

# *The Scroll*

*Notes and News  
from the  
Brethren Academy for  
Ministerial Leadership*

*September 2016*

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## TRIM UPDATES

### TRIM Orientation

Five new students gathered on the Bethany Theological Seminary campus at the end of July for orientation to the TRIM program—a time of worship, study, and deep connection.

**Crystal Bryant** is a vital part of the children's ministry program at Girard Church of the Brethren in the Illinois-Wisconsin District.

**Gene Hollenberg** of Northern Indiana has recently retired from public school administration and finds his current ministry at Camp Alexander Mack as the camp's new executive director.

**Kathy Johnson** has been serving her congregation at Dallas Center Church of the Brethren in the Northern Plains District for many years.

**Tonie Román** has a background in social work and is an active member of Puerta del Cielo congregation in the Atlantic Northeast District.

**Randall Westfall** is an outdoor enthusiast and director at Camp Brethren Heights in the Michigan District.

Orientation is planned and facilitated by Carrie Eikler and incorporates the work of many others from Bethany Theological Seminary and Church of the Brethren Office of Ministry.



Photo by Fran Massie

Standing: Crystal Bryant, IL-WI; Randall Westfall, MI; Gene Hollenberg, INN;  
Sitting: Kathy Johnson, NPLNS; Tonie Román, ANE

## ANNUAL CONFERENCE EVENTS

### Walking toward Peace with Father John Dear Directed Independent Study Unit Led by Debbie Roberts



Annual Conference has been a popular time for TRIM students to earn credit for their program. For the past several years, a Directed Independent Study Unit has been offered in conjunction with the Brethren Ministers' Association Pre-Conference Gathering. This year, the Gathering featured long-term peace activist Father John Dear, as he explored Walking toward Peace.

Bethany faculty member Debbie Roberts met with students before and after the Gathering to facilitate conversation and to set out a plan of study. Over the next two months, students worked at an independent pace as they reflected on the importance of peacemaking in the Christian life and the unique yet challenging role Christian clergy have in proclaiming that message.



Photo by Carrie Eikler

Roger Elkins, E. B. Shoemaker, Clint Wilson, Larry Lutz, Debbie Roberts

## TRIM Graduates Recognized



Photo by Carrie Eikler

Dawna Welch, Donita Keister

Five TRIM graduates were recognized at the annual Bethany Seminary and Brethren Academy for Ministerial Leadership Luncheon at Annual Conference on July 1, 2016, in Greensboro, North Carolina. New graduates of TRIM include Dean Foster (Northern Ohio), Randy Johnson (Northern Plains), Donita Keister (Southern Pennsylvania), Randy Short (Michigan), and Dawna Welch (Pacific Southwest). Congratulations to these new graduates!



Nancy Heishman

## SeBAH-CoB NEWS

### Seminario Bíblico Anabautista Hispano de la Iglesia de Los Hermanos

#### **Estudiantes de SeBAH-CoB empiezan el primer curso Hermano: Evangelio de Mateo**

El Día del Trabajo era un día apropiado para comenzar la primera clase de SeBAH-CoB largamente esperada, impartida por un profesor Hermano. Después de años de trabajo de parto productivo en las clases impartidas por excelentes profesores menonitas, dieciséis estudiantes del grupo Alfa de tres distritos ahora tienen la oportunidad de participar en la clase Evangelio de Mateo impartida por el profesor, Dan Ulrich del Seminario Betania. La clase también proporciona a los y las estudiantes su primera experiencia en el uso de la plataforma de aprendizaje, Moodle. A través de este medio de la tecnología en lo que el profesor Dan especializa, los y las estudiantes no sólo pueden acceder a las presentaciones semanales en línea pero también pueden interactuar unos con otros por medio de las requeridas publicadas respuestas al material que están estudiando.

Otra característica importante de la clase es una contextualización rica que desafía a los y las estudiantes a compartir una descripción inicial de su entorno ministerial y luego predicar o enseñar dos veces en sus congregaciones, centrándose en las escrituras del Evangelio de Mateo. Una clase de introducción de un día se llevará a cabo este mes en los distritos ANE y PSWD donde Dan introducirá el uso de Moodle y aclarará las expectativas de la clase. *Cuidar como Jesús*, el libro en coautoría con Janice Fairchild, acaba de ser traducido y publicado por la Academia para el uso de la clase.

