

Sharon Mennonite Bible Institute

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Dedicated to the proclamation of the Scriptures as
God's norm for Christian life and experience.



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Calendar 2026 - 2027

WATER		June 22 - July 31, 2026
Family & Youth Week		August 2-7, 2026
Staff Retreat		September 19, 2026
First Term	September 21 - October 23, 2026	
Registration/Orientation	1:00 - 5:00 p.m.	Monday, September 21
Student Orientation	6:30 p.m.	Monday, September 21
Classes Begin		Tuesday, September 22
Discipleship Group Activities**		Friday, Oct. 9
Day of Solitude**		Saturday, Oct. 17
Classes End		Thursday, Oct. 22
Music Ministry / Ministry Experience		October 23 - 30
Second Term	November 2 - December 10, 2026	
Registration	1:00 - 5:00 p.m.	Monday, November 2
Student Orientation	6:30 p.m.	Monday, November 2
Classes Begin	7:30 a.m.	Tuesday, November 3
Christian Nurture Conference*		November 13-15
Thanksgiving Vacation		November 26 - 29
Classes End		Thursday, December 10
SMBI Choir Tour		December 11 - 18
Third Term	January 4 - February 11, 2027	
Registration	1:00 - 5:00 p.m.	Monday, January 4
Student Orientation	6:30 p.m.	Monday, January 4
Classes Begin	7:30 a.m.	Tuesday, January 5
Missions Involvement**		January 15-17
Annual Night of Music	7:00 p.m.	Friday, February 5
Classes End		Thursday, February 11
SMBI Choir Tour		February 12 - 19
Ministers' Week		February 15 - 19
Fourth Term	February 22 - April 1, 2027	
Registration	1:00 - 5:00 p.m.	Monday, February 22
Student Orientation	6:30 p.m.	Monday, February 22
Classes Begin	7:30 a.m.	Tuesday, February 23
REACH*		March 12
Graduation	7:00 p.m.	Friday, March 26
Classes End		Thursday, April 1
SMBI Choir Tour		April 2 - 9
Fifth Term	April 12 - May 20, 2027	
Registration	1:00 - 5:00 p.m.	Monday, April 12
Student Orientation	6:30 p.m.	Monday, April 12
Classes Begin	7:30 a.m.	Tuesday, April 13
Priority Registration Ends		May 1
Missions Involvement**		April 23 - 25
Classes End		Thursday, May 20
Day of Solitude		Friday, May 21
SMBI Choir Tour		May 22 - June 10

*These weekends are special weekends. Although students are expected to stay on campus, visitors are welcome.

** Closed Weekend/Days (Students are expected to stay on campus - NO VISITORS)

INTRODUCTION

The Lord of the church has given His body a variety of gifts and roles “for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ” (Eph. 4:12). This verse contains a three-fold directive for every born again follower of Christ. As saints, we are called to move toward and into the ongoing work of sanctification and perfection in our own lives. As Christ works in us, we become His hands and feet continuing the ministry of redemption which He initiated before mankind ever needed redemption. Finally, since we are designed to function as a body and not an isolated ear or foot, we must band together as a body to build up and encourage our fellow pilgrims as we journey together.

At Sharon Mennonite Bible Institute, it is our vision to function as a support to churches and families as together we endeavor to see these directives fulfilled in our lives and the lives of our students. We have no desire to become another option in the smorgasbord of entertainment and diversion, but rather to be a dynamic tool that God can use to perform His work in and through each of us. We appreciate your support as we strive to perfect the saints, equip them for ministry, and build up the body of Christ.

- Clifford Schrock, Administrator



HISTORY

Sharon Mennonite Bible Institute began its ministry in 1977 by offering one six-week term of study. Through the following years it has grown to now offer five terms of study in Bible, Theology, Missions, Music, Language, History, and Practical Studies. The institute also offers a six-week summer WATER (World Awareness Training in Evangelistic Responsibility) program and other enrichment programs. The enrollment at SMBI has remained small by design to create the greatest openness for life-changing interaction between students and faculty. Both single and married students are housed on campus or in housing nearby.

INSTRUCTORS

SMBI instructors are chosen for their commitment to the Scriptures as the inerrant, infallible, and dynamic Word of God and for the fruit that this commitment has produced in their families and ministries. Our teachers' foremost credential is their love for the Lord.

This year's instructors include:

Bergey, Larry - Lansdale, PA	24 th year, Terms 1, 2
Heatwole, Samuel - Harrisonville, PA	9 th year, Terms 1, 2, 3, 4,5
Hinds, Andrew - Knotts Island, NC	4 th year, Term 4
Kennell, Kendra - El Paso, IL	4 th year, Term 2
Schrock, Clifford - Harrisonville, PA	28 th year, Terms 1, 2, 3, 4, 5
Sollenberger, Conrad - Shippensburg, PA	4 th year, Term 3
Weaver, Austin - Harrisonville, PA	2 nd year, Terms 1, 2, 3, 4, 5
Weaver, Linford - Manheim, PA	4 th year, Terms 4, 5
Yoder, David - Dover, DE	6 th year, Term 3
Yoder, Elijah - Harrisonville, PA	36 th year, Terms 1, 2, 3, 4, 5

Administrator: Clifford Schrock
Assistant Administrator: Austin Weaver
Secretary: Carolyn Fisher

ORGANIZATION

Sixteen brethren from the Keystone Fellowship, Mid-Atlantic Mennonite Fellowship, Southeastern Mennonite Conference, Beachy Amish Mennonite Fellowship, South Atlantic Mennonite Conference, Cumberland Valley and some unaffiliated Mennonite churches compose the SMBI Association. The Association provides organizational leadership for the Institute. The sacrifices and commitments of these men have paved the way for innumerable blessings felt by the faculty, staff, and students throughout the years.

The Association members are:

Chairman—Hurst, Kevin - Myerstown, PA
Vice Chairman—Clugston, Rene - McConnellsburg, PA
Secretary—Musser, Lyle - Denver, PA
Assistant Secretary—Groff, Wesley - Bird-in-Hand, PA
Treasurer—Bicher, Gerald Sr. - Bethel, PA
Bergey, Larry - Lansdale, PA
Ehst, Randy - Quakertown, PA
Glick, Elmer - Slanesville, WV
Good, Nathan - South Boston, VA
Harnish, Larry - Oxford, PA
Hege, Daniel - Olar, SC
Martin, Earl - Mohnton, PA
Myers, David - Rohrsersville, MD
Peachey, Joseph - Lancaster, PA
Zimmerman, Warren - Denver, PA

Course Listing

(All courses are 3 study hours unless marked otherwise.)

BIBLICAL STUDIES

Old Testament

Christ in the Old Testament

Genesis

Books of Moses

Joshua, Judges (1½)

Ruth and Other Bible Women

Kings

Ezra, Nehemiah

Esther, Job

Life of Joseph/David

Psalms (1½)

Wisdom Literature

Major Prophets

Minor Prophets (1½)

Old Testament Survey

New Testament

Sermon on the Mount

Life of Christ

Parables

John

Acts

Romans

I Corinthians

II Corinthians

Gal., Phil., Col., Philemon

Ephesians

I, II Thessalonians (1½)

I, II Timothy/Titus

Hebrews

James (1½)

I, II Peter

I, II, III John, Jude (1½)

Revelation

New Testament Survey

EVANGELISM STUDIES

Gospel & Culture

Introduction to Muslim Evangelism

Issues in Anabaptist Missions

Lives of Great Christians

Local Church Evangelism (1½)

Missiology

Personal Evangelism

Urban Evangelism

WATER (6)

HISTORY STUDIES

Anabaptist History & Theology

Biblical Cultural Foundations

Early Church History (100-1517)

Mennonites in America

Modern Church History

Reformation Studies

LANGUAGE STUDIES

Hebrew

New Testament Greek I & II

Spanish I & II

MUSICAL STUDIES

Choir (1)

Choral/Congregational Conducting (1½)

Class Voice (1½)

Music Fundamentals

Music Theology & Appreciation

Music Theory I

Music Theory II

PRACTICAL STUDIES

Biblical Stewardship (1½)

Biblical Worship (1½)

Biblical Manhood

Biblical Womanhood

Christian Family Living I

Christian Family Living II

Christian Morality (Ethics)

Christian Writing

Developing the Servant

The Devoted Life

Methods of Bible Study (1 ½)

Principles of Teaching

Public Speaking

Reading & Study Skills (1½)

Servant-hood That Enriches

Victorious Christian Living

THEOLOGICAL STUDIES

Christian Evidences

Discovering Our God

Growth in Christ

Ordinances

Peace & the Simple Life

Principles of Biblical Interpretation (1½)

Spiritual Life

The Church: The Bride of Christ

CURRICULUM

SMBI currently offers three concentrations of study for graduation. These include Christian Education, Bible & Theology and Missions. The WATER program is conducted from the end of June to the end of July to provide students with short-term exposure to the mission fields of conservative Anabaptists around the world. SMBI also offers a one-week Family & Youth Week during the first week of August and a Ministers' Study Week in mid-February.

COURSES OFFERED

BIBLICAL STUDIES

Christ in the Old Testament

3 hours

Bi - This course is a study of Christ (Jehovah) as veiled in the types and shadows of the Pentateuch. This study is a view of the beginnings of God's revelation process. A large portion of the course will be a study of the typology of Israel's journey, the tabernacle, and the law.

Genesis

3 hours

Bi - It is the seed plot of the Bible. Genesis is the key to understanding the basic questions such as the fall of man, redemption, judgment, faith, covenant, forgiveness, sacrifice and holy living.

Books of Moses

3 hours

Bi - "In the beginning God" are some of the most important words of the Bible. The Old Testament is the foundation of the New Testament and the Pentateuch is the foundation of the Old Testament. The approach of study will be historical and typological. We will focus on the promised coming Redeemer and the unfolding redemptive plan.

Joshua/Judges

1.5 hours

Bi - The spiritual ups and downs of the children of Israel parallels the spiritual lives of many today. The class will discuss the dynamics of revival and apostasy and the role of leadership in these conditions.

Ruth and Other Bible Women

3 hours

Bi - The first part of this class will explore the story of Ruth and the faith, love and character of the key people in the book. The second part of the class will develop lessons from some of the other women of the Bible.

Kings

3 hours

Bi - Course participants will find doctrine, reproof, correction, and instruction in righteousness as we explore God's recorded information about the rise and fall of Old Testament kings.

