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Join us at RHMA's
Small-Town Pastors' Conference!



2023 Small-Town Pastors' Conference

A conference tailored to pastors and wives in town and country settings

Small Towns, Big Challenges

Hopeful Ministry in a Despairing World

Featured speakers

Lee Eclov



Retired after 40 years of
pastoring to focus on ministry
to pastors, grew up in a rural
South Dakota church; prolific
author, including *Feels Like
Home: How Rediscovering
the Church as Family
Changes Everything*

Ron Klassen



Executive Director Emeritus,
RHMA; former small-town
pastor; seminary professor;
conference speaker; author,
including the recently
released book, *Maximize!*
*Leveraging the Strengths of
Your Small Church*

Mark Young



President, Denver Seminary;
raised in a small town in West
Virginia; conference speaker;
author, including *One True
Story*, *One True God: What
the Bible is All About*

15 specialized seminars focused
on small-town ministry

September 28-30

Lancaster, Pennsylvania



Planting & Strengthening Churches
in Small Towns

THREE WAYS TO PAY

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2. Or pay with: _____ Visa _____ MasterCard
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Signature _____
3. Or register online (www.rhma.org/conferences or click on QR code)
and pay there with a credit card or from your bank account.



Questions? Give us a call: 866-263-2350.

Friday, September 29, Activities

(please check one per person)

Pastor Wife Event

- ☐ ☐ Amish Country Tour (\$15.00/person)

First come, first served

AMISH COUNTRY TOUR

Join us as we travel on a tour through
the beautiful Lancaster County
countryside. We will stop along the
way to look around and see the Plain
People's way of life and listen to the
step-on tour guide talk about the sites.

Information

REGISTRATION COSTS

POSTMARKED BY September 14:

Pastor ONLY:	\$135
Pastor & Wife:	\$180
Full-time Student:	\$100
Full-time Student & Wife:	\$120

After September 14: ADD \$20 PER PERSON
to the total registration cost.

REGISTRATION COSTS ARE NON-REFUNDABLE
AFTER SEPTEMBER 14.

Registration includes lunches, suppers, and
conference materials. We are sorry, but we
cannot accommodate special diet requests.

LODGING

Special rates have been secured at:

Hawthorn Suites

2045 Lincoln Hwy
Lancaster, PA 17602
Phone: 717.290.7100

Rate: 1 King with Sleeper - \$109.00 + tax
2 Queen Beds - \$119.00 + tax
(rate expires 9/6)

La Quinta Inn & Suites

25 Eastbrook Road
Ronks, PA
Phone: 717-392-8100

Rate: 1 King with Sleeper - \$119.00 + tax
2 Queen Beds - \$109.00 + tax
(rate expires 9/6)

To make your reservation, please call the hotel and mention
RHMA to receive the reduced rate.

We encourage you to make your reservation early, as space is
limited at these rates.

Schedule

Thursday, September 28

4:00-5:15 p.m.	Check-In at Calvary Church
5:30 p.m.	Supper
6:30 p.m.	Plenary Session with Mark Young
8:00 p.m.	Fellowship time

Friday, September 29

Breakfast	At your hotel or on your own
8:45 a.m.	Plenary Session with Mark Young
10:15-11:30 a.m.	Seminars
11:30 a.m.	Lunch
12:30-1:45 p.m.	Seminars
2:00 p.m.	Free time/Amish tour at 2:00
5:30 p.m.	Supper
6:30 p.m.	Plenary Session with Lee Eclov

Saturday, September 30

Breakfast	At your hotel or on your own
8:45-10:00 a.m.	Seminars
10:15 a.m.	Plenary Session with Ron Klassen
11:30 a.m.	Lunch

All sessions held at Calvary Church

1051 Landis Valley Rd.
Lancaster, Pennsylvania 17601
www.calvarychurch.org

Seminar Leaders

Bill Allison



Founder and Executive Director, Cadre Missionaries; former small-town youth pastor; conference speaker; author, including *The Disciplemaking Genius of Jesus*

Kyle Boone



Small-town pastor in northeast Ohio; doctorate from Dallas Seminary, his dissertation being *Discipleship Methods in Rural Youth Ministry*

Kurt and Denna Busenitz



Kurt is Director of Church Planting and Denna is Mission Ministries Assistant at RHMA; former pastoral couple of Sandhills Church of Hope in Nebraska

Shawn McMullen



Recently retired; part-time minister of Vevay Church of Christ in the small town of Vevay, Indiana, while engaging in a writing ministry; conference speaker; frequently published author, including *Unleashing the Potential of the Smaller Church*

Jeff VanGoethem



Associate Pastor, East White Oak Bible Church, a rural church in central Illinois; seminary professor; four town and country pastorates; former member, RHMA Board of Directors; conference speaker; author, including *Living Together: A Guide for Counseling Unmarried Couples*

Emma Witmer



Born and raised in Northern Ireland; small-town pastor's wife in Pepperell, Massachusetts, working with children's and women's ministries; conference speaker; high school English teacher

Seminars

Friday Morning Seminars

Bill Allison

Disciplemaking in a Small-Town Context

Could it be that we miss disciplemaking when it happens in real life because we think it can't be that simple, informal, and organic? Bring your sense of humor and your Bible.

