



Education Opportunities through Evana

The educational process can deeply affect our personal and spiritual formation. In a world of competing perspectives and human ideologies, the choice of where to receive your education is just as important as ever. Even though the Evana Network does not have a school of our own, we are excited to partner with existing evangelical Anabaptist places of learning that share our values and our convictions to offer educational opportunities for Evana members at affordable costs. In addition, we are excited to announce the launch of the **Evana Leadership Academy**—online and hybrid courses taught from a Spirit-led evangelical Anabaptist perspective designed to increase your leadership capacity, implement new ministries in your church and your community, and provide personal spiritual growth.

Evana Leadership Academy

Five new courses are being offered this fall and winter:

- **Community Impact 101** is designed to help pastors and lay leaders expand and measure a congregation's community impact.
- **Starting a Foster Care Support Initiative** will walk leaders through best practices for developing a strategy to support children and families involved in the foster care system through a church-based ministry.
- **Communicating for Change** will assist pastors and other leaders with preaching and connecting effectively by developing a multi-media strategy for communicating the gospel.



- **Difficult Conversations** will resource leaders and individual Christians to respond with truth and grace to the challenging topics of our day, including racial injustice, political polarization, and the coronavirus pandemic.

Each of these courses cost \$199 but are available to Evana members for only \$99 and for free to Evana pastors.

Finally, a **Family Ministry Cohort** limited to 8 early-career pastors in family ministry will offer a blend of in-person and online training as well as personalized coaching. The cohort will meet between September 2020 and May 2021 and will cost \$2,000. You can find more information on these courses and links to register at <http://evananetwork.org/resources/evana-leadership-academy/>.

Tabor College

Tabor is a traditional four-year liberal arts college located in Hillsboro, KS, that has signed a strategic partnership agreement with Evana to indicate their commitment to providing an education that affirms and reinforces our shared evangelical Anabaptist values and convictions. Just this year, Tabor introduced

one cost pricing that includes all tuition, room, board, books, and other fees for the school year. Because of their desire to have students from Evana on campus, every student from an Evana congregation will receive \$24,000 in scholarships and grants! This reduced the cost of the 2020-21 school year down to only \$17,200. These scholarships and grants from Tabor include academic, athletic, and performing arts scholarships as well as grants in aid, but any other financial aid in the form of government grants, student loans and/or outside scholarships would further reduce the out-of-pocket costs for families. More information about Tabor can be found at www.tabor.edu. To receive information or set up a campus visit, you can email Tabor Admissions Representative Chris Pruitt at christopherpruitt@tabor.edu.

Rosedale Bible College

Training in Ministry (TiM) is distance learning for pastors designed to mature and multiply churches locally and globally—"in your context, on your schedule and for your church." Conference Pastor Steve Swartz of Conservative Mennonite Conference (CMC) says, "We think you'll really benefit from TiM because it's 1) Evangelical and Anabaptist; 2) Practical with principles and skills applicable to the local church; 3) a Collaborative partnership with RBC, CMC, and LMC; 4) Timely on-line format fits current Covid-19 realities; 5) Integrative of your vocation, family, and church life; 6) Accessible from any internet connection; and 7) Affordable with tuition at \$900 per course.

The first two TiM classes offered this fall are Congregational Counseling taught by CMC minister Shawn Otto of Sarasota, FL, and Disciplining Another, taught by LMC minister Troy Landis of Lancaster, PA. The program will consist of five learning tracks: Spiritual & Personal Formation, Congregational Care & Counseling, Church Multiplication, Bible &

Theology, and Leadership & Ministry Formation plus one stand-alone course that will study the purpose of the local church. For more information on TiM or to sign up for classes visit <http://rosedale.edu/tim/>.

The Rosedale School of Business and Leadership (RBSL)

debut this fall with the initial course, Business and the Kingdom of God, taught by Director Rick Griest. The course will consist of weekly lectures and weekend workshops. Each student will be assigned a mentor from the business community to share everyday business experiences and situations to bring to life what it means to do business from a Kingdom perspective. RBSL will offer a business course each semester/term, so after two years at Rosedale, students will be equipped to enter the marketplace with an Associate's Degree in Biblical Studies with a Concentration in Business or transfer to compatible colleges/universities to complete a four-year degree. Other business courses to be offered include: Principles of Accounting, Principles of Marketing, Communication & Ethics, Principles in Microeconomics, and Strategic Planning. For more information contact Rick at rgriest@rosedale.edu or call (614) 653-9301.

If you are looking for an affordable two-year Associate Degree that is transferable to other schools or just looking to deepen your relationship with God in an evangelical Anabaptist setting, Rosedale Bible College may be the place for you! All first-year full-time residential students from Evana congregations are eligible for Multiply Scholarships that cover (roughly) half of tuition, fees, and room and board on the Rosedale Bible College campus. Visit the RBC website for more information at <http://rosedale.edu>. **