

7:00 PM

Moderator – Paul A. Miller

Songs – Shawn Miller

7:15 PM

Pastoral Legal Protocol –  
Attorney Bob Gorman,  
Critchfield, Critchfield, & Johnston

Pastors are often among the first to learn of sexual sin and abuse in the church because of their leadership role. What are the legal reporting requirements when a pastor learns of sexual abuse involving minors by members of the church? This topic by an Ohio attorney will give an overview of reporting required by Ohio law. It will help non-Ohio pastors as well to understand the importance of a pre-established legal protocol, with its duties, and dangers.

8:00

Snacks and informal fellowship

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 26, 2019**

9:00 AM

Moderator – James Yoder

Songs – Shawn Miller

Inspiration – Shannon Martin

9:30 AM

Pastoral Responsibility for Aftercare –  
Mark Schlabach, Life Ministries

Sexual sins and other kinds of abuse often leave the victims spiritually and emotionally injured. Confession and disclosure are only the first step in the healing process. This topic covers the need for confession aftercare—the personal, emotional, and spiritual care needed to restore them back to health and wholeness. It will help a pastor determine if the level of care that is needed can be provided locally, or requires intervention ministry and counseling, and how to inform and involve the local church.

10:15 AM

Break

11:00 AM

ADC Annual Business Meeting –  
Paul A. Miller

11:45

Lunch and dismissal



**ANABAPTIST DISCIPLES OF CHRIST**

*Third Annual  
ADC Assembly Program*

**Pastoral Care and  
Restoration**

January 25–26, 2019

**Der Dutchman**

720 State Route 97 W  
Bellville, OH 44813

*Therefore, confess your sins  
to one another and pray for one  
another, that you may be healed.  
The prayer of a righteous person has  
great power as it is working.*

*James 5:16 ESV*

*In this Assembly we take a candid look at issues that too many pastors are facing today and are ill equipped to handle. Our goal is to encourage Pastors to live a life of integrity so that we can better provide care and restoration to the broken lives within our congregations and those seeking refuge.*

*What is the pastor's responsibility to both the perpetrator and wounded resulting from serious transgressions? Is the intention of discipline to be punitive or redemptive? What role does public or private confession play in finding forgiveness? What scriptural principles and practical steps are needed to bring restoration and healing to both the failing and wounded? What legal aspects do pastors need to consider to comply with state laws regarding abuse of minors?*

## FRIDAY, JANUARY 25, 2019

### 2:00 PM

Welcome  
Songs – Shawn Miller  
Introduction and inspiration –  
Bill Mullet

### 2:30 PM

Pastoral Role in Confession –  
Ernest Witmer, LA Road

As Christians we confess our sins directly to God to receive forgiveness. But sometimes the nature and impact of sin may require public confession. In this dimension, confession is also made to other Christians. This topic explores the pastor's role when serious transgressions must be confessed, with its duties and dangers. It will cover how trust is essential, the importance of the pastor's personal integrity, and setting pastoral boundaries and safe practices in hearing confession of sin.

### 3:15 PM

Break and Fellowship

### 4:15 PM

Pastoral Response to Confession –  
Mark Schlabach, Life Ministries

How a pastor responds when a serious transgression is confessed can lead to redemptive or hurtful outcomes. This topic will cover the need for a pastor to hear a confession properly, determine the scope and impact of the sin, consider public versus private confession, engage any victim(s), understand the difference between victim and perpetrator confessions, and lay the groundwork to move beyond confession to restitution and restoration of the perpetrator.

### 5:00 PM

Dinner and fellowship

