

The Tabor College Class of '67: Five Decades Later

* 1. In what state or province were you born? If you were born outside the U.S. or Canada, in what country were you born?

* 2. Which best describes where you were living at age 16?

- On a farm
- On an acreage outside of town
- In a small town or village (under 25,000)
- In a medium-sized city (25,000-500,000)
- In a suburb near a large city of 500,000 or more
- In a large city (over 500,000)

Other (please specify)

* 3. What kind of school did you attend during your senior year of high school?

- Public school
- Church-related private school
- Home-school
- Other (please specify)

* 4. How large was your high school graduating class?

- 50 or less
- 51-100
- 101-200
- More than 200

* 5. What type of church did you attend during your senior year of high school?

- Mennonite Brethren (MB)
- Other Mennonite (General Conference Mennonite, EMB, Old Mennonite, etc.)
- Evangelical Protestant (Baptist, Bible Church, Evangelical Free Church, Community Church, etc.)
- Mainline Protestant (Lutheran, Methodist, Presbyterian, etc.)
- Pentecostal (Assemblies of God, etc.)
- Catholic
- Other Religions
- Not part of a church/faith community at that time

* 6. What was your father's highest level of formal education?

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| <input type="radio"/> Did not finish high school | <input type="radio"/> Baccalaureate degree |
| <input type="radio"/> High school diploma | <input type="radio"/> Graduate degree |
| <input type="radio"/> Some college | <input type="radio"/> Not applicable; father not present |

* 7. What was your mother's highest level of formal education?

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| <input type="radio"/> Did not finish high school | <input type="radio"/> Baccalaureate degree |
| <input type="radio"/> High school diploma | <input type="radio"/> Graduate degree |
| <input type="radio"/> Some college | <input type="radio"/> Not applicable; mother not present |

* 8. Growing up, did you think your family was:

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| <input type="radio"/> A lot better off financially than most people in my community | <input type="radio"/> Not quite as well off as most people in my community |
| <input type="radio"/> A little better off than most people in my community | <input type="radio"/> Not nearly as well off as most people in my community |
| <input type="radio"/> About the same as most people in my community | |

* 9. Did you go directly from high school to college?

- Yes
- No - I was out of school for at least a semester

* 10. Why did you decide to go to college?

* 11. What were the three most important reasons you chose to attend Tabor rather than another college?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> It was a Mennonite Brethren college | <input type="checkbox"/> Tabor gave me a good scholarship |
| <input type="checkbox"/> It was located close to home | <input type="checkbox"/> My church gave me funds to attend Tabor |
| <input type="checkbox"/> A family member or someone I know had attended Tabor | <input type="checkbox"/> My parents told me I had to attend Tabor |
| <input type="checkbox"/> At Tabor, I thought I could participate in music, theater, athletics, student government, etc. | <input type="checkbox"/> Believed it would prepare me for my chosen career |
| <input type="checkbox"/> It seemed easy to apply to Tabor | <input type="checkbox"/> To find a Christian spouse |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other reason | |

* 12. If you received financial aid to attend Tabor College, what kind of financial aid was it?

Please check all that apply:

- Scholarships
- Loans
- Part-time work
- Did not receive financial aid

* 13. How much of your college experience happened at Tabor?

- Attended only Tabor, and graduated from Tabor
- Attended more than one college or university, but graduated from Tabor
- Attended Tabor, but graduated from another college or university
- Did not graduate from college

* 14. Where did you live during your final year at Tabor?

- In college housing
- At home, with family, or friends in the community
- Other off-campus housing

* 15. In which campus activities did you participate at Tabor? (Check all that apply)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Choir or band | <input type="checkbox"/> Christian Fellowship Association (CFA) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Musical ensemble | <input type="checkbox"/> Debate |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Theater production | <input type="checkbox"/> Student government |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Intercollegiate athletics | <input type="checkbox"/> Student newspaper/yearbook |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Intramural sports | <input type="checkbox"/> Community outreach (e.g. Logopedics) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify) | |

* 16. Many people look back at their college experience and remember a professor, staff person, or coach who was particularly influential or helpful. Was there one who made a big difference in your life? Who, and why?

* 17. Going to college changes most people in a variety of ways. What are the most important ways in which attending Tabor changed you?