Ezra/Nehemiah

1.5 hours

Bi - We will look at the lives of these two men of God and how their leadership shaped the direction of the people they led. We will look at the historical aspects of their rebuilding and restoration in Israel and also make practical application for today in how to respond to roadblocks to restoration.

Esther/Job**3 hours**

Bi - Both of these books are historical accounts in story form. The story format reveals the practical interventions of God in everyday living. We will study the ways of God as He surprisingly uses evil to accomplish His purposes in us. Job in particular will be a study on suffering and how to minister to those in pain.

David/Joseph**3 hours**

Bi - These men are two of the clearest examples of Christ in the Old Testament. Their exemplary way of handling stress and rejection present a beautiful picture to Christians today.

Psalms**1.5 hours**

Bi - An understanding and appreciation of the Psalms will be attempted through a dual approach of surveying the whole book and studying specific settings, poetic forms, concepts and titles of God, and Psalmic quotations in the New Testament.

Wisdom Literature**3 hours**

Bi - We will learn to apply God's laws for true freedom and study God's map of the devil's minefield in order to determine how to destroy it. The course will also include looking at an enlarged snapshot of a materialist and the principles relating to fulfilling relationships.

Major Prophets**3 hours**

Bi - We will look at God's hand in dealing with His people before, during, and after their captivity to discover how this message relates to individuals in the church today. We will also discover what kind of individual is able to stand through apostate conditions. The fulfillment of God's judgments and promises inspires faith and hope.

Minor Prophets**1.5 hours**

Bi - Called "The Twelve" in the Hebrew Old Testament, these books point to the coming of the Lord. Their message is judgment for sin, yet hope for a better future. Special attention will be given to their message for the church today.

Old Testament Survey**3 hours**

Bi - In this course we will trace the redemptive thread from creation to the birth of Christ. We will see how God progressively revealed His redemptive plan through the law, poetry, and the prophets. We want to see God as the Designer of history. Each Old Testament book will be examined to determine its basic message, purpose, and its place in the historical and political setting of the Old Testament.

Sermon on the Mount**3 hours**

Bi - A course designed to guide students in developing inner character that meets God's approval and equips one to serve others. This study will attempt to explore the wealth of Christ's own description of what He wanted His followers to be and do.

Life of Christ**3 hours**

Bi - The approach to study this course is to harmonize the gospel accounts and to follow the life of Christ through His earthly pilgrimage. Christ is truly the Son of God and the Son of man. Being His disciple, then, means following Him in life.

Parables**3 hours**

Bi - Jesus, the master Teacher, used stories to illustrate His message. From seeking the lost to handling our money, these stories speak as profoundly to us today as they did in the times of Christ. We will look at the primary truth of each parable and how to apply that today.

- John** **3 hours**
Bi - The Gospel of John is simple enough for a child to understand yet profound enough to bring an adult to faith in Jesus Christ, the Son of God. Such subjects as pre-existence, incarnation, the Word, new birth, methods of evangelism, faith, identity and character of Christ, the ministry of the Holy Spirit, fellowship of the church in Christ, foot washing, and the suffering, death, and resurrection of Christ will be studied.
- Acts** **3 hours**
Bi - This is a study of the first century Christian church and missionary efforts. The study will include the challenge, methods, and successes of early Christian missions. This is a foundational course for all concerned about bringing the Gospel to a lost and dying world whether at home or abroad.
- Romans** **3 hours**
Bi - Romans is Paul's most comprehensive presentation of the glorious gospel of Jesus Christ. What is justification by faith? How are we to relate to authority, or to our weaker brother? How does one live by the Spirit? What is the believer's relationship to the Law? These are all questions that Paul answers in Romans.
- I Corinthians** **3 hours**
Bi - The church at Corinth: A young church, a struggling church, and a "problem" church. Can the answers given to them be answers for us today? Are the solutions "practical" for twentieth century churches? Is it Paul's word or God's Word? Let us exposit the book.
- II Corinthians** **3 hours**
Bi - Paul has already exhorted and instructed this struggling church concerning its problems. In II Corinthians, Paul rejoices in their response to the first letter, but also finds it necessary to defend his apostolic authority and ministry because of some who opposed him. Emphasis will be placed upon practical applications to present-day church life especially in the areas of church discipline, repentance, separation, New Testament principles of giving, and the ministry of reconciliation.
- Galatians, Philippians, Colossians, Philemon** **3 hours**
Bi - These epistles give practical teaching regarding the Christian life with Christ as the all-sufficient Head. Galatians warns against legalism, Colossians against ascetic practices, while Philippians encourages the Christian to be faithful to Christ.
- Ephesians** **3 hours**
Bi - This epistle alerts the Church to the tremendous calling that is hers from God and to the challenge of being faithful to that calling. The approach will be an in-depth study of each chapter as well as further expansion on such topics as predestination, faith and works, the role and beauty of the church, family roles, and spiritual warfare.
- I, II Thesalonians** **1.5 hours**
Bi - An in-depth study of these two early epistles reveals much about the structure of the Early Church. Paul corrects misconceptions about Christ's second coming and emphasizes being ready when Christ does come. Other topics covered include the reasons for suffering and Paul's financial policies.
- I, II Timothy/Titus** **3 hours**
Bi - These letters were written to young men responsible for spiritual leadership in the churches, but with instruction and application for all. What is the Church? How are leaders called? How can leaders lead effectively? We will search for answers to these questions and more. The inductive method of study will be the basic approach.

Hebrews**3 hours**

Bi - The book of Hebrews brings light and life to the Old Testament book of Leviticus. In this course we will seek to relate the “shadows” of the book of Leviticus with the “substance” of Hebrews. The approach of study will be basically expository. Some outstanding themes to observe are the superiority of Christ, the priesthood of Christ, the superiority of the New Covenant, the faithful saints of the past, the “let us” challenges, and more.

James**1.5 hours**

Bi - This course will be an in-depth study of the book of James. The emphasis will be on practical application of the truths taught in the book. A major subject will be the role of faith and works in the life of the believer.

I & II Peter**3 hours**

Bi - Peter’s style of writing is pastoral in nature. He spends time writing about foundational salvation issues from which practical holy living can naturally occur. Several different commentaries will be used as sources.

I, II, III John /Jude**1.5 hours**

Bi - This book is written to believers to bring them to a firm assurance of salvation. The blessings of forgiveness and the witness of the Holy Spirit in the believer’s heart are major themes. John also gives instructions on how to guard against false doctrine. Jude warns against apostasy and challenges the believers to keep the faith.

Revelation**3 hours**

Bi - There is a blessing to those who read the book of Revelation. Effort will be made to study the structure and message of this last book of the Bible to prepare us for these last days. The approach will be premillennial interpretation of the visions of the apostle John.

New Testament Survey**3 hours**

Bi - The New Testament is worthy to be studied in many different ways. We would like to answer questions such as: “How was the New Testament canon formed?” “What can I learn from the character of the New Testament writers?” “How can I get beyond the mechanics of a survey study and experience the power of the Source?” “What cultures did the New Testament writings penetrate?” But, best of all, we would see that the New Testament bears witness that Jesus is the Christ, the Almighty, who will soon return.

EVANGELISM STUDIES**Gospel and Culture****3 hours**

Ev. - This course begins with asking the question: What is our message? What is the gospel? Then culture and anthropology will be studied in light of the Bible. Finally, the course will examine the task of planting indigenous churches in areas of differing cultures and languages. Our Anabaptist heritage and beliefs will be evaluated from a Biblical perspective in light of cross-cultural missions. What are the methods and strategies needed to plant a disciplined Biblical Anabaptist church in the twenty-first century?

Muslim Evangelism**3 hours**

Ev - This is a course designed for those working or interested in working with Muslim people. The emphasis will be to gain a basic knowledge of Muslim beliefs, history, and cultural practices in order to be able to focus and adapt our message and approach. The Anabaptist heritage has the answers for the many Muslims seeking for a disciplined faith.

Issues in Anabaptist Missions**3 hours**

Ev - This course begins with examining the missionary strategies of Paul in the book of Acts. Then the successes and the failures of Anabaptist missions from 1525 to the present will be studied. The New Testament model will be compared to the spirit of an “evangelical fundamental” church and an Anabaptist church. The focus of this course will be on issues related to the Anabaptist heritage: how these have been dealt with in the past and how to effectively deal with them in the future.

Lives of Great Christians**3 hours**

Ev - There are few greater motivations than the exemplary lives of past ministers and missionaries. Their victories and defeats, obedience and disobedience provide a wealth of background to the struggles of making Christ known in our culture and around the world. Much of the course will involve reading testimonies about them.

Local Church Evangelism**1.5 hours**

Ev - The local church, whether in the U.S. or abroad, is the bride of Christ. This course will focus on outreach and evangelism in the local setting. Topics such as prayer and fasting, witnessing, and discipleship will be discussed. Opportunity will be given for outreach in the local area.

Missiology**3 hours**

Ev - This course examines the biblical basis for missions. The Bible is a missionary book from Genesis to Revelation. Some topics studied will be the missionary call, women in missions, Paul’s methods, finances, developing a biblical theology of missions, and practical aspects of a missionary’s daily life. A survey of missions in church history will be discussed.

Personal Evangelism**3 hours**

Ev - The purpose of this study is to plant and grow in the lives of our students a passion for sharing their faith. According to studies, only 2% of believers actually share their faith on a regular basis. As conservative Anabaptists, we have a unique responsibility and opportunity to do so. As good stewards, it is imperative that we pass on the faith as it has been given to us. The class will include personal preparation and training, practice witnessing sessions and class events where we flesh out the concepts we discuss in class in real time.

Urban Evangelism**3 hours**

Ev - This course will compare the urban “mind set” to the rural “mind set”. Steps that conservative, rural Anabaptists must take in order to evangelize urban dwellers will be explored. Students will gain an appreciation for urban dwellers, missionaries, and missions. The course is designed to create a desire to serve the Lord in cities.

HISTORICAL STUDIES**Anabaptist History & Theology****3 hours**

Hi - This course is an analytical study of the first two centuries of Anabaptist history and theology with a goal to grasp the essential and distinctive beliefs of the Anabaptists which set them apart from Roman Catholicism and Protestantism with reflection on the relevance of this heritage for contemporary doctrinal, congregational, and personal life. We will become acquainted with major events, personalities, teachings, and practices which shaped the Anabaptist movement. The course aims to provide a framework for making wise decisions in our own time.