Kyle Boone

Youth Ministry Without a Youth Group

Parents and pastors want to see the next generation disciplined. Yet, many small churches do not have the resources to pull off a traditional youth group. We will discuss the problems, principles, and practices small churches need to consider in discipling the next generation well, given their context.

Kurt Busenitz

Church Planting Benchmarks in the Town and Country Context

We will look at several biblical targets to aim for in order to establish a gospel-centered church and lead it toward self-sustaining status.

Lee Eclov

How to Make Your Church Feel Like Home

Drawing from his recent book, *Feels Like Home: How Rediscovering the Church as Family Changes Everything*, Lee will address specific areas like Sunday mornings together, Sabbath atmosphere, approach to guests, and more.

Mark Young

One True Story, One True God: What the Bible is All About

During this seminar, we will look at how to read and teach the Bible as a cohesive story from Genesis to Revelation. We will also explore the benefits of approaching the Bible this way.

Friday Afternoon Seminars

Bill Allison

Why Volunteers Quit and What You Can Do About It

There's a big difference between using volunteers to build your ministry and using your ministry to build volunteers. Bring your sense of humor and your Bible.

Kyle Boone

Pastoring Through Domestic Abuse

One of four women experiences domestic abuse. Several women in your congregation most likely have or will face domestic abuse. Often, pastors function as the initial confidant. This seminar will give pastors an understanding of abuse dynamics, a theological framework, and practical points to small-town pastors.

Shawn McMullen

Practical Steps for Developing Leaders in the Town and Country Church

We often wish we had better leaders in the churches we serve. This seminar addresses the need for quality spiritual leaders in the church and provides practical suggestions for developing them.

Jeff VanGoethem

Given the Times in Which We Live, How Should Pastors Be Praying?

We see the evangelical church largely in decline. We see our nation in spiritual and moral free fall. These are times to really pray! This seminar will explore some biblical teaching on deeper and more extraordinary prayer.

Emma Witmer (Women)

Struggling in Sacrifice: Lessons from the Life of Liliias Trotter

Liliias Trotter, a little-known missionary to Algeria in the 1850's, sacrificed a promising career as an artist to labor for forgotten Algerian women. Taking Colossians 1:28-29 as our theme, we will learn from this woman who sacrificed her own desires to proclaim Christ to those who never heard.

Saturday Morning Seminars

Kurt and Denna Busenitz

Church Planting Chronicles

Come hear lessons learned from church planting in the Nebraska Sandhills and consider how church planting might fit into the life cycle of your church.

Lee Eclov

Preaching to Shape a Congregation That Functions Like a Family

Preaching is God's #1 method of shaping His people. As preachers, we not only address the personal lives of believers but also our people's identity and relationships as God's household. In this seminar, we will look at our ecclesiology and give you preaching ideas and angles to take home to your church family.

Shawn McMullen

Why the Pursuit of Holiness Matters in Town and Country Ministry

God calls us to holiness even as He is holy (1 Pet. 1:15,16). How do we translate His call into a practical kind of ministry that can transform church members and draw unbelievers to Christ? This seminar examines God's call to holy living and its importance in town and country ministry, and suggests practical steps in our pursuit of holiness.

Jeff VanGoethem

Reflections on the Revival at Asbury: How Should Small-Town Pastors and Churches Think About Revival?

Recent events on the campus of Asbury University have reminded all of us of the concept of revival. What is revival? How should we correctly think about it? Does revival ever happen in small-town ministry?

Emma Witmer (Women)

Struggling Through Suffering: Lessons from the Life of Helen Roseveare

Helen Roseveare, a missionary to the Congo in the 1950's, endured unspeakable violence during a civil war to proclaim Christ to needy and forgotten people. Taking Colossians 1:28-29 as our theme, we will look at this faithful woman who struggled through suffering to faithfully minister in central Africa.

Registration

You may register online (www.rhma.org/conferences) or fill out this form and mail it to RHMA, Box 300, Morton, IL 61550.

Name _____

Wife's name (if attending) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Church/Ministry _____

Phone: Home/Cell _____ Work _____

Email _____

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Amish Country Tour _____ **x \$15.00 =** _____

Total \$ _____

To help us plan for seminar materials and space, please indicate your choices below.

Friday Morning Seminars

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While families are important to us, this conference is for pastors and wives. As a courtesy to our other participants we ask that no children attend with you. Thank you.