



Seminar for Deacons, Financial Advisors, and Trustees

Our church groups believe in offering counsel and support to members who struggle financially. Deacons and many other individuals are asked to serve by helping as financial counselors, advisors, or trustees. Helping a struggling brother or family in this way is an act of service, but often the problems confronted are challenging and complex. Personal, financial, and spiritual issues are often mixed together.

*Anabaptist Foundation has received requests to provide teaching for church leaders, financial advisors, and trustees. The **Seminar for Deacons, Financial Advisors and Trustees** is planned to address this need and to provide basic training for those who are serving or who have been asked to serve as financial advisors or trustees helping individuals in our church settings.*

NOTE: This seminar is for those who work with and help other people who have financial difficulties. It is not designed for those individuals in our church communities who are personally struggling with financial difficulties.

WHEN: Saturday, June 10, 2017, 8:30AM – 5:00PM

WHERE: Ramer Building, 24647 County Road 44, Nappanee, IN 46550

SESSIONS

Session 1. **Principles of Stewardship** (Richie Lauer)

Session 2. **Root Causes of Financial Problems** (Gary Miller)

False Concept of Ownership...What does it mean to be a steward? ...Mistake of dividing finances from spiritual life... need for prevention...teaching stewardship as a brotherhood.

Session 3. **How do We Begin to Help Someone?** (Joel Martin)

Preparing personally...asking questions...gathering information...defining the problem.

Session 4. **Building a Vision for What Should and Can Occur** (Gary Miller)

Salvaging the person (emotional/spiritual needs) ...importance of measurable and meaningful steps to restore hope...building vision and commitment...accountability.

Session 5. **Damage Control: How to Stabilize a Deteriorating Situation** (Joel Martin)

Developing a plan...communicating with creditors.

Session 6. **Requiring Accountability – Staying on Course** (Joel Martin)

Building a communication plan...dealing with setbacks...determining appropriate brotherhood assistance.

Session 7. **Moving our Communities Toward a Kingdom-driven Vision for Finances** (Gary Miller)

Building a vision of finances as a part of the kingdom...building transparency, openness, and brotherhood...sharing a vibrant vision with your church.

Cost: There is no charge for the seminar. Ordained brethren (bishops, ministers, deacons) and those who have served or are serving as financial trustees are welcome to attend free of charge in appreciation of their service to the church. A free-will offering may be lifted for those who wish to support this type of effort. Lunch will be provided.

Seating is limited, so advance registration is requested. To register, contact: *Anabaptist Foundation (800) 653-9817 ext. 214*

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