

The local church is responsible to support those who struggle financially, while also providing guidance for those in prosperity. The Deacon and Trustee Seminar is for anyone who serves in a leadership or advisory role in the church community, including bishops, ministers, deacons, trustee committees, and financial advisors. The goal of this seminar is to support the church by offering training on working redemptively with those in financial difficulty and topics on inspiring a stewardship mindset during prosperity.

**Cost:** There is no charge to attend this seminar.

**Registration:** Please register by two weeks prior to the seminar. When you register, please let us know if your wife is planning to come with you.

To register, fill out the attached form and mail it to **Anabaptist Financial, 55 Whisper Creek Drive, Lewisburg, PA 17837**. Or contact us by phone: **267-368-4628** or email: **seminars@afweb.org**.

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*You are invited!*  
**DEACON & TRUSTEE SEMINAR**  
July 27, 2023 — Latham, MO



# *Deacon & Trustee* SEMINAR

*Helping church leaders and financial committees navigate adversity and prosperity.*



**THURSDAY, JULY 27, 2023**

**SPRING HILL MENNONITE CHURCH**

*35937 State Hwy E, Latham, MO 65050*

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Location: Spring Hill Mennonite Church

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- 8:30 AM Welcome and Song
- 8:40 Devotions and Prayer
- 8:50 Organizational Talk
- 9:00 **The Challenge of Prosperity**  
*by Gary Miller; Caldwell, Idaho*  
Churches historically have had difficulty thriving during times of prosperity. Can we survive if our primary reference point is our own affluent culture?
- 9:45 Break & Snack
- 10:15 **The Deacon's Responsibility According to Scripture**  
*by Ray Yoder Jr.; Dalton, OH*  
You have been called to the office of a deacon, but what exactly are your responsibilities? How can you be an effective deacon? This session takes an in-depth look at 1 Timothy 3 and other passages.
- 11:00 **Relating to Those in Need**  
*by Richie Lauer; Hillsville VA*  
A budget is a good tool to help those struggling financially to get back on their feet again. It is also a good tool for those who have plenty to be good stewards of what God has given them. Sometimes a deacon or trustee committee is not sure how to help someone get on a budget. This session explains the four steps in setting up a budget and the benefits of it.
- 11:45 Lunch
- 1:00 PM **How to Help with Mutual Aid**  
*by Ray Yoder Jr.*  
What does mutual aid look like today? Should

a deacon initiate a plan to help someone, or wait until you are asked? We will look at some present day examples to help answer these questions.

- 1:45 **Panel Discussion:**  
Theme: Require Accountability and Achieve Restoration
- 2:30 Break & Snack
- 2:50 **Wills and Guardianship Issues**  
*by Richie Lauer*  
Is it true that every family should have a will? What happens to minor children when there is a death without guardianship arrangements having been made?
- 3:45 **Brotherhood Financial Transparency and Accountability**  
*by Gary Miller*  
We look back and marvel at how the early church freely shared their possessions. Was this belief only for those first believers? Is it possible that we should have more financial transparency and accountability in our day?
- 4:30 Closing Comments
- 4:45 Dismissal



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- Deacon    Financial Advisor    Minister  
 Trustee    Bishop  
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