Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary
and the
Church of God of Prophecy Consortium

Pastoral/Ministers Track

Syllabus

History of the Church of God of Prophecy

(MC601)

Bahamas
January 6-11, 2014

Professor
Héctor Ortiz, D. Min.
Course Description

This course will focus on the roots and identity of the Church of God of Prophecy and its government and polity. In order to accomplish the objectives of the course, an in-depth examination of the history of the COGOP from its inception will be undertaken. In writing about history, Geoffrey Elton states, “The purpose of history is to understand the past, and if the past is to be understood it must be given full respect in its own right” (R.J. Evans, 1999:197). The biblical text tells us one of the primary reasons of history is “These things happened to them as examples and were written down as warnings for us, on whom the fulfillment of the ages has come” (1 Cor 10:11 NIV). This course will honor the past, review the present, and project into the future.

Course Objectives

The objectives of this course include the following:
1. Review the era, leadership style, and history of the COGOP founder, A. J. Tomlinson.
2. Review the historical development of the identity of the COGOP.
3. Review the historical successes, accidents, and ill advice theology.
4. Trace the periods of maintenance, transition, and the new paradigm.

Course Competencies

1. The student will have a good grasp on the roots of the Church of God of Prophecy.
2. The course will enable the student to understand and clarify the historical accidents that took place.
3. The review of historical events within the phase of maintenance and the dynamics of transition will give the student a posture to engage the future in the COGOP.
**Required Texts**

Some of the required texts for this course had been out of print for many years. The Center for Biblical Leadership has worked in conjunction with White Wing Publishing House to reformat these books and make them available. All books can now be ordered from White Wing Christian Bookstore. (The Heritage Series books are available as digital downloads for a bit less than the list price.)


**Recommended Texts**


Methodology (Course Requirements)

1. Attendance and participation are mandatory.

2. **Book Review** – Each student is to provide a two-page critical review for the book of his/her choice from the required reading. In this review, the student is to indicate which theological/doctrinal teachings became part of the doctrinal tenants of the Church of God of Prophecy. This book review is **to be turned in on the first day of class**. The book chosen for this review cannot be the subject for the final paper.

3. **Final paper**: The final paper is a historical analysis paper, not a sermon nor a testimony. It is to be based on one of the required texts but **not** the one chosen for the book review. It should **be eight (8) pages** excluding the front page, outline page, end notes and bibliography. The final paper should be double-spaced and can be **written in English or Spanish**. It should contain no less than 15 references. The theme for the final paper will have to be approved by the professor.

4. **Transmission of Final Paper**: The final paper should be sent by e-mail to Dr. Hector Ortiz, hortiz@cogop.org and to kosborn@cogop.org. The **due date for the final paper is March 2, 2014**.

**DUE DATE FOR FINAL PAPER – March 2, 2014**

Important Information

**Academic Honesty**
Students are on their honor to complete assignments with integrity. This means that all written assignments are to reflect the student’s own work and to be submitted for credit only in this course. Relative to the entire course of study, it must be stressed that cheating and plagiarism (using the intellectual property [works] of others without proper citation credit, giving the impression that it is the student’s own work) are not acceptable.

**Student Responsibility**
The syllabus is being sent well in advance of the class. Students have plenty of time to obtain their books and complete the **reading assignments** and the **book review** which is due upon arrival the first day of class. Those who do not complete this assignment and turn it in by the due date will receive a ½ grade reduction in their final grade. If **both** the reading assignments and the book review are late, it will result in a full letter-grade reduction.
Intensive/Residence – January 6-11, 2014

1. Participation in class discussions relative to the professor’s lectures is expected.
2. During the residency period, some historical films will be shown.
3. In order to facilitate discussion, we will use focus groups. Each focus group will analyze certain aspects of leadership connected to the film and readings. Also, each focus group will report their views in order to deal with the critical aspect of class material.

Grading

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**Remember: Final Paper due date is March 2, 2014.**
Reference Bibliography (Selective)


History & Polity of the COCOP – MC601
Tentative Class Schedule
(Subject to Change)

Monday, January 6, 2014
6:30 p.m. Devotion
6:45 Orientation/Class Registration
7:15 Class – Introduction /Beginnings
9:15 Dismissal

Tuesday, January 7
6:30 p.m. Devotion
6:45 Class – A. J. Tomlinson Era
7:45 Recess
8:00 Class – A. J. Tomlinson Era (continue)
9:15 Dismissal

Wednesday, January 8
6:30 p.m. Devotion
6:45 Class – Beginning of Pentecostal Movement
7:45 Recess
8:00 Class – A. J. Tomlinson Era (continue)
9:15 Dismissal

Thursday, January 9
6:30 p.m. Devotion
6:45 Class – A. J. Tomlinson Era & The Schism
7:45 Recess
8:00 Class – The Schism
9:15 Dismissal
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Class Schedule (continued)

Friday, January 10, 2014

9:00 a.m.    Devotion
9:15         Class – Recovery/Later Work
10:15        Recess
10:30        Class – A. J. Tomlinson, Final Days
12:00 p.m.   Lunch

1:15 p.m.    Class – M. A. Tomlinson Era
3:00         Recess
3:15         Class – Maintenance
5:00         Dinner

6:30         Class – Maintenance (continue)
8:00         Focus Group Work – Prepare Presentations
9:15         Dismiss

Saturday, January 11, 2014

9:00 a.m.    Devotion
9:15         Class – Maintenance (continue)
10:15        Recess
10:30        Class – Billy D. Murray Era
12:00 p.m.   Lunch

1:15         Class – Transition
3:15         Recess
3:15         Class – Doctrinal Adjustments/Polity
5:00         Dinner

6:30         Wrap-up of Focus Group Work & Group Presentations
8:15         Final Remarks by Dr. Ortiz
8:30         Dismissal
Course Requirements: There is required reading for the class. This sheet is to be turned in the first day of class along with your critical book review. Indicate below what you have read as this is part of your final grade.

*General Assembly Minutes: 1906-1914; Photographic Reproductions of the First Ten General Assembly Minutes*  
Pages read__________

Tomlinson, A. J., *Diary of A.J. Tomlinson 1901-1924*  
Pages read__________

Pages read__________

Tomlinson, A. J., *General Assembly Annual Addresses, 1911 – 1927*  
Pages read__________

Pages read__________

Tomlinson, A. J., *The Last Great Conflict*  
Pages read__________

Have you read the syllabus and understood its content?  
Yes ____ No ____

Request to write the final paper in Descending Order

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