

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**



- PAW's organizational structure and leadership hierarchy.
- 2. **Church and Organizational Law**
 - Understanding church legal responsibilities, liabilities, and governance compliance.
- 3. **Governance and Jurisdictional Oversight**
 - Managing district councils, dioceses, and multi-church jurisdictions.
- 4. **Financial Stewardship and Accountability**
 - Managing church finances, investments, and financial transparency.
- 5. **Church Growth and Sustainability**
 - Developing strategies for numerical and spiritual church growth.

D. Pastoral Development and Liturgy

These courses ensure candidates are prepared for practical leadership and ceremonial responsibilities.

1. **Pastoral Mentorship and Development**
 - One-on-one mentoring and leadership refinement.
2. **Conflict Resolution and Mediation**
 - Handling disputes, leadership transitions, and crisis management in episcopal leadership.
3. **Clerical Vestments and Ceremonial Protocols**
 - Understanding episcopal attire, ordination ceremonies, and liturgical practices.

E. Final Practicum and Consecration Preparation

1. **Final Review & Practicum-** Candidates must demonstrate:
 - Competency in theology, administration, and leadership.
 - Understanding of PAW governance and jurisdictional oversight.
 - Readiness for consecration through mentorship assessments.
2. **Consecration Service-** Formal recognition and elevation to the bishopric.

Rationale for the Order

- Total Duration: 3-4 years of coursework + final episcopal review.
- Total Courses: 19 required courses + final practicum and mentorship.
- Structure: Logical progression from theological foundations to practical governance and ceremonial training.
- Comprehensive preparation for those seeking episcopal office in the Pentecostal Assemblies of the World.