Biblical Cultural Foundations**3 hours**

Hi - The scriptures are a treasure chest of historical insight and cultural references. We will discover the ancient cultures and explore the scriptures in their cultural context with an emphasis on the Greek, Roman, and Jewish cultures of the New Testament.

Early Church History (100-1517)**3 hours**

Hi - The objective of this course is to study the history of the Christian church from its beginnings up until the reformation BC 6-AD 1517. We will cover a broad range of history, movements, individuals, literature and issues in the church with a combination of lectures, discussions and homework assignments. A major goal of every class session is to explore. "How does the history of the early church effect who we are today?"

Mennonites in America**1.5 hours**

Hi - Since the 1700's a large part of the Mennonite story has been lived out on North American soil. This course will examine the Mennonite experience relating culture, education and church growth to an ever-more secular American society.

Modern Church History**3 hours**

Hi - This course begins with the momentous events of the Reformation and proceeds to explore the development of men, movements, and ideas from the Reformation to the present. The Great Awakenings and revival movements are part of this study.

Reformation Studies**3 hours**

Hi - A study of the men who were influential in starting the Reformation. This course will give the student a working knowledge of the theology of the reformers and how that theology affected the world in which the reformers lived.

LANGUAGE STUDIES**Introduction to Biblical Hebrew****3 hours**

La - This course introduces the student to the original language of the Old Testament. While serving as an introduction to Hebrew grammar and pronunciation, emphasis will also be placed in actual speaking in class through dialog memorization. In the space of six weeks, the dedicated student should be able to recognize and understand nearly 700 word forms when heard within context. Tools will also be given for successful and meaningful continued self-study.

New Testament Greek I**3 hours**

La - This course is an introductory study of New Testament Greek. An acquaintance with the language, plus learning to use the various resources of study, will be the basic goal. This will be very beneficial in discerning the thoughts of the Scriptures in light of the many versions and translations of our day.

New Testament Greek II**3 hours**

La - A continuation of Greek I with more study of the grammar of the language. It will be necessary to have taken Greek I or its equivalent. Emphasis in this course will be placed on practical application and usage of the Greek language in Bible study. New Testament Greek II will be very worthwhile in helping to retain what is learned in Greek I.

Spanish I

3 hours

La - A beginner's course designed to lead the student in a rapid ability to pronounce Spanish correctly, engage in everyday conversation, and to read simple Spanish text. There is a daily building on the vocabulary, conversation, and grammar learned each day. Students learn Spanish songs and key Scripture verses. This course is for those interested in the challenge of witnessing to Hispanics in the U.S. or abroad; or simply enjoy the challenge of learning one of the easiest but most beautiful of all languages.

Spanish II

3 hours

La - A continuation of Spanish I, with emphasis on building vocabulary, conversation, Bible reading, and translation. For the student who is serious about learning Spanish. Prerequisite: Spanish I or its equivalent.

MUSICAL STUDIES

Choir

1 hour

Mu - The ministry of singing and worship is an inner expression that comes when hearts are in tune with God and a song breaks forth in joyous harmony to His glory. Tour plans for a one week tour following first, second, third, and fourth terms (one week tours cost approx. \$300.00 each). And a three week tour to Mexico following fifth term. Cost for tour is estimated at \$1,400.00. Reservations for tour are **NOT** assumed and **must be affirmed on the application**. They are granted as per enrollment sequence. Tour personnel will be finalized during the first week of term. Tour itineraries and CDs are available at www.smbi.org.

First Term Choir

Mu - The first term choir opportunity offers some of the traditional SMBI choir experience with a different emphasis and focus. While the typical choir tour focuses on singing and worship in formal church presentations, the first term tour focuses on ministry and evangelism opportunities. The tour will include some work projects with urban Anabaptist missions. Music presentations and evangelism may include nursing homes, homeless shelters, children's clubs, schools, streets, prisons and more.

Choral/Congregational Conducting

1.5 hours

Mu - A practical course for those interested in developing skills and proper techniques for leading of worship through song leading and choral directing. Typical settings, situations, and problems will be simulated and analyzed. There will be opportunity for leading of worship and choral conducting. Practical music skills in theory and sight reading are essential prerequisites.

Class Voice

1.5 hours

Mu - A course designed to give daily opportunity for vocalizations, solos, and demonstrations of proper voice techniques for the distinctive purpose of developing the gift of singing for worship and the glory of God. Prerequisites include basic music skills, sight reading ability, and an audition.

Music Fundamentals

3 hours

Mu - The ABC's of music for those who have had little or no exposure to the basics of music. The course will include daily drill, sight reading, and exercises in a delightful learning atmosphere.

Music Theology & Appreciation

3 hours

Mu - A course designed to develop understanding and appreciation for the biblical basis for music and various historical eras of musical development. The historical background will include hymnody, a study of the lives of composers, and the relationship of music to the church. Considerable attention is given to music on the contemporary, religious, and secular scene, and our response to the choices available today.

Music Theory I**3 hours**

Mu - A basic study of fundamental theory and composition of music, including sight reading and ear training, with an introduction to chord construction, rhythm patterns, and melodic composition.

Music Theory II**3 hours**

Mu - An advanced study of music theory and composition of music, including sight reading, dictation, and ear training. There is composition of melodies, emphasis on rhythm patterns, triad structure, cadence structure, drills and exercises. There is a choice of either a research paper or a four-part song composition including the lyrics. A good grasp and experience of Theory I is essential.

PRACTICAL STUDIES**Biblical Worship****1.5 hours**

Pr - Worship is an expression of the heart. This course will develop a biblical concept of worship, principles that shape the expression of worship, and practical direction for facilitating worship in a corporate setting.

Biblical Manhood**3 hours**

Pr - What is biblical manhood? This course will endeavor to uncover the purpose, pattern, and expectations that God has put in place for a Godly man and will search for God's plan of action to fulfill these. We will look at God's plan versus Western society's view of what it means to be a successful man. Some of the concepts explored will include character qualities of a Godly man, finances, leadership qualities, moral purity, Godly business practices, and a man's need for shoulder to shoulder relationships.

Biblical Womanhood**3 hours**

Pr - What is Biblical Womanhood? This course will endeavor to uncover the purpose, pattern, and expectations that God has put in place for a Godly woman and will search for God's plan and action to fulfill these. We will look at God's plan versus western society's view of what it means to be a flourishing woman. Some of the concepts explored will include character qualities of a Godly woman, biblical femininity and the influence of feminism, modesty, mentoring, finances, singleness, rest, and a woman's need for face-to-face relationships.

Biblical Stewardship**1.5 hours**

Pr - What is biblical stewardship? A definition of stewardship is "the job of supervising or taking care of something, such as an organization or property." God has given us many things that He requires us to be stewards of. In this class we will attempt, through the study of Scripture, to discover the importance of developing a godly, Christ centered vision for all areas of our lives. We want to look at developing a mindset and methods that will help us to stay on track and to understand the blessing of committing all parts of our lives, including finances, to the lordship of Jesus Christ. We will also examine how to create a financial roadmap that shows us where we are, where we want to be, and how to get there from our present location.

Christian Family I**3 hours**

Pr - This course seeks to restore some of the Creator's intention for creation's most basic institution: the home. The subjects deal with a young person relating to parents, siblings, singleness, courtship, engagement, and marriage.

Christian Family II**3 hours**

Pr - This course is a sequel to Christian Family I and deals with issues faced by families after marriage such as children, education, finances, health care, care of elderly, occupational pursuits, etc.

Christian Morality**3 hours**

Pr - This class will be an in-depth study on developing a distinctive Christian world view. Emphasis will be placed on using Scriptural principles to more effectively live the Christian life. Practical application will be made to decision making and the ethical questions of our contemporary society.

Christian Writing**3 hours**

Pr - The ministry of writing is one of the most influential tools God has used in the past. Expertise in this area is important in communicating Scriptural truth. There will be opportunity for various writing exercises in short stories, articles, devotional themes, and more.

Developing the Servant**3 hours**

Pr - How does God see me? What should I be like? What is wrong with me? How would God like to change me? This course seeks to help the student discover and understand the discipline of daily cross bearing and discipleship. This course is about the ways of God with man and how He changes man, as well as the consequences of man's ways without God. This study will help the student to grow deeper in his own relationship with God and to enjoy the assurance of the eternal presence of God. (Servanthood That Enriches is a sequel to this class)

The Devoted Life**3 hours**

Pr - This is a study of what true devotion is in the life of the believer. The class will develop the foundation of the devoted life and elements that hinder or enhance our personal relationship with God. It will explore communion with God in all phases, pressures, and activities of life.

English Composition**3 hours**

Pr - This course is designed to help the student develop the necessary skills for fulfilling writing assignments at SMBI. The goal is to learn to use the English language to speak and write effectively. A brief study of principal parts of speech and basic sentence structure is followed by the principles of sentence formation. The student will also learn how to develop and write a term paper.

Methods of Bible Study**1.5 hours**

Pr - This course will cover various means of Bible study including the book method, the topical method, the biographical methods, and the inductive method. There will be practice in memorization, outlining, and word studies. Emphasis will be placed on the enrichment of personal Bible study with applications for preparing topics and teaching Sunday School.

Principles of Teaching**3 hours**

Pr - Certain fundamental rules in teaching will be observed with an effort to help teachers develop the lesson and communicate it more effectively to the student. The primary emphasis will be on teaching biblical lessons in Sunday School, Christian Day School. Basic principles will also apply to other settings in the school, church, and home. Opportunity will be given for each student to participate in teaching experience.

Public Speaking**3 hours**

Pr - This course will endeavor to cultivate effective methods of communication through public speaking and reading.

Reading & Study Skills**1.5 hours**

Pr - The purpose of this course is to help the student develop basic study skills. The course will emphasize budgeting time, reading, listening, note-taking, thinking processes, vocabulary development, remembering, test-taking, motivation, and self-evaluation.

Servanthood that Enriches**3 hours**

Pr - The goal of this course is to equip the student to be God's instrument of change in the lives of others. We will study methods to help the hurting in areas of grief, rejection, and abuse. The student will learn how to provide encouragement to persons with emotional and spiritual problems, as well as preparation to be a compassionate care giver in the context of the home, the local congregation, and the community. **Developing the Servant is a prerequisite to this course.**

Victorious Christian Living**3 hours**

Pr - A study of the dynamics behind the victorious Christian life. The course will look at how to deal with root issues behind surface problems and how to experience freedom in personal holiness. It will also examine the principles of spiritual warfare and how to develop more of an awareness of God in your life.