Es una bendición para disfrutar de los frutos de su amplio estudio del Evangelio de Mateo, así como su experiencia en la tecnología en línea. Confiamos en que el Espíritu de Dios bendecirá ricamente esta oportunidad, largamente esperada por los y las estudiantes de SeBAH-COB.

Las y los cinco estudiantes de la cohorte Beta están terminando la clase La comprensión de la Biblia, impartida por Patricia Urueña, una nueva miembro Menonita de la facultad de SeBAH quien vive en el oeste de Columbia. Ella también enseñará la próxima clase, "Teoría y Práctica del Liderazgo Pastoral" que comenzará a finales de septiembre.

Además, algunos materiales están actualmente siendo traducidos para un próximo curso La Política y las Prácticas Éticas de la Iglesia de los Hermanos, que será impartido por Rebecca Baile-Crouse durante 2017.

Un entrenamiento en Límites Saludables en español, dirigido por Ramón L. Torres de Reading, Pensilvania, se ofrecerá a ministros licenciados y ordenados interesados a través del uso de la tecnología de webcast el 22 de octubre, 2016.

## SeBAH-CoB NEWS continued

### SeBAH-CoB Students Gather for First CoB Class: Gospel of Matthew

Labor Day was an appropriate day to begin the long-anticipated first SeBAH-CoB class taught by a Brethren professor. After years of productive laboring in classes taught by excellent Mennonite professors, sixteen Alfa cohort students from three districts now have the opportunity to participate in the course Gospel of Matthew, taught by Bethany Seminary's Dan Ulrich, Wieand Professor of New Testament Studies. The class also provides the students their first experience using the learning platform, Moodle. Through this means of technology in which Dan specializes, students can not only access the weekly lectures online but also interact with one another by means of required posted responses to the material they are studying.

Another significant feature of Dan's class is a rich contextualization that challenges students to share an initial description of their ministry setting and then preach or teach twice in their congregations, focusing on scriptures from the Gospel of Matthew. A one-day introductory class will take place this month in the Atlantic Northeast and the Pacific Southwest Districts, in which Dan will introduce the use of Moodle and clarify class expectations. *Caring Like Jesus*, Dan's book coauthored with Janice Fairchild, has just been translated and published by the Academy for use by the class.

It is a blessing to enjoy the fruits of Dan's extensive study of Matthew's Gospel as well as his expertise in online technology. We trust that God's Spirit will richly bless this opportunity, long awaited by the SeBAH-CoB students.

Additionally, the Beta cohort of five students is finishing the class Understanding the Bible, taught by Patricia Urueña, a new Mennonite SeBAH faculty member who lives in western Columbia. She will also teach the upcoming class Theory and Practice of Pastoral Leadership beginning in late September.

Looking toward the future, materials are currently being translated for the upcoming course Church of the Brethren Polity and Ethical Practices, which will be taught by Rebecca Baile-Crouse during 2017.

Healthy Boundaries training in Spanish, led by Ramon L. Torres from Reading, Pennsylvania, is being offered to interested licensed and ordained ministers through the use of webcast technology on October 22, 2016.



Photo: Richard Zapata

La foto incluye participantes de la clase presencial del 10 de septiembre en el distrito, PSWD: Richard, Mercedes, y Becky Zapata; Dan Ulrich; Rita y David Flores

Photo includes participants in PSWD's September 10 onsite class with Dan Ulrich: Richard, Mercedes, and Becky Zapata; Dan Ulrich; Rita and David Flores



## Upcoming Brethren Academy Level Courses

Courses are open to TRIM and EFSM students, pastors (2 CEUs), and all interested persons.

Please note: While we continue to accept students beyond the registration deadline, on that date we determine whether we have enough students to offer a course. Many courses have required precourse readings, so students need to be sure to allow enough time to complete those. Please do not purchase texts or make travel plans until the registration deadline has passed and you receive a course confirmation.

To register, contact the Brethren Academy at [academy@bethanyseminary.edu](mailto:academy@bethanyseminary.edu) or 765-983-1824.

Register for SVMC courses through Susquehanna Valley Ministry Center.

Forms at [www.etown.edu/svmc](http://www.etown.edu/svmc) or contact [svmc@etown.edu](mailto:svmc@etown.edu) or 717-361-1450.

