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Ministerial Leadership*

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TRIM and EFSM Orientation Held in Richmond, Indiana

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Left to right: Michelle Leonard, E.B. Shoemaker, Laura Leighton-Harris (District Coordinator of NPLNS), Mike Kenney, Matt Rupp, Jay Hefner, Terrilynn Griffith, Mike Trott, Chad Palmer, Carrie Eikler, Wes Richard (District Coordinator of INN) Carla Gillespie.

Nine students and two new district TRIM coordinators gathered on Bethany Theological Seminary campus from July 31–August 3 for orientation to the TRIM program. Seven districts were represented among the students and coordinators: Mid-Atlantic, Middle Pennsylvania, Northern Plains, Northern Indiana, Shenandoah, Southern Ohio, and Virlina. The three-and-a-half days were filled with worship, study components, fellowship, connection, and continued exploration of the call to ministry.

Students began two courses: Introduction to Biblical Studies taught by Matt Boersma, and Servant Leadership taught by Julie Hostetter. They also engaged in conversation with Mike Hostetter about the place of the Church of the Brethren in the wider ecumenical world and international community and had the opportunity to meet many of the Bethany faculty and staff.

-Carrie Eikler

2014 Annual Conference Events

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Eight Graduates Honored



Left to right: Carrie Eikler, Coordinator of the TRIM and EFSM Ministry Training Programs; David Flumerfelt; Melissa Barnes; Leo Barnes; Erin Huiras; Ellis Boughton; Julie Hostetter, Executive Director

One EFSM and seven TRIM graduates were recognized at the annual Bethany Theological Seminary/Brethren Academy for Ministerial Leadership Luncheon at Annual Conference on July 3, 2014.

Congratulations to all the graduates!

Leo Barnes (TRIM, MATL)
Ellis Boughton (EFSM, ILWI)
David Flumerfelt (TRIM, MPA)
Laurie Stiles (TRIM, MPA)

Melissa Barnes (TRIM, MATL)
Erin Huiras (TRIM, INSC)
Diana Smith (TRIM, MOARK)
Mary Beth Tuttle (TRIM, WPLNS)

Photo by Julie Hostetter

Directed Independent Study Unit



Standing left to right: Mike Yingst, OHS; Larry Lutz, OHS; David Balmer, OHS; Randy Short, MI; Paul Stutzman, MATL; Paul Thomas, INN; Katie Carlin, SPLNS
Sitting: Jody Romero, PSW; Marie Froman, MOARK; Chris Bowman, pastor, Oakland CoB, MATL; Purvi Satvedi, ILWI; Amy Bell, MATL; Karen Walters, PSW

A Directed ISU was led by Chris Bowman in conjunction with the CoB Ministers' Association Pre-Conference Continuing Education Event with Dr. Thomas Long on the subject "Long-Term Preaching." In addition to attending Annual Conference events, the students read books written by Long focused on funeral sermons, and they created and preached a sermon based on function, flow, and form.

TRIM Class What Brethren Believe



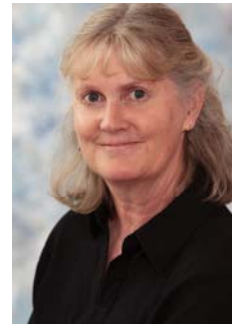
This fall, eight students are digging deeper into our denominational tradition as they take the course What Brethren Believe taught by Denise Kettering-Lane.

Kettering-Lane, assistant professor of Brethren studies at Bethany Theological Seminary, leads this eight-week online course, introducing students to the broad scope of Brethren theology, the Pietist and Anabaptist origins of Brethren beliefs, how those beliefs translate into practice, and how they have changed from the beginning of the Brethren movement into the present.

—Carrie Eikler

SeBAH CoB News

SeBAH (Hispanic Anabaptist Biblical Seminary of the Church of the Brethren), a certificate-level Spanish-language ministry-training program, is pleased to announce that students in the Pacific Southwest and Atlantic Northeast districts have finished five out of a total of twelve required courses toward their certification. The fifth course, Spirituality and Discipleship, was completed this summer with twelve Church of the Brethren students from Atlantic Northeast District and six from Pacific Southwest. We want to congratulate all our students for their academic success thus far, as well as thank Tony Brun, the professor of the course. Tony has been a wonderful asset to the program with his excellent academic and pastoral leadership in this course as well as in the previous one, Theology of Pastoral Ministry.