THEOLOGICAL STUDIES**Christian Evidences****3 hours**

Th - This course introduces apologetics and explores the multitude of evidences by which the Bible is established as the inerrant, infallible Word of God. We endeavor to "study to show ourselves approved" that we may not be ashamed.

Christian Ordinances**3 hours**

Th - The ordinances are beautiful reminders of the believer's beliefs and practices. This course attempts to discover the Biblical principles that underscore the practices, their cultivation and the significance of their continued application.

Discovering Our God**3 hours**

Th - Our most basic belief about God directly influences how we conduct our lives. This belief is intended to spring from the Scriptures as they unveil God the Father and Jesus, His Son. This study in theology includes Theology Proper, Bibliology, and Christology.

Growth in Christ**3 hours**

Th - The real character of sin must be grasped before salvation can be understood. Salvation is much more than an experience, it is a vibrant way of life with Christ. Anthropology, Hamartiology, and Soteriology are studied in the context of a scriptural passing from death into life.

Peace and Simple Life**3 hours**

Th - In this course we will study the biblical basis for peace and nonresistance. We will discuss how to apply this in war and in peace. The section on nonconformity and the simple life will also include the biblical basis plus practical applications. Subjects discussed will include materialism, speech, sports, attire, etc.

Principles of Biblical Interpretation

1.5 hours

Th - The goal of this course is to help the student develop sound principles enabling him to properly interpret scripture. In this course we will investigate the history of interpretation, some general principles for the interpretation of scripture as a whole, and some special principles for the interpretation of various literary forms in the Bible.

Spiritual Life

3 hours

Th - The contrast of living by the Spirit versus living by the flesh (Romans 8), is a key to living a life of victory over sin and over the Devil. In these last days, we need to be filled with God's Spirit in order to be effective in spiritual warfare. This study in theology includes Pneumatology, Angelology, and Eschatology.

The Church: The Bride of Christ

3 hours

Th- This course will explore the role of your local church as it relates to you as a Christian and how the local church fits into the universal church of Jesus Christ. With Christ's primary focus being upon His bride, the church, we must come to value her as He does. We will discuss the development of unconditional love toward our church, how to develop a congregational hermeneutic, how to plant new churches, and how our church can reach to a decadent world.



First Term

September 21 - October 23, 2026

<i>Time</i>		<i>Course</i>	<i>Instructor</i>	<i>Dept</i>	<i>Study Hours</i>
7:00	Breakfast				
7:30		Developing the Servant Revelation	LB EY	Pr NT	3 3
9:20	Chapel				
10:10	Choir				
11:20		Methods of Bible Study Minor Prophets Ezra / Nehemiah	EY SH AW	Pr OT OT	1.5 1.5 1.5
12:20	Lunch				
1:15		Growth in Christ Biblical Stewardship	CS LB	Th Pr	3 1.5
4:30		Choir (Monday, Tuesday, Thursday)			
3:15 - 5:10		Prayer Groups / Discipleship Groups (Wednesday only)			
5:15	Supper				

Second Term

November 2 - December 10, 2026

<i>Time</i>		<i>Course</i>	<i>Instructor</i>	<i>Dept</i>	<i>Study Hours</i>
7:00	Breakfast				
7:30		Servanthood That Enriches (Pre-requisite Required) Life of Christ	LB AW	Pr NT	3 3
9:00	Chapel				
9:50	Choir				
10:50		Ordinances Romans	CS EY	Th NT	3 3
12:20	Lunch				
1:00		Lives of Great Christians Biblical Womanhood	SH KK	Ev Pr	3 3
2:30		*Reading & Study Skills Books of Moses	EY LB	Pr OT	1.5 3
4:40		Choir (except Friday)			
5:15	Supper				

Third Term

January 4 - February 11, 2027

<i>Time</i>		<i>Course</i>	<i>Instructor</i>	<i>Dept</i>	<i>Study Hours</i>
7:00	Breakfast				
7:30		Old Testament Survey	DY	OT	3
		Victorious Christian Living	CoS	Pr	3
9:00	Chapel				
9:50	Choir				
10:50		Christian Morality	CS	Pr	3
		Principles of Teaching	EY	Pr	3
		Parables	AW	NT	3
12:20	Lunch				
1:00		II Corinthians	CoS	NT	3
		Music Fundamentals	SH	Mu	3
2:30		Genesis	DY	OT	3
		Principles of Biblical Inter.	EY	Th	1.5
		James	EY	NT	1.5
4:40	Choir (except Friday)				
5:15	Supper				

Fourth Term

February 22 - April 1, 2027

<i>Time</i>		<i>Course</i>	<i>Instructor</i>	<i>Dept</i>	<i>Study Hours</i>
7:00	Breakfast				
7:30		Public Speaking	SH	Pr	3
		Early Church History	LW	Hi	3
9:00	Chapel				
9:50	Choir				
10:50		Peace & Simple Life	CS	Th	3
		Major Prophets	EY	OT	3
		Wisdom Literature	AW	OT	3
12:20	Lunch				
1:00		Spanish I	SH	La	3
		Conducting	AH	Mu	1.5
		Class Voice	AH	Mu	1.5
2:30		Acts	LW	NT	3
		Gospel & Culture	EY	Ev	3
4:40	Choir (except Friday)				
5:15	Supper				

Fifth Term

April 12 - May 20, 2027

<i>Time</i>		<i>Course</i>	<i>Instructor</i>	<i>Dept</i>	<i>Study Hours</i>
7:00	Breakfast				
7:30		Modern Church History	LW	Hi	3
		Christian Family I	AW	Pr	3
9:00	Chapel				
9:50	Choir				
10:50		Esther / Job	CS	OT	3
		John	EY	NT	3
12:20	Lunch				
1:00		Spanish II	SH	La	3
		Biblical Worship & Devoted Life	LW	Pr	3
2:30		I, II, III John / Jude	EY	NT	1.5
		Local Church Evangelism	EY	Ev	1.5
4:40	Choir (except Friday)				
5:15	Supper				

***Class begins first day of term and alternates thereafter**

****Class begins second day of term and alternates thereafter**



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ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS

The Institute study programs are designed for those persons interested in a greater commitment to Jesus and His service. All courses will be conducted on a junior college level.

To accomplish this objective, certain minimal standards for entrance have been adopted.

1. A desire to follow Christ in discipleship and service.
2. A willingness to cooperate with the standards and requirements of the school.
3. 18 years of age with junior college level of maturity.

-Advanced enrollment options: Applicants who have completed high school, are at least 17 years of age, and apply for four or more terms, will also be considered for enrollment.

The Institute admits students of any race, color, national and ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities that are generally accorded or made available to students at the school. The Institute standards are listed in the Student Handbook.

Applications to SMBI will be prioritized by numerical scale and acceptance letters are issued after May 1, 2026. Any student openings remaining after May 1, 2026 will be filled on a first-come-first-served basis with few exceptions.

ACADEMIC INFORMATION

Courses

Current class schedules, course descriptions, and major headings are listed in this course catalog and are subject to revision at anytime.

Changes of Courses

Course changes must be made before the third day of classes.

Study Hours and Audits

Credit (in study hours) will be granted upon satisfactory completion of course requirements established by the instructor and in accordance with course standards. Eight hundred and eighty minutes of class time equals one study hour. Course study hours are based on semester hours using a sequence of five six-week terms per academic year. A normal academic load is six hours per term. Study hours can be transferred to or from SMBI dependent on the criteria of the sending or receiving academic institution.

Students may audit courses at will, but are encouraged to audit only so much as will allow appropriate time for concentration on courses taken for credit. If all requirements for credit are met by the auditor, he may receive credit at completion of the course. There will be an additional tuition charge for study hours earned beyond the normal load recommended in the catalog.

Class Absences and Tardiness

Excusable absences must be cleared with the instructor. Such absences will include illness, accident, funeral, or wedding in the family, or certain school responsibilities. Unexcused absences will lower the final grade 1 1/2 points per 90 minute class. Repeated tardiness may result in a lower grade.

Transfer of Study Hours

For specific information concerning transfer of study hours, please inquire at the SMBI office.

Withdrawal

A withdrawal from class after the time allotted for course changes will be recorded as incomplete (I). An (I) may be raised to a passing grade if the instructor's requirements are met in the time allotted by the faculty. If work is not completed in the allotted time, the (I) automatically becomes a failing grade.

GRADING

To receive credit for completing a course the student must have earned a grade of 70% or more. The student not achieving a grade of at least 70% will not receive credit for the particular course, but may repeat the course in a later term.

Letter grades usually reflect standings relative to other students rather than individual advancement of competence. Therefore, letter grades are assigned by the Registrar only when necessary for purposes of transfer to another school. Grades upon completion and payment of each term are given as a percentage grade. They correspond with letter grades as follows:

100 - A	89 - B	79 - C-
99 - A	88 - B-	78 - C-
98 - A	87 - B-	77 - D+
97 - A	86 - B-	76 - D+
96 - A-	85 - C+	75 - D
95 - A-	84 - C+	74 - D
94 - A-	83 - C	73 - D
93 - B+	82 - C	72 - D-
92 - B+	81 - C	71 - D-
91 - B	80 - C-	70 - D-
90 - B		

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Admission Fee (non-refundable)\$175.00 per term
Tuition (Terms 1-5)..... \$525.00 per term
Room & Board (Terms 1-5)..... \$650.00 per term
Room & Board (Married couple - additional fees for children) \$975.00 per term
**Students enrolling in three or more terms, one of which must be first or fifth term, will be granted a 5% discount.*

There is a surcharge of \$55.00 per term for special diets which is only offered for long-term, medically based situations.

PLEASE NOTE: These prices do not include the cost of books, tour, chorus music, or dress material. Please make all payments in U. S. Funds. (Credit cards are not accepted.)

An admission fee, which is non-refundable, will be charged at the time of application. This fee is also non-transferable for transfer requests made less than 30 days prior to the beginning of the applicable term.

Full payment for tuition and room and board should be made by the middle of the term unless prearranged at the office. All payments shall be made in personal checks or US currencies. The tuition fee covers the cost of auditing courses and/or taking up to seven and one-half study hours per term. All study hours earned above 7 ½ hours will be charged at the rate of \$30.00 per study hour.

