

Ministerial Training Institute of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church

Jeremiah Seminar

Dear brother in Christ,

July 1, 2021

Join MTIOPC for a special seminar focused on preaching the book of Jeremiah. The Ministerial Training Institute of the OPC is offering this one-time seminar to equip OPC pastors, licentiates, and men under care to preach the book of Jeremiah as Christian Scripture. The Rev. Dr. Matthew Patton, pastor of Covenant Presbyterian Church in Vandalia, Ohio, will show how a close reading of the book exalts the crucified and risen Christ in distinctive ways.

This seminar, open to OPC pastors, licentiates, and men under care, is especially geared towards gospel preaching. It will address the pastoral and homiletical issues raised in the book as you strive to motivate the people of God to deeper faith in Christ and to greater love of God and love of neighbor.

The seminar is a byproduct of Patton's work on two commentaries on Jeremiah. A smaller commentary, to be published by The Gospel Coalition in 2022, is part of the Concise Biblical Commentary series. A larger commentary, set to be published by Zondervan in 2025, is part of the Old Testament series of the Zondervan Exegetical Commentary.

Patton earned his Master of Divinity at Westminster Theological Seminary in Philadelphia and his PhD at Wheaton College. An OPC pastor, Patton also teaches MTIOPC's Hebrew Refresher course and, with Frederic C. Putnam, co-authored the *Basics of Hebrew Discourse* (Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2019).

Beginning the week of **September 13**, this seminar will meet an hour each week for eight weeks over Zoom. The instructor will determine the day and time to meet in conjunction with the students' schedules. Approximately four hours per week of work will be needed to complete the course. Unlike typical MTIOPC courses, this seminar will not be graded.

After eight weeks of online classes, a **mandatory in-person Intensive Training** will be held on **November 9-10** at Covenant Presbyterian Church in Vandalia (near Dayton), OH. Students will not be permitted to only attend the online classes.

All students must pay a **\$50 registration fee**, which is fully refundable upon completing the class work and attending Intensive Training. Class size is limited.

OPC pastors, licentiates, and men under care qualify for a travel scholarship of up to \$350 to offset transportation costs. Covenant Church will provide free lodging in members' homes, plus meals and local transportation. Men who prefer to stay in a local hotel may receive an additional travel scholarship of up to \$100 to help them pay their own cost for their hotel stay.

To register, go to <http://www.opc.org/cce>. **Registration deadline is Wednesday, September 8.**

Please **share this letter with men under care and licentiates** who may not be on our email contact list.

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In Christ,
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