

## **PT520 Church Polity**

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### **Course Description**

Students examine the biblical data to church government and the Book of Church Order (of the PCA and other American Presbyterian denominations). The organization and function of church courts, including discipline and appeals, are considered, and parliamentary procedure is emphasized.

### **Class Meetings**

- Tuesday 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
- Wednesday 8:30 a.m. to 12 noon.
- Thursday 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

### **Textbooks**

Presbyterian Church in America. *The Book of Church Order of the Presbyterian Church in America*. Atlanta, Ga: Committee for Christian Education and Publications, 2007.

(Note: available electronically; students from other denominations may substitute the BOCO of their particular denomination – ARP, EPC, KAPC, OPC, PCUCA, URCNA, etc.)

Hall, David W., and Joseph H. Hall. *Paradigms in Policy*. Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans, 1994.

Robinson, Stuart. *The Church of God as an Essential Element of the Gospel*. Willow Grove, PA: Committee on Christian Education of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church, 2009.

### **Course Requirements**

- Attend all lectures
- Read all texts
- Sustain final examination

“But all things should be done decently and in good order” (1 Cor 14:40)