Along with the announcement that the sixth class, Theology of Preaching and Worship, is set to begin mid-October, we are also looking toward a new cohort to begin courses possibly starting in January 2015. We are pleased with the interest and support within the Church of the Brethren and look forward to continued success as students in our Hispanic churches build ministry and preaching skills through course work, workshops, and supervised ministry in their local congregations. The Brethren Academy coordinates the program in partnership with the Mennonite Education Agency's Hispanic Pastoral and Leadership Education Office.

--Debbie Roberts, Coordinator of SeBAH



Left to right: Juan Carlos Colón, Dharma Paris, Suelen Cazares, and José Ortíz

Encuentro SeBAH en Aibonito, Puerto Rico

Como parte de la clase de Liderazgo Pastoral tuvimos nuestro encuentro con el Profesor José Ortiz en Aibonito. Nuestro lugar de reunión, la casa Ulrich. Un lugar muy acogedor, de paz y rodeado de hermosa vegetación. Allí nos encontramos para compartir nuestras experiencias vividas a través del estudio realizado durante las pasadas semanas. Juntos pudimos intercambiar conceptos e ideas que nos puedan ayudar en el propósito de realizar mejor desempeño en la tarea que Dios nos ha encomendado. La discusión estuvo rodeada de un análisis profundo en cuanto a las tareas que realizamos como pastores y con gran respeto al desempeño de cada uno en nuestras respectivas congregaciones.

Quiero reconocer la labor del Profesor José Ortiz en su forma de comunicar y traer a discusión cada tema. Resalta su gran conocimiento de las doctrinas religiosas y experiencias a través de los años. En cuanto a los compañeros Pastores fue un placer compartir con Suelen y Juan Colon y conocer de sus respectivas congregaciones. De paso agradecemos a Juan por su hospitalidad.

Es nuestro interés continuar adelante y esperamos nuestro próximo curso conforme a lo establecido por SeBAH.

-Pastora Dharma Paris Millan

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SeBAH Meeting in Aibonito, Puerto Rico

As part of the Pastoral Leadership class, we had our meeting with Professor José Ortiz in Aibonito, Puerto Rico, at the Ulrich home. This was a cozy, peaceful setting surrounded by beautiful vegetation. We met together to share our experiences regarding our most recent course and studies, and our discussion revolved around the exchange of ideas and analysis about the work we do as pastors as we attempt to realize the task God has given to each of us in our respective congregations.

I want to acknowledge the work of Professor José Ortiz in how he introduced and communicated each topic of discussion. His teaching experience and vast knowledge of religious doctrine was evident. As fellow pastors, it was a pleasure to share with Suelen and Juan Colon and to learn to know their respective congregations. We offer our sincere thanks to Juan for his hospitality.

It is our interest to continue on and we look forward to the next SeBAH course.

-Pastor Dharma Paris Millan



Upcoming Academy Level Courses

Courses are open to TRIM and EFSM students, pastors (earn 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 or 765-983-1824.

Register for SVMC courses through Susquehanna Valley Ministry Center.

Forms at www.etown.edu/svmc or contact svmc@etown.edu or 717-361-1450

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

2014

Luke-Acts and the Birth of the Church, online, Instructor: Matthew Boersma, September 29-November 21, 2014 (credit: BT) **Registration Deadline: August 29, 2014**

SVMC Academic Symposium Directed ISU (DISU): Book of Job and the Brethren Tradition, Keynote Speaker: Bob Neff along with panelists, Elizabethtown College, Elizabethtown, PA, DISU Instructor: Erika Fitz, November 5, 2014 (credits: BT, BCE) **Registration Deadline: October 8, 2014**

In addition to attending the symposium, participants will prepare required readings and a follow-up paper, meet over lunch during the event, and participate in two online sessions with the DISU instructor, one before and one after the symposium. For more information on the Academic Symposium, visit the course catalog at www.etown.edu/svmc.

