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The Center for Anabaptist Studies

The vision for the Center for Anabaptist Studies is to equip and facilitate education and scholarship for Evangelical Seminary students, faculty and staff, from a distinctly Anabaptist perspective. The Center will be a practical resource for the Anabaptist communities and provide a bridge between the academy and local churches through seminars, workshops and training that is consistent with Anabaptist practice and theology. Themes for such events may include multicultural and racial issues in the local congregation, spiritual formation and discipleship, scriptural interpretation and its application in congregational life, and other pertinent contemporary questions.

Advisory Board for the Center for Anabaptist Studies

Composition

* The Board will be composed of at least seven, but not more than twelve members, ideally with individuals representative of a cross-section of local Anabaptist groups.
* Nominees will be members in good standing in a local congregation.
* Members will be strongly supportive of Anabaptist theology and practice as illustrated in the various Anabaptist Confessions of Faith (see for example, https://evananetwork.org/cof )
* With input from the local Anabaptist community, members will be nominated and approved by the Executive Director of Pense Center, the Director of the Center for Anabaptist Studies, and the senior administrator of Evangelical Seminary.
* The Executive Committee of the Evangelical Seminary Board of Trustees will appoint a trustee to serve as an ex officio member with voting privileges.
* The Executive Director of the Pense Learning Center and the Director of the Center for Anabaptist Studies will be Ex Officio members with voting privileges.
* The members will serve a three year term and can serve multiple consecutive terms

Responsibilities

* Advise the Director on ways the Center can fulfill its vision
* Be ambassadors for the Center in the local Anabaptist communities through personal relationships and network channels.
* Work with the Director to maintain the emphasis on biblically-based Anabaptist theology and practice.
* Encourage good stewardship of Center resources and maintain fiscal integrity.