

## **Episcopacy Formation Order of Classes**

The Episcopacy Formation provides a structured theological, administrative, and pastoral education for candidates preparing for bishopric leadership. The order of classes is arranged to build foundational understanding first, then progressively advance into practical leadership, governance, and ceremonial preparation.

### **A. Foundations of the Episcopacy**

These courses establish the theological and historical basis for episcopal leadership.

1. **The Role of the Episcopacy**
  - Understanding the responsibilities and authority of a bishop.
2. **History of the Episcopacy**
  - The evolution of episcopal governance and its relevance today.
3. **Apostolic Succession**
  - The transmission of spiritual authority and maintaining doctrinal continuity.
4. **The Formation of Apostolic Catechism**
  - Doctrinal instruction and its role in episcopal formation.
5. **Doctrinal Theology**
  - The study of essential Christian doctrines with a focus on Apostolic teaching.
6. **Moral Theology**
  - Ethical principles and moral decision-making in episcopal leadership.
7. **Pastoral Theology**
  - The theological and practical aspects of pastoral care from an episcopal perspective.

### **B. Social and Cultural Competency in Ministry**

These courses develop a bishop's understanding of social, psychological, and cultural influences on the Church.

1. **Christianity, the Church, and Sociology**
  - The role of the Church in society and its social responsibilities.
2. **The Psychological Constructs of the Church and the Pastor**
  - Mental and emotional health considerations in ministry.
3. **Cultural Dynamics and Ethnic Diversity within the Church**
  - Navigating multicultural and multiethnic church leadership.
4. **Safe Church, Safe Community**
  - Best practices for abuse prevention, risk management, and legal protection.

### **C. Governance and Administration**

Courses in this section focus on church administration, financial management, and governance.

1. **History and Polity of the Pentecostal Assemblies of the World**

