

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 3 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:

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You are invited!

DEACON & TRUSTEE SEMINAR

July 21, 2026 — Ephrata, PA



Deacon & Trustee SEMINAR

Helping church leaders and financial committees navigate adversity and prosperity.



TUESDAY, JULY 21, 2026

MARTINDALE RECEPTION CENTER
352 Martindale Rd, Ephrata, PA 17522

DEACON & TRUSTEE SEMINAR

Date: July 21, 2026

Location: Martindale Reception Center
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8:30 AM Welcome and Song

8:40 Devotions and Prayer

8:50 How AF Supports the Local Church

9:00 **Passing on Stewardship Amidst Prosperity**

by TBD

How can the younger generation be equipped to practice faithful stewardship in times of prosperity? Likewise, how can the older generation be inspired to lead by example, cultivate relationships, and mentor those who follow? This session explores intergenerational stewardship and the call to live wisely and generously during seasons of prosperity.

9:45 Break & Snack

10:15 **Origin and Purpose of the Alms Fund**

by Dave Sweigart; Peach Bottom, PA

This session starts with a brief talk on the origins and purpose of the alms fund, followed by small-group discussions. Participants will have the opportunity to share their church's approach to almsgiving and learn from one another's experiences.

11:00 **Transparency and Confidentiality**

by Paul King; Gordonville, PA

Supporting those in need calls for both compassion and discretion. How do we maintain trust while keeping the church informed? This session dives into the delicate balance between confidentiality and transparency, offering practical insights for

navigating these challenges with wisdom and care.

11:45 Lunch

1:00 PM **Blending Family, Church, and Work Responsibilities**

by Gid Esh; Dalmatia, PA

Life pulls us in many directions—children need our time, our spouse needs our attention, the sick need care, and bills need to be paid. How do we manage it all without burning out? We will look at practical tips for blending life's responsibilities with grace and purpose.

1:45 **Small-Group Discussions**

During this session, we will split up into small groups and discuss some of the topics we heard throughout the day. Each group will be provided with a set of questions to consider.

2:30 Break & Snack

3:00 **Nurturing Stewardship Discussions**

by Clyde Zimmerman; Altoona, PA

What are the areas where your community is struggling with Biblical stewardship? How do you start valuable and open discussions to help your community wrestle with the questions of practical Biblical stewardship? In this session, we will see how you can use the Salt & Light course as a tool to kick-start such discussions.

3:45 Closing Comments and Prayer

4:00 Dismissal

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- Deacon Financial Advisor Minister
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