2015

Evangelism: Now and Not Yet, Bethany Theological Seminary, Richmond, IN, Instructor: Tara Hornbacker, January 5-9, 2015 (credits: MS, BTS) **Registration Deadline: December 1, 2014**

Now the Silence, Now the Songs: The Body of Christ at Worship, online, Instructor: Lee-Lani Wright, February 2-March 27, 2015 (credit: MS) **Registration Deadline: January 5, 2015**

Narrative Theology, McPherson College, McPherson, KS, Instructor: Scott Holland, April 16-19, 2015 (credits: BT, BCE, BTS) **Registration Deadline: March 19, 2015**

Administration as Pastoral Care, Elizabethtown CoB/College, Elizabethtown, PA, Instructor: Julie Hostetter, April 17-19, 2015 (credits: MS, BCE), SVMC **Registration Deadline: March 20, 2015**

Travel Seminar to Germany, Instructor: Kendall Rogers, May 15-31, 2015 (credits: Two BT, IE, BTS) **Registration Deadline: November 1, 2014**

Annual Conference DISU with presenter Joyce Rupp on *Delving Deeply into Compassion*, onsite in Tampa, FL, DISU Instructor: Carrie Eikler, July 10-11, 2015 (credit: MS) **Registration Deadline: June 12, 2015**

Anticipated Courses in Fall 2015

Early Church History, online, Instructor: Kendall Rogers (credits: BT, BTS). *Date TBD*

SVMC Academic Symposium Directed ISU (DISU): New Testament Foundations of Ministry, Keynote Speaker: Dan Ulrich, Juniata College, Huntingdon, PA (credits: BT, BCE) DISU *Instructor and Date TBD*

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CONTINUING EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

Pastoral Excellence Network Presents “Peer Power: Cultivating Clergy Communities of Practice”

October 28, 2014

Retreat and Conference Center at Bon Secours, Marriottsville, MD

To register, go to www.PastoralExcellenceNetwork.org and select “Events.”

The Opportunities and Challenges of Post-Christendom

Six webinars featuring the authors of already published or forthcoming books
in the popular After Christendom series

There is no charge, but donations are welcome. These webinars are presented by the Center for Anabaptist Studies at Bristol Baptist College in partnership with the Anabaptist Network, the Mennonite Trust, and the Church of the Brethren.

Webinar times*: 11:30 AM -12:30 PM Pacific
1:30 - 2:30 PM Central
2:30 – 3:30 PM Eastern
7:30 – 8:30 PM U.K.

**Viewers in other time zones should adjust the starting times accordingly.*

October 21, 2014: Stuart Murray Williams: “The Fading Brilliance of Christendom”

The Christendom culture that dominated Europe for centuries and transposed itself with great success into many other nations was undoubtedly a brilliant achievement. It was also brutal, suppressing dissent and extending its influence through violence as well as persuasion, but it has left a remarkable legacy in all walks of life and most areas of society. As Christendom fades, should we grieve or celebrate its passing? What resources should we carry with us into post-Christendom, and what baggage should we leave behind?



Stuart Murray Williams, the author of *Post-Christendom* and *Church after Christendom*, is also the series editor of the After Christendom series. He is a trainer/consultant working under the auspices of the Anabaptist Network, director of the Center for Anabaptist Studies at Bristol Baptist College, and one of the coordinators of Urban Expression.

November 20, 2014: Lloyd Pietersen: “Reading the Bible after Christendom”



The Bible is regarded as a classic of Western civilization but today is hardly read and its contents are not well known. Christendom used primarily the Old Testament as a foundation for statecraft and marginalized the teachings of Jesus. This webinar will draw from Lloyd’s book with the same title and will explore ways of reading the Bible that take seriously the teaching and example of Jesus.

Lloyd Pietersen has a PhD from Sheffield in biblical studies and has written extensively on the Pastoral Epistles. He is currently writing a book on the spirituality of the Pastorals. He was formerly senior lecturer in New Testament studies at the University of Gloucestershire and is currently a Research Fellow at Bristol Baptist College and serves on the steering group of the Center for Anabaptist Studies. He has been treasurer of the Anabaptist Network for many years.

January 29, 2015: Andrew Francis: “Hospitality and Community after Christendom”

February 26, 2015: Nigel Pimlott: “Youth Work after Christendom” – revisited

May 6, 2015: Simon Perry: “Atheism after Christendom”

June 2, 2015: Brian Haymes and Kyle Gingerich Hiebert: “God after Christendom?”