Contact the Institute office if ground transportation is needed from regional airports. Attempts will first be made to arrange transportation with nearby students. If needed, transportation will be provided by the institute at the rate of \$.58/mile. (MDT - \$100, IAD & DCA - \$125, BWI - \$130, PIT - \$165) Airports are listed in order of preference.

Suggested donations are posted in the dining room for visitors and students who arrive early, stay on campus during vacation, or stay after close of the term.

Checks should be cashed at the school office rather than at local business places or banks.

The Institute is not responsible for accidents, injury, or illness while students are attending school.

Student Services Fee

\$35 per term. Includes library services (printing), wi-fi (email) and laundry use. Additional costs to be expected are tour costs (approx. \$300 for a one-week tour), choir music (approx. \$30/term), choir uniform (\$20-\$30), and books (\$0-\$75 or more, depending on class requirements).

Tuition Benefits

Student Aid: Students requesting student aid should check at the school office concerning application procedures and availability.

Tuition waivers: 40% tuition discount will be granted to ministers, their wives, their children fully supported by their parents, and Christian Day School teachers. Tuition benefits will be given for any terms taken within one year of completing a voluntary service of one year or longer. This benefit must be taken within the following year of completing service.

Extension Ministries

Reimbursement will be given for mileage for Missions Involvement and school sponsored programs. These allowances include round trip expenses but do not include expenses for personal benefits such as sightseeing, visiting, tourist attractions, etc. Itemized expenses should be turned in to the Business Manager.

All offerings received from churches for choir programs or Gospel Teams shall be given to the Treasurer.

The drivers and/or owners of the cars being used shall assume all responsibility for damages occurring while serving on an extension ministry. SMBI does not insure nor is liable for any accident, injury, or sickness that may occur to the students while serving on an extension ministry.

Withdrawal from School

Full reimbursement for room, board, and tuition cannot be collected upon withdrawal from school. The amount not reimbursed will reflect the charge of a minimum fee and prorated costs.



GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

A diploma will be granted upon the satisfactory completion of the number of study hours required per major desired. A minimum grade average of 77% must be attained in all courses required in any one of the programs offered. An additional research paper of 8,000 to 10,000 words is required before graduation. The subject of this thesis shall be approved in advance by the Administrator and one faculty member. Final credit will be granted only after all assignments and requirements of the instructors are met and tuition fees paid. Students shall attend a minimum of four terms to graduate from SMBI.

In order to give some continuity and reflection of purpose to their study, the student is encouraged to choose and follow a program of study even if they do not plan to graduate. However, this is not required.

All required courses are a two-year program.

REQUIRED COURSES

Missions

If you have sensed God's call upon your life in missions, this program is designed for you. The missions major will focus your studies in the area of missions and the Bible and will include participation in the WATER program. Missions need more prepared, equipped, and dedicated personnel.

Division	Study	Hours
Bible		18
O.T.	- 6	
N.T.	- 9	
Elective	- 3	
Theology		6
Practical		6
History		3
Evangelism		9
WATER		6
Electives		12
Total		60

Bible & Theology

This program is designed to impact the student with a practical working knowledge of Anabaptist Theology to equip him/her to serve the Church. Anabaptist Theology is rich in bringing Biblical faith and practice into powerful strengthening of the body of Christ, particularly the local church.

Division	Study	Hours
Bible		21
O.T.	- 9	
N.T.	- 12	
Theology		9
Language		3
Practical		9
Church History		3
Evangelism		3
Electives		12
Total		60

Christian Education

The Christian Education Program is a basic course of study to assist any student in getting a working knowledge of Scripture for the numerous ministries available to the church.

Division	Study	Hours
Bible		18
O.T.	- 6	
N.T.	- 9	
Elective	- 3	
Theology		6
Practical		9
Church History		3
Evangelism		3
Music		3
Electives		12
Total		54



Sabbatical Refreshment Course

(This Program May Begin Anytime During the Year)

This one-year course is particularly designed for the missionary on furlough. It will give him/her an opportunity to study, fellowship, give and receive encouragement, as well as be exposed to other mission settings to enable them to return with new vision for the work God has called them to.

This program includes:

- Three terms at Sharon Mennonite Bible Institute
- Weekend Mission Involvements
- Extensive Missions Literature
- Summer WATER Training
- Written Missions Thesis

Residence can be provided, if needed, at SMBI during reading and writing exercises.

FAMILY OPPORTUNITY

Most of the time we think of Bible school as something for youth or young people, but we invite you to consider the possibilities. Whether you never had the opportunity when you were young, are alumni that would like to come back for a refresher, are returning from a time of service and need some refreshment before returning home, or you just need a break to reset and refocus, we invite you to consider a term at SMBI.

With recent housing additions, we have ample apartment space to accommodate families of any size. Room and board is just \$975 for a couple for six weeks. There are additional costs for children and tuition is based on how many classes each spouse takes. Feel free to contact us or visit our website at smbi.org if you have questions or need more information.



The Student application, pastoral reference form, parental reference form, student pledge and WATER application can be found on our website - smbi.org or contact the office - smbi@smbi.org



STUDENT HANDBOOK

This handbook is your guide to a fruitful experience at SMBI.



MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD

Sharon Mennonite Bible Institute extends a welcome to you to participate in a systematic study of the Bible and subjects relevant to Christian service. Our desire is to see believers like yourself come to a practical and meaningful understanding of Scriptures for the work God has called them to do in our present world. The Institute can provide the atmosphere a person needs for concentration on the study of God's Word and for the fulfillment of the command to "*Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth*" (II Tim. 2:15).

The Institute strives to help its students use the Bible as a filter for every aspect of life. We make every decision on the basis of either the standards of the world or the standards of the God of the Universe. Unless we view the issues of life the way God views them, we will not be able to accomplish all that He would have us accomplish for the heavenly kingdom. Christian parents, missionaries, teachers, pastors, and Christian workers have a great responsibility to be a clear light in a dark world of sin. Unless we use the filter of God's Word, there will be personal consequences and a muddling of our Christian testimony.

Come for a time of spiritual refreshment and enhancement. If money is a hindrance, remember that money gained and spent for our own physical comfort means nothing in comparison with Biblical principles and wisdom gained and used for the salvation of souls. May our desire be to continue growing in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

STATEMENT OF DOCTRINE

Inspiration of Scripture

We believe that the entire Bible is inspired by the Holy Spirit; that it is inerrant in the original writings, authentic in its matter, authoritative in its counsels; that it is the final authority for faith and practice for all men of all ages and is the standard by which all men shall be judged.

God—His Existence and Nature

We believe in one God, who is omnipresent, omniscient, omnipotent, infinitely perfect and eternally existent in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Creation

We believe in God as Creator and Sustainer of all things; we accept the Genesis account of creation as authentic.

Fall of Man

We believe that man was created in the likeness and image of God and by disobedience brought depravity and death upon humanity; thus, he is under the power of Satan and unable to save himself.

Jesus Christ and Redemption

We believe in Jesus Christ as the eternal Son of God, born of a Virgin: that He is the perfect Lamb of God, who died and shed His blood to make atonement for the sins of man and arose for our justification, that through repentance and faith we might be saved.

The Person and Work of the Holy Spirit

We believe in the deity and personality of the Holy Spirit; that He convicts of sin, effects the new birth, gives guidance in life, empowers for service, and enables perseverance in faith and holiness.

The Institution of the Church

We believe that the Church is the body of Christ, a brotherhood of the redeemed, a disciplined people, obedient to the Word of God; that Christ commissioned her to go into all the world to make disciples of all men and minister to human need.

Satan-His Person and Work

We believe that Satan is the personal enemy of God, that he appears as an angel of light to deceive men, and that he is the unseen force at work in men, promoting evil and creating perilous times as the age draws to a close.

New Testament Ordinances

We believe that the New Testament ordinances are for the Christian; that baptism be administered upon confession of faith; that communion be observed as a memorial of Christ's death; that feet washing be observed literally by the saints; that the holy kiss be practiced as an expression of Christian love; that the Christian woman be veiled; that anointing of oil be administered to the sick for healing to those who call for it in faith; and that marriage be the union of one man and one woman for life with Christians marrying "only in the Lord".

The Christian's Relation to Society

We believe that the state is ordained of God to maintain order in society; that it is the Christian's duty to honor and pray for those in authority; that Christ's disciples are to refrain from carnal force and violence in human relations and that Christians are to show love to all men.

Return of Christ

We believe in the literal return of Christ to receive the righteous unto Himself and that He will judge the world in righteousness and bring to fulfillment the restitution of all things unto God.

The Final Consummation

We believe in a place of eternal punishment for the devil, his angels and the unrighteous, and that God has prepared a place for the righteous in His presence to enjoy His fullness and glory eternally.

PURPOSE

The purpose of Sharon Mennonite Bible Institute is to glorify God and expand His kingdom through teaching God's truth.

Our ministry is to:

- Build a loyal relationship with God through the integrating of theology and doctrine into personal life.
- Offer systematic study of the truth of God's Word and related subject matter as a supplement to the teaching of God's Word in the local church.
- Equip students for productive Christian life and leadership at home, in the local church and abroad.

The controlling vision of the institute is:

- Consistently exemplify and teach holiness for individuals and the church as a body.
- Faithfully promote a love for God, the lordship of Christ, and loving our neighbor as ourselves.
- Continue the biblical heritage of the New Testament faith as Anabaptists.

The goal of the institute is that each member of the organization:

- Walk in a living relationship with the Master Teacher.
- Live in brotherhood oriented relationships.
- Relate to staff, students, churches and critics with respect.
- Exercise ministry to the whole man in spirit, soul and body.
- Use gifts in openness and humility and allow others to do the same.
- Offer encouragement and support to all.



ETHICS POLICY SUMMARY

Note: The full ethics policy is included in the SMBI staff manual and is available at the SMBI office for review at any time.

SMBI is committed to upholding the highest standards of ethical, moral, and legal conduct. Consistent with this commitment, the SMBI ethics policy provides direction designed to promote and protect the moral integrity of all associated with the institute. It also provides policy direction and procedures when there is a breakdown of moral integrity, whether it occurs inside or outside of the organization, or is a student or member of staff.

Included in the policy is a summary of PA law related to the mandatory reporting of child sexual abuse. This is a serious issue and of significant concern to the Association of SMBI. Although the programs of the institute seldom involve children, we still desire to promote awareness, and we still desire to follow applicable laws.

