
2. Theology: WCF II
   Assignments: Read 1) *Harmony*, pp. 19-21
                2) *Manual*, pp. 84-94

Session IV: Dec. 4, 2000
1. Qualifications of an Officer: Inter-personal life
2. Theology: WCF III
   Assignments: Read 1) *Harmony*, pp. 22-26
                2) *Manual*, pp. 95-117; 121-130

Session V: Jan. 8, 2001
1. Qualifications of an Officer: Family life
2. Theology: WCF IV-V
   Assignments: Read 1) *Harmony*, pp. 27-33
                2) *Manual*, pp. 135-150, 130-134, 151-171

Session VI: Jan. 22, 2001
1. Qualifications of an Officer: Gifts
2. Theology: WCF VI-VII
   Assignments: Read 1) *Harmony*, pp. 34-44
                2) *Manual*, pp. 175-219

Session VII: Jan. 29, 2001
1. Qualifications of an Officer: Experience and Reputation
2. Theology: WCF VIII
   Assignments: Read 1) *Harmony*, pp. 45-49
                2) *Manual*, pp. 223-240
Session VIII: Feb. 5, 2001
1. Responsibilities of an Officer
2. Theology: WCF IX-X
   Assignments: Read 1) *Harmony*, pp. 50-52, 56-59
   2) *Manual*, pp. 241-264

Session IX: Feb. 12, 2001
1. Responsibilities of an Officer
2. Theology: WCF XIV, XV, XI
   Assignments: Read 1) *Harmony*, pp. 53-55, 60-62
   3) *Redemption*, pp. 132-150
   4) BCO, pp. 1-32
   Take Home Exam

Session X: Feb. 26, 2001
1. BCO: FOG I-XVI
2. Theology: WCF XII, XIII, XVI
   Assignments: Read 1) *Harmony*, pp. 63-66
   2) *Manual*, pp. 274-276
   3) BCO, pp. 33-73

Session XI: March 5, 2001
1. BCO: FOG XVII-XXIV
2. Theology: WCF XVII-XVIII
   Assignments: Read 1) *Harmony*, pp. 67-103
   2) TBA
   3) BCO, pp. 74-96

Session XII: March 12, 2001
1. BCO: FOG XXV-XXXII
2. Theology: WCF XIX
   Assignments: Read 1) *Harmony*, pp. 104-118
   2) TBA
   3) BCO, pp. 133-157

Session XIII: March 26, 2001
1. BCO: Directory for the Public Worship of God
2. Theology: WCF XX, XXI
   Assignments: Read 1) *Harmony*, pp. 119-125
   2) TBA
   3) BCO, pp. 97-132
Session XIV: April 2, 2001
   1. BCO: BOD
   2. Theology: WCF XXII-XXIV
      Assignments: Read 1) Harmony, pp. 126-131, 148-150
                    2) Manual, pp. 279-305
                    3) The Apostolic Church: Which is it?

Session XV: April 9, 2001
   1. Hot Topics
   2. Theology: WCF XXV, XXVI, XXX, XXXI
      Assignments: Read 1) Harmony, pp. 132-150

Session XVI: April 23, 2001
   1. Hot Topics
   2. Theology: WCF XXVII-XXIX
      Assignments: Read 1) Harmony, pp. 151-154
                    2) Manual, pp. 333-361

Session XVII: April 30, 2001
   1. Hot Topics
   2. Theology: WCF XXXII-XXXIII

Final Exam
   Interview with Pastor
   Interview with Session