

July 26, 2022  
Otto Center  
2058 CR 1800 E, Arthur, IL 61911

**Cost:** There is no charge for the seminar. Ordained brethren (bishops, ministers, deacons) and those who have served or are serving as financial trustees/advisors are welcome to attend free of charge in appreciation for their service to the church. Please let us know at registration if your wife is planning to come with you.

**Registration:** Seating is limited, so please register by two weeks prior to the date of the seminar you plan to attend. To register, fill out the attached form and mail it to **Anabaptist Financial, 55 Whisper Creek Drive, Lewisburg, PA 17837**. Or contact Sharolyn by phone: **570-468-1326**, or email **seminars@afweb.org**.

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# DEACON & TRUSTEE SEMINAR

*Are you serving as a financial counselor, church-appointed trustee, or ordained church leader? This seminar is designed for those who help other people with financial difficulties.*



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Our church groups believe in offering counsel and support to members who struggle financially. Deacons and other individuals are asked to serve as financial counselors, advisors, or trustees. Helping in this way is an act of service, but often the problems are challenging and complex—personal, financial, and spiritual issues are usually mixed together. The Deacon and Trustee Seminar addresses this need and provides basic training for working with those who have financial difficulties.

We also face the challenge of living in an affluent age. Jesus teaches that the more we have, the more responsible we are as His stewards. This seminar also covers topics to help guide and inspire leaders in directing the church toward stewardship living.

8:30 AM Welcome and Song  
 8:40 Devotions and Prayer  
 8:50 Organizational talk  
 9:00 **Principles of Stewardship**  
*by Richie Lauer, Hillsville, VA*  
*We live in a society that has a warped mentality of money and possessions. It's important that fathers and church leaders teach what the Bible says about stewardship. We will look at foundational stewardship principles to help us keep a stewardship mentality.*  
 9:45 Break & Snack  
 10:15 **Root Causes of Financial Problems**  
*by Gary Miller, Caldwell, Idaho*  
*It's easy to pick out the surface problems when working with someone with financial difficulties. But to properly deal with these issues, we need to understand the root of the problem. This session will explore several root causes to common financial problems.*  
 11:00 **Forming and Serving on a Committee**  
*by Marvin Wengerd, Walnut Creek, Ohio*  
*Sometimes we are called to serve on a*

*financial committee or trustee committee. If someone has never served on a committee like this, it can feel overwhelming. How do we get started? What is our responsibility?*

11:45 Lunch  
 1:00 PM **Budgeting – A Critical Component of Recovery**  
*by Jason Sensenig, Tyrone, PA*  
*Have you ever started working with someone only to discover they had kept no financial records or kept only poor records? Setting up a budget is an important tool to learn where someone is financially and help them recover from financial difficulties.*  
 1:45 **Relating to Those in Need**  
*by Marvin Wengerd*  
*Sometimes we see needs around us, and we have a desire to help. But what is the best way to go about it? Is it possible to hurt someone in need more by trying to help them?*  
 2:30 Break & Snack  
 2:50 **Bringing Everything Under the Lordship of Christ**  
*by Gary Miller*  
*Our tendency is to separate our lives into neat little boxes of sacred and secular. But what if God is actually very interested in our "earthly" activities? How can we teach our people that the purpose of every activity and task is to bring glory to God?*  
 3:45 **Peacemaking in the Brotherhood**  
*by Marvin Wengerd*  
*When tensions mount and imaginations run high, peace disappears. Into its place move suspicion and conflict. However, when God has one or two peacemakers in a church or family that's experiencing high levels of conflict, the devil usually doesn't get his way.*  
 4:30 Closing Comments  
 4:45 Dismissal

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## REGISTRATION FORM

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### What is your role?

- Deacon    Financial Advisor    Minister  
 Trustee    Bishop    Other

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