



THE APOSTOLIC FELLOWS

in Theology & Public Life

THE FIRST TABLE COHORT | 2026-2027

AN INAUGURAL INTELLECTUAL DIALOGUE EXPERIENCE

FAITH. THEOLOGY. LEADERSHIP. PUBLIC WITNESS.

OPENING CONVOCATION

ATLANTA

**FRIDAY EVENING,
SEPTEMBER 11, 2026**

**GATHERING, DINNER RECEPTION
& CONSECRATION**

The inaugural First Table will begin relationally and spiritually through a Friday evening gathering and dinner reception.

The evening is envisioned to include:

- Table Fellowship
- Welcome and Opening Reflection
- Framing the Fellowship: "Why This, Why Now"
- Introduction to the First Table community
- Prayer and Blessing from Ecclesiastical Elders

**SATURDAY,
SEPTEMBER 12, 2026**

**FORMATION FRAMING &
COMMISSIONING**

The Saturday half-day Opening Convocation will be held and hosted by

**CANDLER SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY
AT EMORY UNIVERSITY**

Rita Anne Rollins Building
1531 Dickey Drive
Atlanta, Georgia 30322

*Formed in Theology.
Grounded in Faith.
Prepared for Public Witness.*

FELLOWSHIP DETAILS & APPLICATION:

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FELLOWSHIP APPLICATION

The First Table is a selective formation community for emerging and developing Apostolic leaders seeking deeper theological formation, strengthened leadership capacity, and faithful public witness.

Please complete this application with prayer, candor, and a willingness to be formed.

I. ABOUT YOU

Full Name

Preferred Name

Email Address

Mobile Number

City / State

Current Ministry / Leadership Role

Church / Ministry / Organization

Apostolic Fellowship / Denominational Affiliation

II. FORMATION & CALLING

1. What responsibility has God entrusted to you in this season of ministry or leadership? (150 words maximum)

2. Why are you seeking a place at The First Table, and why now? (150 words maximum)

3. What theological, leadership, or public-life question requires deeper formation in your life or ministry? (150 words maximum)

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FELLOWSHIP APPLICATION | CONTINUED

II. FORMATION & CALLING - CONTINUED

4. What perspective or experience would you bring that could contribute to the formation of other Fellows?
(125 words maximum)

III. READINESS FOR THE FIRST TABLE

Please affirm your ability and willingness to participate in the full formation experience:

- ☐ I can attend the Opening Convocation in Atlanta, September 11-12, 2026.
- ☐ I can participate consistently in Monday virtual sessions, 7:30-9:00 PM ET, September 14-November 16.
- ☐ I can attend the Closing Convocation in Atlanta, December 4-5, 2026.
- ☐ I understand AFTPL requires preparation, presence, thoughtful engagement, and respect for cohort confidentiality.
- ☐ I am willing to engage perspectives that may challenge me intellectually, theologically, spiritually, or as a leader.

IV. ECCLESIASTICAL / LEADERSHIP REFERENCE

Identify one pastor, bishop, ministry leader, academic leader, or professional supervisor who can speak to your character, leadership, and readiness for this Fellowship.

Name

Title / Organization

Relationship to Applicant

Email / Phone

V. FINAL DISCERNMENT

Complete the statement in no more than 75 words:

At this point in my formation, I believe God is calling me to become a leader who...

APPLICANT AFFIRMATION

By submitting this application, I affirm that the information provided is accurate and that, if selected, I am prepared to enter The First Table as an active participant in a community of theological, spiritual, and leadership formation.

Applicant Name

Date