To assist in maintaining and promoting the integrity of all associated with the institute, SMBI has an established ethics committee to which any ethical concerns may be reported for investigation and review. Any individual may submit an Ethics Concern Report to the ethics committee. These reports may address concerns involving staff or students and should report, but is not limited to, sexual abuse, physical abuse, emotional abuse, verbal abuse, self-abuse (such as cutting, anorexia, bulimia, substance abuse, or other damaging addictions), internet usage, or other concerns about faculty or staff that would compromise their ability to fulfill their assigned responsibilities.

SMBI and the ethics committee will endeavor to communicate concerns with church leaders and parents when an ethics report has been filed. The organization will pursue all means possible for personal growth, repentance, and healing as is appropriate to the concern.

SMBI is not only concerned about dealing with ethical issues after the fact. The ethics policies of the institute also implement procedures to help prevent moral failure before it happens. To that end, the policy includes directives for cross-gender relationships and counseling. There is a Child Protection Awareness Statement to address the occasions when there are children on campus. Finally, there is a section providing guidelines for internet access on campus.

Ultimately, the Association of SMBI recognizes that no ethics policy is sufficient to create actual integrity. True integrity is a matter of the heart and is a personal responsibility of every staff member, student, church leader, and parent. It is a work of the Holy Spirit which these policies are in no way intended to minimize or replace. May all work together for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ.

STUDENT SERVICES

Medical

If possible, a nurse will be available for medical needs. Persons in need of medical services should contact the nurse or appropriate dean. Anyone requiring special medication or diet restriction should notify the school before arrival. Discuss these medical needs or diet restrictions with the office personnel upon arrival of the student.

Telephones

Students may place calls at appropriate time using personal phones or the assigned dorm lines. 717-485-4536 and 717-485-3245 are the dorm lines to be used for student calls. 717-485-4341 is reserved for Institute business use only. Deans will be responsible to answer the incoming calls on the dorm lines. Fees will apply to International calls (other than Canada).

Mail

Mail is delivered to the school and distributed at a given time. Outgoing mail may be deposited in a box thus designated. Stamps and envelopes may be purchased at the school office. The school address is Sharon Mennonite Bible Institute, 7304 Lincoln Highway, Harrisonville, PA, 17228.

Library

A library of reference books and reading material is provided for students and faculty. All books leaving the library must be checked out with the librarian. Returned books shall be deposited at the librarian's desk and not on the shelves. The period of time books may be checked out and other information is posted in the library. Reference books are not to be removed from the library.

Students checking out a book shall be responsible in the event the book is lost or damaged. All such incidents shall be reported promptly to the librarian. The library will serve as a place for study and research. Students shall cooperate in maintaining a quiet atmosphere in the library.

Computers, cell phones & other devices

Personal listening devices shall be used only for choir practice music & music approved for use in the dormitory libraries. Ear bud use should be minimal. Cell phones shall be used respectfully and at appropriate times. Internet is not to be accessed on campus except as specified below. Laptops are permitted.

Our internet policies are designed to carve out a quiet space amid the noise of the digital age. Several computers are available for student use. Internet services are available using library computers or campus wi-fi which provides limited and filtered access. Therefore, to minimize distractions, data usage should be through the provided access points when possible rather than using personal data. In any case, the intent of the data policies is for research, personal communication, and "essential" services such as banking. Specifically excluded are all social media platforms such as Instagram, Snapchat, X, and Be Real. Use of any and all apps should be consistent with the intended quiet zone. Above all, no policy, filter, or limitation is sufficient to create actual integrity. Personal responsibility in content, time management, and other aspects of data use is essential.

Bookstore

Text books, Bibles, reference books, cards, and good reading books are available for student needs. Bookstore hours are from 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. each Monday, Wednesday, and Friday.

Dining Room and Kitchen

Dining facilities are provided for faculty and students. All persons shall cooperate in maintaining a pleasant atmosphere during mealtime. Meals will be served in the dining room on a regular schedule. All persons shall be prompt and courteous. No food or utensils may be taken from the kitchen or dining room except by permission. Please bring your own personal mug for hot beverages. Students will be assigned to assist in the kitchen and dining room. Visitors are welcome to eat in the dining room with students. The expense of visitors' meals is posted in the dining room. Cooks should be informed of visitors who will be coming.



ACTIVITIES

CHAPEL Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday consist of meditations and singing. Student Chapel each Friday provides an opportunity for student participation.

PRAYER GROUPS meet on Wednesday mornings and become a unit of prayer and fellowship throughout the term.

DORM MEETINGS are held Tuesday evenings at 8:30 and give opportunity for prayer, Bible study, and sharing with the students.

MISSION INVOLVEMENT WEEKEND is a closed weekend for students in which they travel in numerous groups to various cities to assist missions in special evangelization projects.

SHARON SINGERS is a mixed chorus in which everyone is invited to participate. In the case of limited space on the bus, choir members will be chosen as per enrollment sequence.

THE ROSE is the annual yearbook.

STUDENT COUNCIL is a student-selected group who represent the student voice to faculty and staff. They also prepare the student chapel for each Friday and the final banquet of each term. The student council exists to provide the faculty with knowledge of student concerns and problems. Students should express their concerns to members of the student council, deans, or faculty.

SATURDAY EVENING COMMITTEE is responsible to plan for suitable recreation for students and visitors each Friday or Saturday evening of the term.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Fire Regulations

In case of fire, sound the alarm and notify the fire department. The number is posted on each phone. When alarm sounds, close windows and evacuate immediately. Leave the building at nearest exit away from fire. dorm deans shall be responsible to check all rooms to be sure they are vacated. Students should be aware of the location and how to use fire extinguishers. Anyone who deliberately turns in a false alarm or tampers with emergency equipment shall be subject to immediate dismissal.

Lost and Found Items

Label all personal belongings. Give unclaimed articles to the dorm deans.

SPIRITUAL LIFE

Personal Devotions

Each student should maintain a personal devotional life. The Christian receives direction and strength for daily living through fellowship with the Lord. A daily quiet time of meditation and prayer is essential for Christian growth.

Chapel Services

Chapel services are held Monday through Friday. Faculty members and guest speakers will share in these services. Students also participate. Daily attendance is a requirement for students.

Christian Service Activities

Service activities in the local community and beyond will be available as possible. This may involve work projects, singing opportunities, evangelism and more. Specific classes will also facilitate these activities.

Sunday Services

Students shall regularly attend morning services at the SMBI chapel or area churches according to the term schedule. There will be opportunity for student participation. The Lord's Day shall be observed in a restful and relaxed manner. The gym is closed until after supper.

SOCIAL LIFE

Social life is considered one of the valuable aspects of an experience at SMBI.

The goal of SMBI is to promote spiritual growth and a commitment to the Lordship of Jesus Christ. This includes the internalization of the principles of Scripture to develop self-discipline and proper perspectives in the area of social life.

The emotional bonds that form during courtship can prevent wholesome group interaction from developing and also have the tendency of hindering concentrated Bible study. This bonding should be directed by the counsel of the fathers of the couple. Therefore, we ask that no dating (pursuing an interest in a person of the opposite gender by words, looks, talks, or events) commence while attending SMBI and that diligent effort be put into participating in group activities. If a couple has been courting previous to attending SMBI, they will be permitted one date per week upon the written consent of both fathers.

If a couple is engaged before they attend SMBI, several dates per week will be permitted.

The time and frequency of these dates shall not interfere with classroom activities, study time, or worship. Therefore, couple relationships are not permitted during school hours. The approval of the dorm dean is to be secured before dating privileges are permitted.

DORMITORY LIFE

Dormitory Regulations

Housing facilities are provided and all students are encouraged to room in the dormitory. If it should be necessary for any student to live off campus, that student is expected to respect the school standards while on campus. Room and board expenses are listed in the Institute Course Catalog.

Much time while attending SMBI is spent meditating, studying, fellowshipping, and resting in the dorm. For this reason students need to be respectful and considerate of the wishes, needs, and welfare of fellow students. The following regulations are given to provide the atmosphere necessary for this goal to be attained.

Students are expected to be in the dorm by 9:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 10:30 p.m. Friday, 10:00 p.m. Saturday, and 9:30 p.m. on Sunday. Quiet time shall be from 10:00 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday. Students are expected to use this time for Bible study, prayer and meditation.

Lights shall be out by 10:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 11:30 p.m. Friday, 11:00 p.m. Saturday, and 10:30 p.m. Sunday. Dorms shall be kept quiet from the beginning of quiet time until 6:30 a.m.

Rooms are to be kept neat and orderly. Students are responsible for any additional work assigned by the dorm deans.

Musical instruments shall be used at the discretion of the dorm deans. Electrical amplification

of musical instruments shall not be permitted on campus.

Students are expected to attend the weekly dormitory meetings planned by the dorm deans.

Before a student may leave campus he must sign the "out-in" register upon leaving and returning.

Any deviations from the above regulations must have the approval of the dorm deans.

Personal Items

Students shall bring sheets, blankets, pillows, towels, wash cloths, clocks, etc. In addition to the above, students may wish to bring a mug, hand soap, small lamp, laundry detergent and softener. Each student will have a personal bulletin board and shelf to use.

GENERAL CONDUCT

All students are subject to SMBI standards upon arrival on campus. They shall be loyal to these standards during their time as students, both on and off campus.

Our bodies are the temples of the Holy Spirit (I Cor. 6:19); therefore, indulgence in tobacco, liquor, and drugs is forbidden. The student's speech shall be such as is profitable and edifying, avoiding all profanity or sensual joking. Attendance at commercial theaters, dances, and poolrooms is forbidden. Since the Institute provides recreation we request that students refrain from attending professional sports events, roller skating, bowling alleys, and the like.

Students shall respect school property. Any damage accidental or otherwise shall be promptly reported to the Administrator, and persons causing damage shall be responsible for the expenses involved. Firearms, ammunition, and explosives are not permitted on campus.

Students owning or operating automobiles shall exercise Christian courtesy and observe traffic laws. When automobiles are used for school functions, the owner will be responsible in the event of an accident. We suggest that students desiring transportation in another person's automobile should share in costs for mileage.

RECREATION

Scriptures imply that one ought to maintain the body as the temple of the Holy Spirit, and physical fitness and well-being are conducive to mental concentration and comprehension. For this reason, all students will be encouraged to participate in indoor and outdoor exercise and recreational activities.

The emphasis will be on personal development rather than competition. Our goal is to provide the students with good exercise so that they will experience relaxation rather than tension. The Institute will provide other recreational activities and equipment that may be used during "free time".

