

Instructors

Linford Berry

Linford has served as a pastor for over 10 years at Calvary Mennonite Fellowship in Harrisonburg, VA. He has a passion for seeing the Word of God returned to a central place in the life and worship of the church.

Chester Weaver

Chester has been involved in Christian education for almost all of his adult life, serving as full-time Christian School teacher for 33 years. He also has taught almost 20 years at short term youth Bible schools. Presently, he and his wife, Barbara, parents of eight children, reside near Grandview, Texas.

Milo Zehr

Brother Milo and his wife Mary Sue live near their family at Gladys, VA. Milo is one of the founders of Faith Builders Educational Programs and served for 43 years as a pastor at Bethel Mennonite Church near Gladys, VA and Shalom Mennonite Church at Cochran, PA. He is currently a partner with his son on their dairy farm, mentoring people, and writing.

Opportunities for individual consultation with the instructors will be available.

Costs

- The cost per minister is \$150 for one week. If your spouse is attending, the cost is \$175. If you are unable to attend all sessions, the cost is \$45 per day.
- Lodging arrangements as well as lunch and supper will be provided by the hosting congregation. For lodging, contact Chester Weaver at (817) 648-1863

Minister's wives are welcome to attend with their husbands.

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Center Amish Mennonite Church

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Hutchinson, KS

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Equipping church leaders to be compassionate and wise in pastoral care, church administration, and Biblical preaching.

1. We believe the Bible is the inspired and complete Word of God and that it is our guide for faith and practice in all cultures for all time.
2. We believe Jesus has commissioned and equipped His followers not only to follow Him personally but also to disciple others; we believe it takes the brotherhood working together to do that discipling; but we believe church leaders are responsible for leading out in and giving oversight to the work.
3. We embrace historical Anabaptist theology and practice as reflected in the confessions up to and including the 1963 Confession of Faith.
4. We see many influences shaping conservative Anabaptist people and sometimes hindering the mission Jesus gave us. These influences include but are not limited to:
 - a. Protestant theology
 - b. Materialistic values
 - c. Pietistic emphases
 - d. Emergent church
 - e. Traditionalism
 - f. Modern Psychology
5. We observe that many conservative Anabaptist pastors feel ill-equipped to face the challenges of shepherding in this day, and we believe the need is urgent to provide help for pastors.

Evening Open to the Public

7:00 – 7:10 pm (Opening)

7:10 – 7:55 pm

The Dutch/Russian Mennonite Story

Instructor: Chester Weaver

The Anabaptist beginnings 500 years ago have traced three parallel tracks in the subsequent years: Swiss Brethren/Amish, Hutterite, and Dutch/Russian Mennonite. Kansas has become home to tens of thousands of the Dutch/Russian Mennonites. What is their story?

8:00 – 8:45 pm

Does God Care How We Worship?

Instructor: Linford Berry

We certainly know that God directly commands that we worship only Him, but does He also command how we are to worship Him? In this 5 part series we will look at what the scriptures have to say to us about how we should order our worship - particularly the worship of God's people as we assemble together in the local church.

Daytime Classes for Ordained & Licensed Ministers

Devotions (8:45 am)

First Period (9:00 – 10:30 am)

Biblical Hermeneutics

Instructor: Linford Berry

This course will be an introduction to the important task of understanding, interpreting, and applying the Bible especially as it relates to sermon preparation.

Second Period (10:45 am – 12:15 pm)

Man and Redemption

Instructor: Milo Zehr

All of us are broken: what can be done about it? This course focuses on the lostness of man and God's gracious intervention.

Lunch (12:15 – 1:00 pm)

Third Period (1:00 – 2:30 pm)

Leadership and Brotherhood

Instructor: Chester Weaver

The American environment, presently engulfed in simultaneous technological, cultural, and religious revolutions, pressures our churches. How does church leadership, engaging with an active brotherhood, find its way forward with Christ truly leading the way?

Fourth Period (2:45 – 4:15 pm)

Round Table Discussion

The Round Table Discussion will be moderated by Milo Zehr.

Pastoring is not about learning techniques in handling people. Rather it is learning how to humbly partner with Christ so that His divine influences come to bear on human issues.

Please fill out and send in prior to the first session.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone #: _____

Email address: _____

Birthdate: _____

Number of years of formal education: _____

Check the appropriate boxes below:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Ordained | <input type="checkbox"/> Licensed |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Married | <input type="checkbox"/> Single |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Spouse Attending | |

Spouse's Name: _____

Please attach a separate sheet with responses to the following questions:

- Why would you like to attend TSI?
- Do you embrace Anabaptist theology and doctrine? If not, what theology do you embrace?
- Will you refrain from contentious discussion and instead contribute to a healthy spiritual environment, both during class time and otherwise?

Please send this application along with your \$20 application fee to:

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