

OUR PURPOSE

The American Baptist Church Leadership Institute of Northeastern Pennsylvania is a ministry of the American Baptist Churches of Pennsylvania and Delaware. Our purpose is to train and educate:

- o Those feeling a call to become Certified Lay Ministers
- o Those who desire self-enrichment
- o Those who desire to serve God better
- o Pastors desiring continuing education

by offering Christian educational opportunities for lay leaders and continuing education opportunities for professional church leaders. We want to encourage life-long learning and ministry.

Classes are open to all who are interested in learning. All students should be committed to excellent service to our Lord Jesus Christ.

COURSE OFFERINGS

1. Biblical Interpretation
2. Pastoral leadership
3. New Testament
4. Old Testament
5. Preaching
6. Christian Education
7. Theology
8. Pastoral Care
9. Missions & Outreach/ Evangelism
10. Baptist History & Polity

Certified Lay Ministry preparation requires the completion of all ten courses and the mentoring process.

PROGRAM COSTS

There is a one-time registration fee of \$25 for all new students. Cost per course is \$175 plus books (which varies, but averages about \$40 per course). For the Certified Lay Minister preparation program the Mentor charge is \$150. The total cost of the full two-year program is approximately \$2,500 per student, with books. Limited scholarship assistance is available.

LOCATION

Most classes are scheduled for Saturday mornings and will be held at Calvary Baptist Church 42 Washington Blvd Williamsport, PA 17701.

QUESTIONS?

Please contact:

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“Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever.”
Ephesians 3:21-22

This ministry is made possible in part because of your gifts to United Missions.

INTERESTED? WANT MORE DETAILS?

If you are interested in one of the full two-year programs or in taking specific courses, please complete this form. We will send you additional information and a formal application. Returning this form does not commit you in any way. There is no need to send money now.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

e-mail address: _____

Church: _____

I am interested in:

- o Certified Lay Minister Preparation

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OUR ROOTS

The Lay Pastoral Institute, now known as the Church Leadership Institute, was born out of the desire that American Baptist Churches have competent lay leadership. Of special concern was that small churches have the opportunity to secure trained lay pastors. In 1987, a small committee of the Monongahela and Ten Mile Associations, in cooperation with the American Baptist Churches of Pennsylvania and Delaware, designed a program to meet these needs. The initial site was at the First Baptist Church, Waynesburg, Pennsylvania, where twelve persons graduated in 1990. Each of the initial twelve graduates presently serves a local church in a leadership role, some serving in ministry as lay pastors. In 1993, through the cooperative ministry of the Pittsburgh Baptist Association and ABCOPAD the program expanded to three instruction sites-Wesleyville, Monroeville and Waynesburg. In February, 1996, twenty-nine men and women completed the second cycle of the program and graduated from the three sites. In October 1996, the Coordinating Council for the Church Leadership Institute of Northeastern Pennsylvania was formed, and adapted the original program to meet the needs of the north-central Pennsylvania area. Our first cycle began in September, 1997, graduating 15 people in May, 1999. In the fall of 2001 CLI expanded to include a new site in Harrisburg. They held their first graduation on June 8, 2003 with 16 persons graduating.

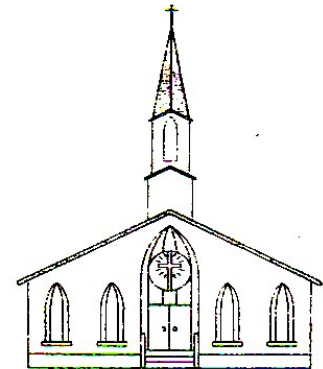
YOUR POTENTIAL

The Church Leadership Institute is recognized by American Baptists nationally as an accepted model of study for persons desiring to be certified as lay ministers. Graduates of the Certified Lay Minister preparation program can be certified by one's local American Baptist church, after being recommended by their church's association. After certification, you may pastor a church, be an associate, youth, or interim pastor, do supply preaching, and/or generally work in your own church in a more educated and experienced way. Graduates may register with the American Baptist Personnel Services, and this can facilitate the possibility of being called to a church ministry position. If called as a pastor, you will have the necessary recognition to perform weddings, and with the affirmation of the local church, may dedicate children, baptize, officiate at the Lord's Supper, and conduct funerals. A certified Lay Minister usually has the opportunity to do whatever an ordained person can do and should be well equipped to conduct quality ministry in the name of Christ.



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Certified Lay Minister

Study to show yourself approved to God, a workman that needs not be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

2 Timothy 2:15