PERSONAL APPEARANCE

Outward appearance tells much about a person. Attire and conduct reveal one's character. Therefore, a student's appearance and attire shall be neat, clean, modest, simple, and appropriate.

In response to the commands of the Bible to be free from conformity to an ungodly world and its fleeting value system, we believe the wearing of the plain coat and cape dress is a practical approach to the problem of constantly changing and sensual patterns of personal appearance.

Students are expected to keep the standards of their home congregation as well as the standards of the Institute.

Sheer garments, loud colors, tight and form-fitting clothes, and jewelry shall not be worn. Sleeves shall cover at least three-fourths of the upper arm.

Brethren

Brethren are to keep their hair neat and well-trimmed, avoiding fads of the world. The hair shall not fall over the shirt collar or ears. Sideburns shall not extend below mid ear. Beards shall be consistent with home church standards. Further, mustaches may not be worn alone, and beards shall be worn as full beards.

For the sake of modesty, we require brethren to wear buttoned down dress shirts in all public life. Buttoned pull-over shirts with a collar may be worn for evening and weekend recreation time. All dress shirts shall be tucked into the trousers. All kinds of neckties are prohibited. The wearing of sweatpants is not allowed in public life.

Sisters

Christian women are not to cut their hair. The hair shall be put up and neatly arranged under a white, unadorned veiling (without lace) of adequate size to give expression to the Scriptural principle of headship. Adequate size is interpreted to be covered from the top of the head to the base of the hairline. The Women's Dean will have available a selection of veilings which are suitable to meet this standard. If you are accustomed to wearing a veiling of a different size or style, we would greatly appreciate if you would purchase an acceptable one before you arrive on campus.

Dresses for all activities are to be of one-piece type with sleeves, modestly tailored (without slits) and of sufficient length to cover the knees, both standing and sitting. They shall be designed to avoid emphasizing bodily form. We will be using the cape dress pattern for choral presentations.

Hosiery or socks shall be worn for all public occasions except evening and weekend recreation time. Short socks can be worn over hosiery for additional warmth and comfort.

Make-up such as lipstick, finger nail polish, eye shadow, etc., is not allowed.

There are additional requirements for the choir uniform. Please contact the office to order fabric and obtain the uniform requirements.

VISITORS

Visitors are welcome at the Institute both to visit relatives and friends and to observe the work of the Institute.

Visitors shall be mindful and considerate of the student's time so as not to affect their attendance in class and time required for study. They are expected to conform to the rules of social life and conduct while visiting at SMI.

Visitors will be assigned rooms by the Lodging Coordinator. They are welcome to eat in the dining room. A nominal fee will be charged for lodging and meals.



Family & Youth Week

August 2-7, 2026

Family & Youth Week provides classes for parents, grandparents, youth, and children. This is a dynamic, relaxing time for families to connect with each other while attending stimulating classes. Youth, whose families are not able to attend, are welcome to attend the special sessions for youth. Children's classes and child care are provided during the morning. Special sessions for men and ladies are intended to encourage their hearts for the ministry God has called them to in the family.

Families should bring a tent, camper, or motor home for overnight lodging. There is limited family lodging available on or near campus. Single persons may sleep in the school dorms. Meals will be served in the dining hall.

Classes begin promptly Monday morning at 8:45 a.m. If possible, we encourage you to come Sunday afternoon, August 2.

DAILY SCHEDULE

7:45	Breakfast
8:40 - 11:50	Character Training (6-12 years old) and Child Care (0-5 years old)
8:45 - 9:40	Class for Parents Youth Class (13 years old and up)
9:50 - 10:45	Men's class Ladies' class Chorus - Youth
10:55 - 11:50	Class Period (All youth and parents)
12:00	Lunch
1:00 - 1:55	Youth class Crafts for 6-12 year olds
2:00 - 2:30	Chorus - Youth
2:30 - 5:00	Family Devotional/Recreation Time
5:00	Chapel
5:45	Supper
6:45	Group Recreation

- ◆ Children will have supervised activities during classes.
- ◆ Cost will be met by free-will offerings.
- ◆ Bring along: Bible, bedding and personal items.
- ◆ Standards listed in the SMBI Handbook will be observed with some exceptions.
- ◆ Registration fee is \$50.00 per family.
- ◆ Brochures are available from SMBI the end of April.

Ministers' Week

February 15-19, 2027

The 2027 Ministers' Week is designed to help church leaders practically apply doctrinal teachings to the body life of their local churches. The classes are designed for those in leadership and their wives, but we welcome anyone who has a desire to study the Word of God.

The Ministers' Week is a five-day program of in-class study. Classes begin Monday noon and end Friday noon. Each one in attendance may enroll in a maximum of three courses. There will be a total of approximately nine hours of teaching per subject.

Brochures are available from SMBI in mid-December, 2026.

Daily Schedule

7:15 am	Breakfast
8:00-9:05	Period 1
9:20-10:25	Period 2
10:40-11:45	Period 3
11:50	General Assembly
12:30	Lunch
1:45-2:45	Period 1
3:00-4:00	Period 2
4:15-5:15	Period 3
5:30	Supper

*Monday is the afternoon schedule only

*Friday is the morning schedule only

Registration: Monday, February 15, 2027, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

Dismissal: Friday, February 19, 2027 - 1:00 p.m.

Costs: No tuition. Institute Rooms - \$15.00/night, Meals - \$5.00/meal. An offering will be taken to help cover costs.

Reservations: Pre-registration is required. Due to limited lodging facilities, the brethren will be housed in the Institute's dormitories on a first-come-first-served basis. Couples will be housed in Institute rooms, homes or motel rooms. **Any visitors must contact the office in advance & upon arrival.**

Make reservations early to assure accommodations. For more information call SMBI at (717) 485-4341.

LOCATION

The campus of Sharon Mennonite Bible Institute is located in Fulton County, Pennsylvania, along U.S. Route 30, one mile west of Harrisonville, eight miles west of McConnellsburg, and ten miles east of the Breezewood interchange of the Pennsylvania Turnpike (Exit 161).

WATER



World Awareness Training in Evangelistic Responsibility

This five-week apprenticeship program is designed to place young people on the mission field to work under conservative Anabaptist missions. In consultation with parents and pastor, we encourage you to consider SMBI's WATER training. If you have been wanting to see and experience mission work first-hand with the missionary as your teacher, WATER will provide you with that opportunity. You will receive training workshops, lectures on mission themes, documentaries, fellowship, and recreation for one week on the SMBI campus. Then you will be placed on the mission field of your interest to see and do what missionaries do. The five-week training will conclude with a day back at SMBI to share with each other and to receive further training and encouragement. Six study hours will be given to anyone successfully completing this program.

Cambodia

Destinations International

Students will be helping prepare for the new school semester and do some English teaching. They will interact with the dorm students and help plan youth activities with youth committee. \$2,700.00

Six Trainees

Dominican Republic

Blue Ridge international

It is our goal to give students a true glimpse into the daily life of living as a missionary here, the exciting, the mundane and the unknown. You will get a glimpse of church life and daily duties. There will be opportunity to work at a local sawmill and or other local mission projects alongside many of the young men from the local church. As a consequence you will be immersed in Spanish. Other potential activities include, helping with a children's bible school, maintenance around the mission, clinic & vehicles, potential construction projects, etc. \$1,600.00

Mateo Miller

Two Male Trainees

Dominican Republic, Jimani

Int'l. Faith Missions

Trainees will be involved in day-to-day ministries working beside the missionaries. These include meeting the spiritual needs of church attendees and community, visitation, tract distribution, vocational trips, Bible school and Bible classes for children, youth, and adults, etc. \$1,600.00

Joe Schlabaugh

Two Male or Two Female Trainees

Ghana

Palm Ministries

Palm Ministries has several programs in Ghana. Salt Savings, New Hope Vo-Tech Mechanic School, Palm Oil Press, and Agri Plus along with a church plant. Students will do a variety of things from helping in the programs, in local schools, assist with children's ministry and working alongside the mission families in their day to day lives. Learn about a different culture and be blessed by the things you can learn from the people you meet. \$2,700.00

Kenneth Zeiset

Two Male & Two Female Trainees

Grenada

Grenada is a mountainous, tropical island in the West Indies with a population of 100,000 people. The weather in July is a mix of hot sun and rain showers. You will have countless opportunities to minister with the missionaries to children and youth through Bible clubs, youth activities, church activities and day-by-day interaction. You will have opportunities to minister to community people by visiting in their homes, Bible studies, manual labor projects and more. Trainees will live with the missionary while helping him in Bible studies, tract distribution, children's ministries, manual labor projects, etc. \$1,800.00

Leonard Bauman

Olive Branch Menn. Missions

Two Male & Two Female Trainees

Guatemala, El Chal

At the **Mission Base**, volunteers can expect to be involved in caring for JBYM visitors, housekeeping duties, meal preparation and jobs related to mission maintenance and upkeep. We will try to customize volunteer responsibilities according to each persons abilities and interests. The work of the Mission Base is primarily a support role for JBYM. Those that work there will have a view into what it takes to operate a mission and the challenges and opportunities that come with it. \$2,000.00

Stuart Riest

Jungle Breezes Youth Ministries

One Male or One Female Trainee

At the **Tree of Life School** volunteers can interact with children from preschool to 9th grade. They will have the opportunity to teach English classes, help on the school bus, and assist with other duties related to the operation of the school. Volunteers will learn what it takes for the teachers to reach their students who come from varied, but often difficult backgrounds. They will see the relationships that form to make teaching a rewarding service. \$2,000.00

Cesar Vasquez

One Male or One Female Trainee

Guatemala, Sayaxche

The **La Anchura Boy's Ranch** will put volunteers right beside the staff and boys on a remote jungle ranch. They can expect to be involved in daily chores with the various animal projects, help with selling products that the ranch produces, and perform other tasks that are necessary to operate the ranch. Volunteers will learn the reason behind the daily structured activities at the ranch and how these activities benefit the staff and the boys. \$2,000.00

Peter Hiebert

One Male or One Female Trainee

Jungle Breezes Youth Ministries

Guatemala, Guatemala City

Trainees will be assigned to mission posts to work alongside the missionary. They will help in work projects, personal evangelism, cottage meetings, tract distribution, and Bible studies. Spanish language study available. \$1,700.00

