

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 in working redemptively with those in financial difficulty and inspiring a stewardship mindset during prosperity.

Cost: There is no charge to attend this seminar.

Registration: Please register by July 2 so we can be sure to have adequate resources. 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 16, 2024 — Ephrata, PA



**Anabaptist
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Stewardship Connections with Integrity

Deacon & Trustee SEMINAR

Helping church leaders and financial committees navigate adversity and prosperity.



TUESDAY, JULY 16, 2024

MARTINDALE RECEPTION CENTER
352 Martindale Rd, Ephrata, PA 17522

DEACON & TRUSTEE SEMINAR

Date: July 16, 2024

Location: Martindale Reception Center
352 Martindale Rd, Martindale, PA 17522

8:30 AM Welcome and Song

8:40 Devotions and Prayer

8:50 Organizational Talk

9:00 **The Troubled & Hurting Among Us – Rethinking the Role of the Church**

by Marvin Wengerd; Sugarcreek, OH

Has the church paid a price by sending our troubled, hurting people to Anabaptist institutions rather than engaging in the heavy personal work these people need? What if the church were to see itself as the primary caregiver? What part of our beliefs and focus may need to change? Can the church develop the vision, knowledge, and power to disciple the hurting among us?

9:45 Break & Snack

10:15 **How Much Debt is Too Much?**

by Ben Stoltzfus; Morgantown, PA

Is there something like too much “good debt”? We use debt as a tool to start a business or buy an asset that appreciates. Can we ever use good debt for wrong motives?

11:00 **Yes, I Wish to Give, but How and Where Should I Give?**

by Richie Lauer; Hillsville, VA

Sharing of our material resources is clearly taught in Scripture and generally accepted as truth by our people. But how should a Christian give? Where should a Christian give? What guidelines and priorities apply?

11:45 Lunch

1:00 PM **Helping People Recognize and Admit Their Needs**

by Marvin Wengerd; Sugarcreek, OH

Most troubled people long for change - a transformation. Why then are they so stuck in the mire of blindness and resistance? How can we help pull them toward victory, relational peace, and fruitfulness?

1:45 **Time Stewardship**

by Glenn Miller; Lancaster, PA

We often think of money when we talk about stewardship. But stewardship is much broader than that. The Bible speaks of “redeeming the time.” How can we be a steward of our time?

2:30 Break & Snack

3:00 **A Proper Response to Prosperity**

by Richie Lauer; Hillsville, VA

When AF started the Deacon and Trustee seminars years ago, our clear focus was on how to best help those in the church who struggle financially. Today, our churches seem awash in prosperity. How can we help our people navigate these circumstances while maintaining a balanced view of finances and stewardship?

3:45 **Joy in Serving**

by Mervin Allgyer; Narvon, PA

All of us are called to serve; some are called to serve as a church leader, while others might serve on a trustee committee. How do we find joy while carrying the weight of responsibility that comes with serving?

4:15 Closing Comments

4:30 Dismissal

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- Deacon Financial Advisor Minister
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