Mr. Terry Yoder
President/CEO

Terry Yoder brings over fifteen years of aircraft maintenance experience and 10 years of education experience to the School of Missionary Aviation Technology. Terry's interest in aviation began during his elementary school years when a missionary pilot from Mission Aviation Fellowship [MAF] presented his work in Zaire to Terry's home church in Newton, KS.

After graduating from Berean Academy, a Christian high school in south-central Kansas, Terry enrolled in the developing mission aviation program at Grace College of the Bible, now Grace University in Omaha, NE. Upon completing his training as an aircraft maintenance technician, Terry and his new bride moved to West Michigan where he began working as a mechanic in general aviation, and became a certified private pilot.

Terry continued working in aircraft maintenance and other technology in West Michigan until the fall of 2002 when God took him, along with his wife and two daughters, to the Ann Arbor area of Michigan to teach in an aircraft maintenance training school. Shortly after that, God once again orchestrated a big move that took Terry out of the aviation world and into the world of K-12 Christian education. Terry spent four years as a middle and high school computer and business teacher prior to serving an additional six years as a K-12 Christian school administrator. In the middle of that time, God orchestrated a move back to the West Michigan area. Over the course of this time, Terry earned a Bachelor of Science degree in business administration from Cornerstone University and a Master of Education degree in school supervision and administration from Liberty University.

In the spring of 2013, Terry was approached with the opportunity to serve the School of Missionary Aviation Technology in the role of president/CEO. After much prayer, Terry, in agreement with his wife, accepted the position. He feels privileged and blessed by God to be able to combine his education and aviation experiences and training to help fulfill SMAT's mission to prepare individuals to be aviation professionals with life skills and competencies, who model SMAT's values in their future workplaces. SMAT's core values are 1) caring relationships, 2) stewardship, 3) excellence, and 4) servant leadership. It is Terry's prayer that he continues to model these biblical values as he leads the School of Missionary Aviation Technology.