



PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The Elder Alternative Pathway Certificate is a course of study designed and delivered from a Wesleyan perspective to meet the ordination requirements for individuals seeking to be an Elder in the Global Methodist Church (GMC). It consists of Bible, theology, and pastoral ministry courses that align with the criteria set out by the Global Methodist Church Book of Discipline to meet the ordination requirements to become an Elder.

PROGRAM OUTCOMES

- The acquisition of knowledge consistent with the discipline
- The demonstration of the ability to communicate verbally and in writing, think critically, and research
- The ability to perform the core ministry practices of Inductive Bible Study, preaching, leading, and caring
- To demonstrate Christ-like values in the pursuit of holiness

COURSE REQUIREMENTS (18 hrs.)

The core courses for the Elder certificate include:

BINT 3703 History of Christian Thought I
BINT 3803 History of Christian Thought II
PMIN 4233 Nonprofit and American Church Law
THEO 2303 Introduction to Christian Theology
BIOT 3613 Hebrew Wisdom Literature
BINT 3303 Romans



ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS (12 hrs.)

Once the Elder candidate is ordained, they must complete four (4) elective courses within seven (7) years of ordination. They can select from the following courses:

THEO 3603 Spiritual Formation and Ministry
THEO 3404 The Person and Work of the Holy Spirit
PHIL 2103 Introduction to Philosophy and Ethics
BINT 3103 Synoptic Gospels
COMM 2803 Multimedia Storytelling
COMM 2143 Digital Media Literacy

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