* 18. People have different theological perspectives. On the following scale from very conservative to very liberal, how would you describe yourself *theologically* when you first came to Tabor?

Very conservative Conservative Middle of the road Liberal Very liberal



* 19. On the following scale from very conservative to very liberal, how would you now describe yourself *theologically* when you left Tabor?

Very conservative Conservative Middle of the road Liberal Very liberal



* 20. If your theological perspective shifted during college, in what way did it change? What caused this change to happen?

* 21. People have different political perspectives. On a scale from very liberal to very conservative, how would you describe yourself *politically* when you first came to Tabor?

Very liberal Liberal Middle of the road Conservative Very conservative



* 22. On a scale from very liberal to very conservative, how would you describe yourself *politically* when you left Tabor?

Very liberal Liberal Middle of the road Conservative Very conservative



* 23. If your political perspectives changed during your time at Tabor, in what way(s) did they change? What caused this change to happen?

* 24. What is the highest academic degree you earned?

- Bachelor's degree
- Master's
- Professional graduate degree (MD, JD, DO, DD, DMin, etc.)
- Doctorate (Ph.D., Ed.D., Psych D., etc.)
- Did not graduate

* 25. Did you earn other professional credentials after graduating from Tabor? If so, what were they? (e.g. CPA, etc.)

* 26. What is your gender?

- Female
- Male
- Prefer not to answer

* 27. Did you serve in the military or alternative service?

- The military
- Alternative service (I-W)
- Had deferment
- Does not apply

* 28. Over the course of your life after college (and graduate school) and before retirement, did you:

- Work in a single field for your entire work life
- Make one or more career changes to a different line of work

* 29. What would you identify as your primary occupation? (The one you consider to be the most significant to you.)

* 30. As you look back at your career as a whole, how meaningful did you find your work? Please note how you see your career from very meaningful, to lacked meaning.

Lacked meaning

Very meaningful



31. Please explain your answer. (Optional)

* 32. During the course of your career, were you ever unemployed at a time when you wanted to work and were looking for a job?

- Never unemployed when I wanted to have paid work
- Unemployed for 3 months or less at least once
- Unemployed for more than 3 months at least once

* 33. In what state or province do you live today? If you live outside the U.S. or Canada, in what country do you live?

* 34. Some people move around more than others. If you live in the U.S. or Canada, in how many different states or provinces have you lived after college?

- One
- 2 - 5
- 6 or more

* 35. Where do you live today?

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| <input type="radio"/> On a farm | <input type="radio"/> In a medium-sized city (25,000 - 500,000) |
| <input type="radio"/> On an acreage outside of town | <input type="radio"/> In a suburb near a large city of 500,000 or more |
| <input type="radio"/> In a small town (under 25,000) | <input type="radio"/> In a large city (over 500,000) |

* 36. Which statement best describes your marital status today?

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| <input type="radio"/> Single--never married | <input type="radio"/> Widowed |
| <input type="radio"/> Married | <input type="radio"/> Living with a domestic partner |
| <input type="radio"/> Divorced | |

* 37. If you are or were ever married, did you meet your spouse at Tabor?

- Yes
- No
- Does not apply; never married

* 38. Do you have children or stepchildren?

- Yes
- No

* 39. Did any of your children or step children attend Tabor?

- Yes
- No
- Do not have children

* 40. Which of the following things have you done since graduating from Tabor? (Check all that apply.)

- Visited the campus
- Attended a class reunion
- Recommended Tabor to a potential student
- Made a financial contribution to Tabor
- Other (please specify)

* 41. Somebody said, "My education [at Tabor College] was vital in laying a foundation for my life. Professionally and personally, the ripple effects of my experiences in college are too many to count...I would do it again." All things considered, to what extent would you agree or disagree with this statement?

Strongly disagree disagree Neutral Agree Strongly agree



42. Please tell us why you answered the previous question the way you did. (Optional)

* 43. Have you traveled outside the U.S. or Canada since you graduated from Tabor?

- Never traveled abroad
- 1-5 times
- 6-10 times
- 11 or more times

* 44. Have you lived outside the U.S. or Canada?

