

Instructors

Dave Yoder

Dave and Ellie Yoder have been married for 48 years. They are blessed with six children and 23 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 39 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 38 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 Cochran, 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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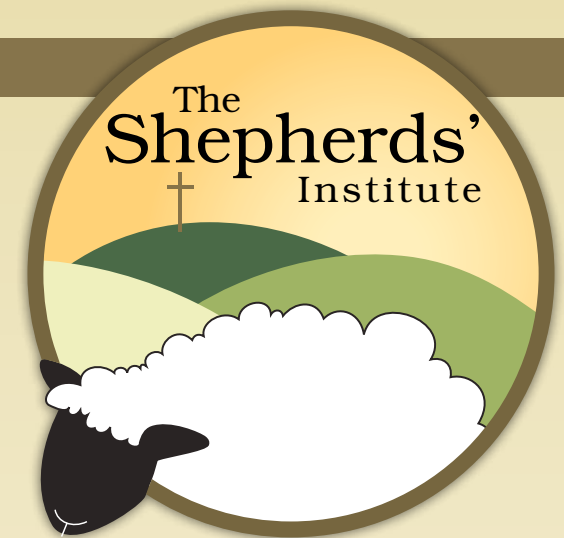
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Cornerstone Mennonite Church

20000 County Road 655

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February 19 – 23, 2024



*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

Core Mennonite Beliefs

Instructor: Milo Zehr

Mennonites who live in 2024 have inherited beliefs that developed 500 years ago. What did Anabaptists/Mennonites believe in the 16th century and what importance and implications do these beliefs have for us today?

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)

Principles of Growth and Change (Pastoring)

Instructor: Milo Zehr

This course considers the process of growth and change in sanctification, the working of God's grace as believers cooperate with God, and the role of community in spiritual growth and change.

Second Period (10:45 am – 12:15 pm)

Studying & Communicating Biblical Truth Effectively (Preaching)

Instructor: Dave Yoder

What all of us need the most is truth. And that truth comes to us in a Person and in a Book. In this course we will look at how we can effectively communicate the unchanging truth of the Living Word of God to a dying world that seems to be forever changing.

Lunch (12:15 – 1:00 pm)

Third Period (1:00 – 2:30 pm)

Introduction to World Views (Theology)

Instructor: Chester Weaver

What are the prevailing world views in our western culture today? The course examines several worldviews and concludes that the Theistic worldview is the only adequate worldview to explain reality.

Fourth Period (2:45 – 4:15 pm)

Round Table Discussion

The Round Table Discussion will be moderated by Milo Zehr and Chester Weaver.

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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