

Instructors

Dave Yoder

Dave and his wife Ellie have been married for 43 years. They are blessed with six children and thirteen grandchildren. They have taught in their local Christian day school as well as SMBI and Faith Builders. They have also served four years in the Northern Youth Programs. Dave has served the Central Mennonite congregation in Dover, DE as associate pastor for 36 years. Dave's passion and life's purpose has been focused on ministry, with a strong emphasis on personal relationships within the body of Christ.

Chester Weaver

Chester has been involved in Christian education for almost all of his adult life, serving as full-time Christian School teacher for 36 years. He also has taught 22 years at short term youth Bible schools. Presently, he and his wife, Barbara, parents of eight children, reside in Itasca, 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 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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*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

Dealing with Gnosticism and Dualism

Instructor: Chester Weaver

Movies fascinate people, especially young people and children, making them susceptible to absorb the message contained in the movie. Just as books have a basic message, movies have the same. What messages are being presented by "cute and harmless" movies?

8:00 – 8:45 pm

Christian Liberty in the Context of Brotherhood

Instructor: Dave Yoder

Do you ever get tired of the conflict, the accusations, the side taking, the gossip, the biting and devouring, the tense conversations, the late night meetings, the misunderstandings, the judging of motives, the put downs, the hurts, the distance, and the sadness?

Daytime Classes for Ordained & Licensed Ministers

Devotions (8:45 am)

First Period (9:00 – 10:30 am)

Man and Redemption

Instructor: Milo Zehr

This course looks at the role of the pastor and what it takes to become a servant of the Chief Shepherd.

Second Period (10:45 am – 12:15 pm)

Biblical Hermeneutics

Instructor: Dave Yoder

Someone has said, "The cross is the soul and center of Christianity. From this pulpit Christ teaches us everything we need to know about God and man." This course will emphasize the essentials and means of cross-centered preaching.

Lunch (12:15 – 1:00 pm)

Third Period (1:00 – 2:30 pm)

Leadership and Brotherhood

Instructor: Chester Weaver

People without anchors drift aimlessly. This course explains the importance of theology and then explores the biblical distinctiveness of Anabaptist theology.

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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