- Have never lived outside the US or Canada
- Lived abroad for less than one year
- Lived abroad 1-3 years
- Lived abroad 4-6 years
- Lived abroad more than 6 years

* 45. If you are part of a church/faith community today, what is its denomination or affiliation?

- Mennonite Brethren
- Other Mennonite (MC-USA, etc.)
- Evangelical Protestant (Baptist, Bible Church, Evangelical Free Church, Community Church, etc.)
- Mainline Protestant (Lutheran, Methodist, Presbyterian, etc.)
- Pentecostal (Assemblies of God, etc.)
- Catholic
- Other religions
- Not part of a church/faith community today

* 46. Because of the pandemic, we haven't been able do all the things we wanted to do. Before the pandemic, how often did you attend religious services?

- Never
- Once a year
- Several times a year
- Once a month
- 2-3 times a month
- Every week
- More than once a week

* 47. If you were part of a church during the last 15 years, did you hold any of the following volunteer roles (not including paid staff positions) in your congregation? Check all that Apply.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Elder/deacon/deaconess | <input type="checkbox"/> Chair a committee--education, missions, finance, worship, social, etc. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Trustee/member of the church board | <input type="checkbox"/> Choir or praise band |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Church moderator | <input type="checkbox"/> Member of a committee--education, missions, finance, worship, social, etc. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sunday School teacher | <input type="checkbox"/> Went on mission trip(s) out of the country (with your church group) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sunday School Superintendent/Christian education director | <input type="checkbox"/> Attended church; not involved in leadership activities |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Worship leader | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Not part of a church during last 15 years | |

* 48. People often volunteer with other community, regional, or national nonprofit organizations. With which types of the organizations (outside your local church) did you serve? Check all of the following that apply:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Christian relief and development organizations (e.g. MCC, MDS, World Vision, Samaritan's Purse, Habitat for Humanity, Christian Peacemaker Teams, etc.) | <input type="checkbox"/> Fund-raising activities for local nonprofits (e.g. MCC sales, Girls Scouts cookie sales, bell-ringing for Salvation Army, organizing fundraising "walks" or "runs," etc.) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Non-religious organizations that address emergency needs (e.g. Red Cross, Doctors Without Borders, AmeriCare, etc.) | <input type="checkbox"/> Service clubs (e.g. Rotary, Kiwanis, Lions, etc.) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Programs that serve refugees (e.g. International Rescue Committee, World Relief, Catholic Charities, and other refugee resettlement programs) | <input type="checkbox"/> Mission/service trips |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Local community and economic development organizations | <input type="checkbox"/> Volunteer in thrift stores and resale shops |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hospitals and health centers, hospice, retirement homes, etc. | <input type="checkbox"/> Using personal skills to help nonprofits (e.g. photography, handyman work, car repair, bookkeeping, cooking, etc.) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Adult education programs (e.g. adult literacy ESL, tutoring for GED, community education programs, etc.) | <input type="checkbox"/> International trips to provide medical/health services (e.g. dental, optometry, radiology, etc.) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> School-based programs (e.g. reading and tutoring, after-school programs, PTA, classroom assistant, working in the library, etc.) | <input type="checkbox"/> Food assistance programs (e.g. food pantries, Meals on Wheels, etc.) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community-based youth programs (e.g. 4-H, mentoring, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, after school programs, youth sports, summer camps, etc.) | <input type="checkbox"/> None of the above |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify) | |

* 49. As you know, Tabor College is part of the larger Mennonite faith community so we're particularly interested in the extent to which members of our class were involved with Mennonite service organizations. Please check all the following that apply:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Served overseas for at least a year with the Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) | <input type="checkbox"/> Volunteer at a 10,000 Villages craft store |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Served with MCC for at least a year in the U.S. or Canada | <input type="checkbox"/> Volunteer with Care and Share, thrift stores, MCC Sales, etc. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Served overseas for at least a year with the MB Christian Service program | <input type="checkbox"/> Christian Aid Ministries |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Served with the MB Christian Service program for at least a year in the U.S. or Canada | <input type="checkbox"/> Did not volunteer with a Mennonite service organization |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Served for short term(s) with MDS (Mennonite Disaster Service) in responding to a disaster | |

* 50. People have a variety of views about Jesus. Which statement is the primary way you would describe Jesus.

