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Welcome to an exploration of your gifts, your church, and your calling to serve the Lord. This course is designed for use in the local church, specifically those Presbyterian churches that follow the Westminster Confession of Faith (hereafter WCF). Parts of this, nonetheless, lend themselves to other uses and to other churches. It also reflects one particular situation and is by no means the final word on all subjects. We offer it to others, though, as a humble and faithful testimony of what our Lord has taught us.

This training manual includes:

- handouts used in our course;
- supplemental articles, essays, and sermons;
- additional resources for denominational work;
- For more study, we recommend a small book on the Westminster Assembly, *Windows on Westminster* (order from: <http://capo.org/cfbooks.html>; or email: covenant@capo.org);
- *For a course-in-a-box, we also provide a supplementary CD version containing all (10) lectures (plus 3 sermons on 1 Timothy 3:1-13 on the qualifications for Elders and Deacons) provided during the training sessions; this set is available for \$49.95; and*
- All that is needed is a copy of the WCF and the *Book of Church Order*, which is revised regularly. These can be ordered on-line or from the Christian Education and Publications Bookstore, 1700 North Brown Road, Suite 102, Lawrenceville, GA 30043-8122. Phone: 678.825.1100 Fax: 678.825.1101. Email: cep@pcanet.org

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