[Credit descriptions: BCE – Brethren College Experience, BTS – Bethany Experience, IE-Intercultural/Interfaith/Ecumenical Experience, BT-Bible/Theology, MS –Ministry/Ministry Skills, FCR-Fulfills Curricular Requirement]

### Fall 2016

**Introduction to Theology**, online

Instructor: Nate Inglis

October 10-December 2, 2016

(credits: BT, BTS)

**Registration Deadline: September 21, 2016**

**Introduction to Old Testament**, online

Instructor: Matt Boersma

October 16-December 10, 2016

(credits: BT, FCR)

**Registration Deadline: September 16, 2016**

**Ministry and Money**, weekend intensive

McPherson College (McPherson, KS)

Instructor: Beryl Jantzi

November 10-13, 2016

(credits: MS, BCE)

**Registration Deadline: October 10, 2016**

### Winter/Spring 2017

**Administration as Pastoral Care**

January intensive

Bethany Theological Seminary

Instructor: Julie Hostetter

January 9-11, 2017 plus two follow-up sessions  
via ZOOM, January 23 and February 6

(credits: MS, BTS)

**Registration Deadline: December 9, 2016**

**Transforming Faith: Introduction to Educational Ministry**, online

Instructor: Rhonda Pittman Gingrich

February 1-March 28, 2017

(credits: MS)

**Registration Deadline: January 8, 2017**

**Paul's Thought and the Pauline Tradition in the New Testament**, online, SVMC

Instructor: Bob Cleveland

January 30-March 24, 2017

(credits: BT)

**Registration Deadline: December 30, 2016**

**Baptism: A Window into Comparative Theology**

Weekend intensive

McPherson College (McPherson, KS)

Instructor: Russell Haitch

April 27-30, 2017

(credits: BT, BTS, BCE)

**Registration Deadline: March 27, 2017**

### Summer/Fall 2017

**Directed Independent Study: Lillian Daniel**

COB Ministers' Pre-Conference Gathering

Grand Rapids, MI

Instructor: Carrie Eikler

June 27-28, 2017

(credits: MS)

**Registration Deadline: May 27, 2017**

**Introduction to the New Testament**, online

Instructor: Matt Boersma

October 16-December 8, 2017

(credits: BT, FCR)

**Registration Deadline: September 18, 2017**

**Women in the Bible**, online, SVMC

Instructor: Erika Fitz

Date TBD

(credits: BT)

**Registration Deadline: TBD**

## CONTINUING EDUCATION EVENTS

### Ventures in Christian Discipleship at McPherson College

The Ventures in Christian Discipleship program at McPherson (Kansas) College has focused on providing small church congregations with useful, affordable education. The course offerings in 2016-17 include the following:

- September 10 Congregational Ethics: Patterns of Healthy Communities – Josh Brockway
- November 11 The Book of Chronicles and the Church: Theology, Continuity, Innovation, and the Kingdom of God – Steve Schweitzer
- January 21 The Real Deal in Brethren History: What Really Happened Out There, and What Does It Mean for Today? – Frank Ramirez

Continuing education credit is available for ministers at the cost of \$10 through the Brethren Academy for Ministerial Leadership. To see more information about the sessions and CEU credits [click here](#), and to register [click here](#).

### Healthy Boundaries Training

The Brethren Academy for Ministerial Leadership will offer a Spanish-language Healthy Boundaries training on October 22, 2016, as a webcast with Ramon Luis Torres providing leadership. Torres is pastor at Puerta del Cielo Church of the Brethren in Reading, Pennsylvania, and previously led two sessions of the Healthy Boundaries training class in the Atlantic Northeast District and Puerto Rico District.

This Healthy Boundaries training is offered to pastors who are coming into the Church of the Brethren from another denomination, are newly licensed or ordained, or are new students in TRIM, EFSM or ACTS. Please e-mail [academy@bethanyseminary.edu](mailto:academy@bethanyseminary.edu) for a registration form. The registration deadline is October 7.

There will be an English-language webcast session held Saturday, January 7, 2017, with Julie Hostetter, executive director of the Brethren Academy for Ministerial Leadership, providing leadership.

### Clergy Tax Seminar

The annual tax seminar for clergy will be a webcast on Saturday, January 28, 2017, from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. EST.

This seminar will cover tax law for clergy, changes for 2016 (the most current tax year to file), and detailed assistance as to how to correctly file the various forms and schedules that pertain to clergy, including housing allowances, self-employment, W-2s clergy reductions, etc.

