

Prayer Calendar for 2017-18

October 2017 – Bethany’s board of trustees, who give their time, talents, and resources as advocates for the Seminary and who hold their semi-annual meeting this month

November 2017 – Faculty and staff, who daily share their skills and knowledge to support Bethany’s mission, including final preparation for the launching of the new academic partnership with Ekklesiyar Yan’uwa a Nigeria (EYN)

December 2017 – Bethany’s contribution to the Church of the Brethren peace witness through courses, seminars, degree emphases, and the Peace Essay Contest

January 2018 – Nigerian and American students and faculty participating in the first Bethany-EYN intercontinental online course

February 2018 – The more than 2,500 Bethany alumni/ae and their contributions to the church over the past century

March 2018 – Leadership and participants in the SeBAH–COB program for Spanish-language ministry and the ongoing work of our international scholar in residence

April 2018 – *Brethren Life & Thought*, a Bethany partner and academic journal committed to nourishing the life and mind within the Church of the Brethren for more than sixty years

May 2018 – Our new graduating class as they complete their seminary education and follow their vocational calls

June 2018 – A new group of jr. high students participating in Immerse!

July 2018 – Students in summer Ministry Formation experiences and those who are considering enrolling at Bethany in the 2018-19 academic year

August 2018 – Those involved with the Brethren Academy for Ministerial Leadership as orientation is held for incoming Academy students

September 2018 – New and returning students as we begin our 114th academic year



For many decades, congregations and individuals in the Church of the Brethren have been a foundation of support for Bethany.

As the Seminary envisions its mission for the future, you can partner with the education we provide by

- nurturing and calling out persons who show interest in ministry and encouraging them to consider a Bethany education;
- giving to Bethany’s mission by check, online, or with gifts of property;
- praying for our students, faculty, and staff;
- reading *Wonder & Word* magazine and visiting our website for news, information, and event webcasts: www.bethanyseminary.edu.



Extending Our Witness Enlarging Our Impact



A NEW VISION FOR BETHANY THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

"It is an exciting time as the Seminary extends its witness and enlarges its impact. Committed to biblical studies, theological studies, and ministry formation and to creating a community of faith and scholarship, Bethany is removing every barrier to ministry, deepening partnerships at home and abroad, and looking to inspire a church and world as we seek God's call and Christ's way."

— JEFF CARTER, PRESIDENT



The new Pillars and Pathways Residency Scholarship will enable students to complete seminary with no additional educational or consumer debt. It covers the gap between the expected cost of attendance for residential students and the

combination of Bethany financial aid and the amount students earn per year. Recipients also put learning into practice by serving both the Bethany and Richmond communities and living within their means.



Bethany and Ekklesiyar Yan'uwa a Nigeria (EYN) have entered into an historic relationship: a mutual commitment to a new intercontinental online education program that will facilitate theological study at Bethany for EYN members. Faculty and students in Nigeria will gather at a new technology center where they will share the classroom with students and faculty at Bethany in real time. The first course is scheduled for January 2018.

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Bethany faculty are known as experts in their fields. They regularly participate in national and international guilds and conferences, speaking in locations such as London, South Africa, Canada, Vienna, Jamaica, Wittenberg, Beirut, and Nairobi. Recent new courses that reflect today's church and society include Ministry across Generations, Restorative Justice, Brethren and Society, Science Fiction and Theology, Ecotheology and Christian Responsibility, Just Peace: An Ecumenical Call, Gender and Christian Devotion, and The Theological Imagination.



Looking to the future, **Bethany Theological Seminary** has developed a new vision with themes of growth, innovation and diversity.

A hallmark of Bethany's education will be an interdisciplinary approach to learning that integrates and synthesizes theory and practice, thereby enlarging the impact of its increasingly diverse programs of study.



Academics at Bethany are flexible, enabling students to craft their own educational paths. MDiv students can choose from seven ministry foci, and all degree students can choose from twelve emphases. And, in 2016 the Seminary launched specialized graduate certificates: Intercultural Biblical Interpretation, Conflict Transformation, and Theopoetics and Theological Imagination. All are great continuing education opportunities for pastors, with a generous financial aid arrangement.



Following a tradition of engaging in partnerships—notably, the current arrangement with Earlham School of Religion—Bethany is working with the nonprofit City of Refuge in Atlanta, Georgia, to offer a course in urban ministry next January. Staff with the organization will coordinate the students' onsite involvement in its programs, allowing them to apply theological study in real-life settings. It is the latest in partnerships that Bethany hopes to continue forming.