- Son of God, Lord and Savior
- Great teacher and role model
- A prophet and teacher like others of his time, though better known
- None of the above

* 51. How do you view the Bible today?

- Actual Word of God to be taken literally, word for word
- Inspired Word of God, but not everything should be taken literally
- Book of history, stories, and legends that teach important moral lessons
- Collection of ethical precepts to live by
- None of the above

* 52. People have different theological perspectives. On a scale from very conservative to very liberal, how do you see yourself *theologically today*?

Very conservative	Conservative	Middle of the road	Liberal	Very liberal
★	★	★	★	★

53. If your *theological* perspective has changed since your college years, how did it change? What made it change? (Optional)

* 54. It's no secret that people in the faith community today have differences of opinion over certain issues. How significant do you believe the following issues are in straining relationships in the broader Christian community today?

	Not significant at all				Very significant
Abortion	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Role of women in leadership	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Political differences	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Gap in wealth between people in our country	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
LGBTQ inclusion	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Worship/music style	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

* 55. Which would you consider your three most trusted sources of national and international news? Please check up to three of them.

- The traditional TV networks (CBS, NBC, ABC, etc.)
- Conservative cable news (FOX, Newsmax, One America News, etc.)
- Progressive Cable news (CNN, MSNBC, etc.)
- Public radio/television (NPR, PBS, CBC)
- Major national newspapers (LA Times, Wall Street Journal, New York Time, Washington Post, USA Today)
- Social media
- Other (please specify)

* 56. People have different levels of engagement with the political process. Over the last 10 years, which of the following have you done? Check all that apply.

- Always (or almost always) voted in elections
- Am a member of a political party
- Often give money to support my preferred political candidates
- Often put up political signs in my yard
- Put political bumper stickers on my vehicles
- Attended political rallies
- Posted political content on social media as least once a month
- Ran for elective office
- Volunteered on a political campaign on behalf of a candidate (stuffed envelopes, canvassed door-to-door, made phone calls, etc.)
- Written, texted, called, or emailed my elected government officials at least once every 3 months
- Staffed a table or handed out political flyers at an event (e.g. county fair, etc.)
- Wrote a letter to the editor or op-ed piece in support of a candidate or issue
- Regularly talked with others about politics and political issues in an attempt to change their minds
- Testified before a legislative or municipal decision-making body
- Other (please specify)

* 57. People have different political perspectives. On a scale from very liberal to very conservative, how did you see yourself politically today?

Very liberal Liberal Middle of the road Conservative Very conservative



58. If your *political* perspective has changed since college, how did it change? What made it change? (Optional)

* 59. What do you see as the three biggest challenges facing our world today?

- Famine/hunger
- Terrorism
- Political upheaval
- War or the threat of war
- Global inequality
- Climate change
- Over-population
- Refugees and displaced persons
- Other (please specify)

* 60. What do you see as the three biggest issues facing the nation? (The nation in which you live)

- Race (including White Supremacy and Black Lives Matter)
- Injustice
- Illegal immigration
- Economic inequality
- Government over-reach
- Substance abuse
- Climate change
- Abortion
- Lack of access to health care
- Crime
- The pandemic
- Other (please specify)

* 61. Many people support various charities or other nonprofit organizations with their resources. Among the following types of charities or organizations, which would be your three highest priorities to support financially?

- Your church or faith community
- Other religious organizations
- Educational institutions
- Social services organizations
- Political organizations
- Social justice organizations
- Advocacy groups (NRA, National Wildlife Fund, etc.)
- I do not support charities or nonprofit organizations

* 62. What are the three things you most enjoy doing with your free time?

- Read
- Spend time with my family
- Watch TV
- Outdoor sports: hiking/biking/golf/kayaking/etc.
- Spend time with my friends
- Other (please specify)
- Work out/exercise in the gym
- Follow my favorite sports teams
- Attend concerts/movies/theater
- Work with my hobbies (quilting/sewing/knitting/model airplanes)
- Gardening

* 63. Life has ups and downs, challenges and rewards. As you look back on your life, how satisfied are you with with how it has gone?

Very satisfied Very dissatisfied



* 64. Taken altogether, how would you say things are for you these days? Would you say that you are:

Very happy Unhappy



65. Is there anything else you would like to tell us?