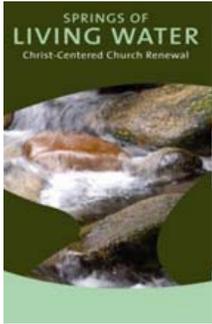
This opportunity is highly recommended for all pastors and other church leaders who wish to understand clergy taxes, including treasurers, steward commission chairs, and church board chairs.

The seminar will be led by Deb Oskin, EA, NTPI Fellow, who has been doing clergy tax returns since 1989, when her husband became pastor of a small Church of the Brethren congregation.

More information will be available in the near future on the BAML website.

# Springs of Living Water Academy in Church Renewal

Registration Now Open for Foundations Class Winter/Spring 2017



The Springs of Living Water Academy for pastors and ministers offers courses in church renewal with practice of spiritual disciplines and a practical path for renewal in a church.

- Five interactive two-hour phone conference calls, spread over a twelve-week period with practical training and focused discussion for their setting in ministry
- Focused readings with a detailed syllabus and use of a spiritual disciplines folder
- Shepherding calls to each participant by the instructor between sessions
- A few persons in the church to walk along with pastors and ministers to learn as well
- A seminal paper reflecting course content and application
- CEUs available
- Resources with many illustrations helping a church take its next steps to new life

## **Level 1: Winter/Spring 2017 Foundations for Christ-Centered Church Renewal with added bivocational component to help all pastors and ministers**

With a spiritually grounded, servant-led approach, learn how to

- ✓ go deeper in one's faith journey using a spiritual disciplines folder and devotional;
- ✓ enlist a congregation in renewal and spiritually discern and train a renewal team;
- ✓ help a congregation enter a spiritual journey with disciplines folders with daily reading of the Bible;
- ✓ use servant leadership from scripture to help a church grow in the positive side of the life cycle;
- ✓ identify and fulfill five roles of transforming pastoral leadership for church renewal;
- ✓ implement a sevenfold path for renewal in which a church builds on its strengths;
- ✓ help a church spiritually discern a scripture, vision, and ministry plan and how to implement it;
- ✓ use basics of bivocational ministry and equipping the saints for the work of ministry for all churches.

Resources: Spiritual Disciplines folder on the Disciplines and *Celebration of Discipline*, Richard J. Foster  
*Springs of Living Water, Christ-Centered Church Renewal* by David S. Young  
Handouts both for the class as well as shorter articles on renewal for persons walking along

The instructor is Dr. David S. Young with potential guests. Participants call an 800 number and give a code. For an Academy brochure, please e-mail [davidyoung@churchrenewalservant.org](mailto:davidyoung@churchrenewalservant.org) or call (717) 615-4515. The Springs website, with interpretative Springs DVD, is [www.churchrenewalservant.org](http://www.churchrenewalservant.org).

### **Winter/Spring 2017**

**Class Sessions: Option 1 – Tuesdays, January 10 and 31, February 21, March 14, April 4**

**Class Sessions: Option 2 – Saturdays, January 7 and 28, February 18, March 11, April 1**

Please indicate your preference on the registration form. All class times are 8:00-10:00 a.m. ET.

**Please make your inquiries as soon as possible.**

**Please Note:** Due to class size, register by December 6, 2016, sooner if possible, for discussion and to allow time for reading and preparation for the first session listed on the syllabus. Also, this gives opportunity to discern and enlist a few people from your congregation to walk along with you and have conversations on the meaning of renewal.

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**Another Option:** If you would prefer a fall 2017 version (as noted above, all over the phone) of the Foundations for Church Renewal class, please contact David and Joan for possible dates.

## On Behalf of the Executive Director



Prayers are deeply appreciated for Julie Hostetter, executive director of the BAML, as she is recovering from surgery and currently on medical leave. Of course, the work of the Academy continues with capable staff continuing to work with the various programs: TRIM, EFSM, SeBAH-CoB, and continuing education. During Julie's medical leave, Tara Hornbacker, professor of ministry formation, missional leadership, and evangelism at Bethany Theological Seminary, will be reviewing CEU requests. During this time, I will be serving as the acting executive director of the BAML until Julie's return.

As you can see in this issue of *The Scroll*, there are many activities and courses being offered through the BAML. Julie would be pleased with both the quantity and the quality of the work being done, and I echo that sentiment. It is a blessing to support the BAML as a partnership between Bethany Theological Seminary and the Church of the Brethren Office of Ministry.

May God pour out the Spirit, bringing life and renewal to all of you and the ministries in which you serve God's kingdom.

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