

PRESBYTERIAN POLITY, PROGRAM, and MISSION
September 5 – October 5, 2017

HOME ASSIGNMENTS

Week 1: Week of September 5

1. Review orientation to Book of Confessions and Book of Order: document on Blackboard
2. Read F-1, F-2, and F-3 in Book of Order (Gray and Tucker, chapter 1)
3. Read Historical Principles of Church Order document
4. Choose 2 confessions from 11 in the Book of Confessions and outline their context: see F-2 defines context of confessions in the Study Book. Also, choose one of the doctrines and define what your confessions say about the doctrine.

Assignments:

- a. Begin creation of your Confessions Doctrines defined (to be turned in at end of at-home assignments)

Week 2: Week of September 11

1. Read G-1 (Cf: Gray and Tucker, chapter 12)
2. Choose a second doctrine and define what your confessions say about the doctrine.

Assignments:

- a. Continue creation of Confessions Doctrines
- b. Submit a paper defining each of the 8 principles of church order and indicate your favorite one (from the Historical Principles paper read the first week)
- c. Submit answers to questions for G-1 indicating citation (i.e., G-1.0304) supporting each answer. Questions are on Blackboard

Week 3: Week of September 18

1. Read G-2 (Cf: Gray and Tucker, chapters 2,3,4,5,7)
2. Choose a third doctrine and define what your confessions say about the doctrine.

Assignments:

- a. Continue creation of Confessions Doctrines
- b. Submit creation of no more than twelve (12) questions for G-2 with answers and citations. Questions are to focus on call, installation, ordination, and certification.
- c. Begin to outline an educational event using one of your Confessions for an adult class for a four week session.

Week 4: Week of September 25

1. Read G-3 (Cf: Gray and Tucker, chapters 6,10)
2. Choose a fourth doctrine and define what your confessions say about the doctrine.

Assignments:

- a. Submit creation of Confessions Doctrines paper
- b. Submit response to one of the case studies provided with at least three citations of appropriate or inappropriate actions as defined by the Book of Order. Case studies are on Blackboard
- c. Research the ways your home presbytery is structured and how that structure serves the mission of the church.
- d. Submit the educational design for the four week class on one of your confessions.

Doctrines:

Choose at least four doctrines from this list to define what your two confessions say about the doctrine:

God	Jesus Christ
Holy Spirit	Sin
Forgiveness	The Church
The Trinity	Baptism
Lord's Supper	Heaven

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IN CLASS OUTLINE

- First 3 hours: Review Historical Principles, F-3.01
Presbyterian Principles of Church Government reviewed, F-3.02
Review of the educational design for your adult Confession Class.
- Second 3 hours: Case studies using Book of Order resources
- Third 3 hours: Directory for Worship in relationship to the two sacraments
Rules of Discipline to be familiar with the concepts
Working in groups, how could the Directory for Worship assist a congregation's worship committee?
- Fourth 3 hours: Submit outline for one additional learning experience for a church nominating committee seeking persons to serve as Ruling Elders or Deacons using Presbyterian resources, PCUSA Constitution, Planning Calendar, etc.