Andrew Crider

Mennonite Air Missions

Four Trainees

***Ireland, Waterford**

Comeragh Wilderness Camp exists to share God's love in a therapeutic and educational environment. Group structure and routine are fundamental solutions to the behavioral problems of young lads. Trainees who come to Ireland can expect to experience the day-to-day life at camp including interactions with students and chiefs, maintenance projects, and support to long-term staff. Flexibility and creativity are essential aspects of life at camp. Trainees may also assist Comeragh Stores, the shop and bakery which raises funds and builds community spirit and support for Camp. Come prepared to gain a new appreciation for positive personal growth. \$1,700.00

Quentin Weaver

Comeragh Wilderness Camp

One Male & One Female Trainee

Liberia, Monrovia

Christian Aid Ministries of Liberia welcomes students to come enjoy Africa and its people and see the many physical and spiritual challenges present in this country. Students coming here will experience interacting with those living in abject poverty in various ways. This includes travelling with native CAM employees distributing food, clothing and Christian literature or holding evangelistic

Christian Aid Ministries

meetings. Students will likely take a several days long, dirty, scorching trip to the African interior in which you may be privileged to sleep in a native mud hut home and not only experience the challenges of primitive living but also the spiritual darkness and occult practices of a society ignorant of and disobedient to the things of God. Visiting orphanages and teaching at the week long Summer Bible School at Tower Hill (CAM base) is always a highlight and both activities provide many opportunities to interact with children. Ladies also spend time at the CAM base doing small projects such as painting, sewing or perhaps passing out CAM layette bundles at a clinic or hospital. For the men, there are always lots of CAM compound maintenance projects, work in the warehouse or mechanics garage, or another bush trip. Come prepared to change your schedule at a moments notice and be stretched out of your comfort zone. \$2,200.00

Marvin Martin

Two Male & Two Female Trainees

Nicaragua

Olive Branch Menn. Missions

Seeing the Kingdom of God grow through our two sister church plants is the goal of the work in Nicaragua's coastal plains. Leon is a large bustling colonial city, and Malpaisillo is a rural hub for a sprawling agriculture-based community. Though the communities are very different, our ministry is similar. Ministry will include plenty of opportunity to interact with children and youth, help with boys' and girls' clubs, visit in the community, and distribute tracts. You may assist with daily chores such as domestic, carpentry, or mechanical work, or you may lend a hand with some of our small businesses. Highlights will include close interaction with our small but growing church families through fellowship meals, youth events, and daily life. The ability to speak Spanish would be a blessing. Come with a desire to walk in the missionaries' shoes and to be used of the Lord. \$2,000.00

Jason Shantz

One Male & One Female Trainee

UNITED STATES

Arkansas, Harrison

Hillcrest Home

As a participant, you will have first-hand exposure to living and working in the footsteps of Jesus in lowly, selfless servanthood. You will observe and assist our workers in various aspects of caring for our nursing home residents, the "fatherless" and "widows". Orientation will be given on putting others before selfish interests, learning patience and Christ-like responses to those with deteriorating brain function. You will learn how to connect and relate with those who are limited in verbal and mental connection. You will have opportunity to comfort the grieving and minister to the lonely and helpless. Options will be available for men and ladies to assist in resident activities, food preparation and serving, and housekeeping routines. Men may have janitor and maintenance opportunities. You will grow through experiencing dorm-life, living with the VS staff, and being exercised spiritually and socially. \$1,000.00

Chris Troyer

One Male & One Female Trainee

Florida, Fort Lauderdale

Regeneration Church

We are running this WATER location as a n internship, teaching the students how to operate in an urban environment. We are "tent makers", so our ministry happens as we live and work on in the public square. If you are interested in urban life and ministry, Ft. Lauderdale is a great place to get the basic training on where to start. We have a 6-week training program in urban ministry and culture—as a student of the WATER program you will get an abbreviated version of the 6-week program. \$1,600.00

Jason Allgyer

Two Male or Two Female Trainees

Indiana, Washington

Fresh Start

Fresh Start Training Center is all about Changing Hearts & Changing Lives in a Residential Discipleship Ministry. Men & couples come to our 8 month live in program due to lives that have become unmanageable. Much of that miserable decline is a result of addictions, abuses, broken relation-

ships, moral & Spiritual depravity, anxieties and depression. Opportunities abound to minister to a hurting and confused heart. WATER students will participate in and lead classes, observe counseling, facilitate activities, do jail ministry, be a dorm leader and learn what it is to be "on staff" in a residential ministry environment. You will get an overview of our staff training program (Heart Evangelism & Relationship Training), as well as assisting & leading in jobs skills training for our clients either in our shop programs or in the maintenance department. Prepare to be stretched beyond your comfort zone! \$1,400.00

Bryan Fleagle

Two Male & One Female Trainees

Maryland, Oldtown

Allegheny Boys Camp

Allegheny Boys Camp is a year-round camping program designed to help boys with emotional and behavioral problems. Trainees who are considering the possibility of becoming a counselor in the program will get an up-close look at the day to day activities of camp. They will be involved in work projects, assist in maintenance, and interact with the counselors and campers. \$650.00

Brian Martin

Two Male Trainees

S. Dakota, Cherry Creek

Olive Branch Menn. Missions

Take the opportunity to spread the Good News to the people living on the reservation and assist the missionaries with visitation, tract distribution and Bible studies in the local correctional system and detention center. Participate in cottage meetings and other church related activities, meet the people of the town by lending them a hand in the tire shop and pop shop, touch the lives of children by playing with them and assisting staff with Bible clubs. These are all opportunities to share Christ's love to the people of the Sioux Tribe. \$1,100.00

Jeffrey Deiter

One Male & One Female Trainee

Ohio, Summerfield

Ohio Wilderness Boys Camp

OWBC is a year round program designed to help boys with emotional and behavioral problems. Trainees who are considering the possibility of becoming a counselor in our program will get an up-close look at the day to day activities of Camp. You will be involved in assisting in maintenance projects, work projects, and helping at our thrift store. You will also have the opportunity to interact with counselors and campers. Because of the therapeutic program of Camp involvement, times spent with groups will vary. This will be based on the group dynamics and activities. \$1,100.00

Davy Hochstetler

Two Male Trainees

Pennsylvania, Mill Hall

Bald Eagle Boys Camp

Bald Eagle Boys Camp is a year-round program designed to help boys with emotional and behavioral problems. Trainees who are considering the possibility of becoming a counselor or be involved in other ways will get an up-close look at the day-to-day activities of camp. Trainees will be involved in work projects, assist in maintenance, and interact with counselors and campers. Because of the therapeutic program of camp, time spent with the groups will vary and be based on group dynamics and activities. \$700.00

Laverne Beachy

Two Male Trainees

State College, PA

LifeQuest Community

We are located in a very beautiful area of central Pennsylvania. State College is home to Penn State University which enrolls more than 45,000 students from all over the world. Trainees serve as Friendship Partners and/or English Conversation Partners with college students, locals, and internationals. You can also bless our ministry by helping with meal prep, giving rides to students, and assisting us in children's ministry. There are also plenty of outdoor activities such as canoeing, camping, picnics, and farm tour visits to Anabaptist communities. Each week there are opportunities for attending small group Bible studies with college students and internationals and you are welcome to attend ESL classes taught by our experienced English teachers if interested. We also provide opportunities for training in evangelistic outreach and conducting spiritual surveys with students on campus. The goal in all of our activities is to introduce people to their Creator, encourage them to live for

Jesus, and pray that they will become part of His church. We welcome trainees who are self-motivated and self-starters and we want to design a training experience that includes your specific interests. \$1,100.00

Ernest Eby

Two Female or Two Male or Three Female Trainees

In consultation with parents and pastor, we encourage you to consider SMBI's WATER training. If you have been wanting to see and experience mission work first-hand with the missionary as your teacher, WATER will provide you with that opportunity. You will receive lectures on mission themes, training workshops, times of prayer and fellowship, practical work projects, and basic linguistic training for one week on the SMBI campus. Then you will be placed on the mission field of your interest to see and do what missionaries do. The six-week training will conclude with a day back at SMBI to share with each other and to receive further training and encouragement. Six credits will be given to anyone successfully completing this program.

NOTE: Dress standards may vary in the different missions. If you have any questions, please contact us prior to enrolling. Listed below are the programs we have available this summer. Prayerfully consider which one God may be calling you to. For those missions marked with an asterisk (*) trainees must be 20 years of age or older. For other locations trainees must be 18 years of age or older. A program has been developed for second year WATER students. Call SMBI if you are interested or mention it on your application.

The prices listed are approximate and subject to change depending on air rates. A non-refundable application fee of \$175.00 is required when you apply. The balance is due by May 9, 2026. Applications involving foreign countries received after June 1 will be significantly higher.



Required WATER Reading:

- Operation World* - Johnston
- Disciples are Made not Born* - Henrichsen
- The Hour That Changes the World* - Eastman
- Know Before You Go* - Miller
- Prepare Your Heart* - Judge





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YEAR WATER PROGRAM

This program is for alumni of WATER who have a desire for a broader exposure to the opportunities available with conservative Mennonite missions. It is designed for young people who are interested in missions, but are not yet ready for a longer VS commitment or for a long-term training program.

Purposes:

- (1) To broaden awareness of opportunities available with conservative Mennonite Missions.
- (2) To give intense hands-on-training in various evangelistic and practical mission methods. (One of the emphases will be more direct and focused training in areas of need and interest in the student's life.)
- (3) To develop deeper relationships with the trainee's home church.

Mentor: Either a pastor or a mentor from the trainee's home church will work with the staff of WATER to determine a plan of training for the student. This differs from the first year program in which the student chooses the location. This part of the program is directly designed to build trust and respect for authority.

Opportunities for Service: The trainee's placement will be based on two factors. First, the need and the talents of the student would be considered. This would be based on the WATER staff's experience with the student from a previous year and also from the student's mentor. Secondly, the needs of the missions involved in WATER would be considered. For example, a mission could inform the WATER staff that they need a mature fellow to lead a one week Bible school in Grenada. The trainees will likely have shorter assignments in different locations, rather than spending the entire 4 ½ weeks in one location (though this would be decided on an individual basis). The locations and activities will be either those already listed in the WATER brochure, or others approved by the student's mentor, the SMBI association, and the WATER staff. For example, the trainee could be sent to a weekend seminar for training, or be required to spend several days in personal fasting and prayer, or be sent to be apprenticed for two weeks in Turkey under a missionary from the trainee's home church.

Cost: The cost would be variable based on the locations in which the trainee works.
Approximate Cost - \$1000.00 - \$3800.00.

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