

Instructors

Dave Yoder

Dave and Ellie Yoder have been married for 47 years. They are blessed with six children and 19 grandchildren. He has taught in their local Christian school as well as SMBI and Faith Builders. He served as associate pastor of Central Mennonite Church for 38 years. They served for four years with Northern Youth Programs. They currently are assisting the Fellowship Haven congregation in Washington D.C. along with an active itinerant ministry.

Chester Weaver

Chester has been involved in Christian education for almost all of his adult life, serving as full-time Christian School teacher for 37 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 Long Island, 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 Cochranon, PA. He is currently working part time for a farmer, mentoring people, writing, and participating in the local church.

Opportunities for individual consultation with the instructors will be available.

Costs

- The cost per minister is \$225 for one week. If your spouse is attending, the cost is \$250. If you are unable to attend all sessions, the cost is \$60 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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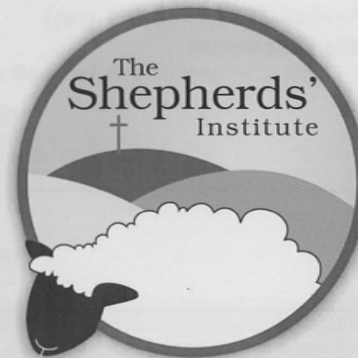
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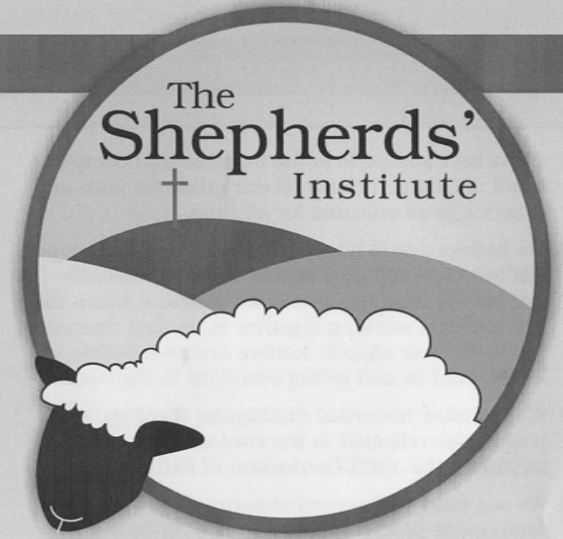
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Harvest Mennonite Church

34985 Hwy. 5
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February 13 - 17, 2023



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

Supporting Statements

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

Spiritual Disciplines

Instructor: Chester Weaver

The spiritual disciplines are essential for Christian growth; however, they are neglected in our day.

8:00 – 8:45 pm

Christian Liberty in the Context of Brotherhood

Instructor: Dave Yoder

The New Testament teaches both the concepts of Christian liberty and of Brotherhood. How can these two be brought into a peaceful working unity, particularly in the context of differing convictions, viewpoints, and personal preferences?

Course Offerings

Daytime Classes for Ordained & Licensed Ministers

Devotions (8:45 am)

First Period (9:00 – 10:30 am)

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.

Second Period (10:45 am – 12:15 pm)

Biblical Hermeneutics

Instructor: Dave Yoder

This course will be an introduction to the science and art of Biblical interpretation, a foundational aspect of sermon preparation.

Lunch (12:15 – 1:00 pm)

Third Period (1:00 – 2:30 pm)

Leadership and Brotherhood

Instructor: Chester Weaver

How can Pastors lead their flocks with God's blessing? This course explores servant leadership within the context of an active brotherhood.

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.

Application Form

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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