Intercultural Travel Seminar to Germany May 15 to 31, 2015

Bethany Theological Seminary/Brethren Academy

Participants will

- experience one of Europe's most dynamic societies;
- encounter Christian faith lived out in a very different cultural setting;
- learn (in English) from nationally renowned professors at the world's oldest department of Protestant theology, founded in 1527;
- talk with local pastors, university students, high school students, and groups of laity about issues facing the church today;
- reside with host families (maximum: 12 participants);
- worship with Marburg's oldest church congregation, dating from the twelfth century;
- survey German Protestant history from Luther to Bultmann (1500-1960);
- enjoy excursions by foot or bus to Eisenach (with the Wartburg Castle), Wittenberg (birthplace of the Reformation), Laasphe, Berleburg, Schwarzenau (important in Pietist history), and the beautiful medieval city of Marburg itself.

TRIM students: Earn two Bible/theology credits and complete the intercultural/ecumenical and Bethany Seminary experiences.

Continuing education participants: Earn 4 CEUs

Estimated program cost for fifteen days, including room, board, and transportation from arrival in Marburg until departure: \$1400

Estimated cost of trans-Atlantic transportation: \$1200

Deadline for registration through the Brethren Academy: November 1, 2014

For further information, please write Professor Ken Rogers at rogerke@bethanyseminary.edu or telephone him at 617-999-5249.



Market Square, Marburg

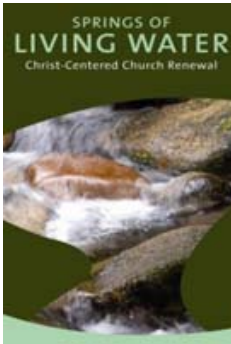


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Springs of Living Water Academy in Church Renewal

Registration Now Open for Two Courses: Winter, Spring 2015



The Springs of Living Water Academy for pastors offers courses with formal learning objectives which participants localize in their setting.

- Five interactive two-hour phone conference calls with practical training and focused discussion over a twelve-week period
- Focused readings
- Shepherding calls between sessions
- A few persons in the church walking with participants
- A seminal paper reflecting course content and application
- CEUs available

Level 1. Foundations for Christ-centered Church Renewal

Using a *Springs of Living Water* text with a spiritually grounded, servant-led approach, learn 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;
- ✓ understand servant leadership from scripture to approach the life cycle of a church;
- ✓ 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.

Spiritual Disciplines folder on the Disciplines---*Celebration of Discipline* -Richard Foster
Wednesdays: Feb. 4, Feb. 25, Mar. 18, Apr. 8, Apr. 29 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. ET
(If interested, please check option of Saturday morning class; contact info is below.)

Level 2. Servant Leadership for Church Renewal, Shepherds by the Living Springs

Using a *Servant Leadership for Church Renewal* text and other resources, participants will

- ✓ grow in a closer walk with Christ using spiritual disciplines folder and devotional;
- ✓ catch a vision of spiritually oriented servant leadership that is transformational;
- ✓ discover and apply principles of Master Preaching for Renewal of the Church;
- ✓ learn to use the gifts of dialogue and spiritual discernment for decision making;
- ✓ explore how to implement a renewal plan and follow up all aspects of transformation;
- ✓ learn to reach out to new people and inactive persons according to size of your church;
- ✓ explore how to build healthy, spiritually vibrant, Christ-centered congregations.

Folder: "Called to Serve; Entrusted to Be Servant Leaders"--- *Life Together* -D. Bonhoeffer
Wednesday: Feb. 11, Mar. 4, Mar. 25, Apr. 15, May 5 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. ET

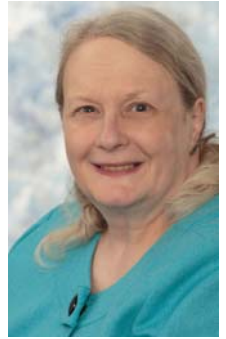
The instructor is Dr. David S. Young with potential guests. Participants call an 800 number. Along with focused readings, participants can practice daily disciplines using folders. For an Academy brochure, please e-mail davidyoung@churchrenewalservant.org or call (717) 615-4515. The Springs website is www.churchrenewalservant.org.

From the Executive Director's Desk

"The challenge is to cultivate pastoral leaders who are gifted interpreters, visionaries, and reconcilers, people with an ambition for the gospel who are also gifted at crafting imaginative strategies that make a transformative difference" (169-170).

"Resurrecting excellence is fundamentally shaped by a lifelong attentiveness and obedience to the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ" (176).

-From *Resurrecting Excellence: Shaping Faithful Christian Ministry* by L. Gregory Jones and Kevin L. Armstrong.



Sustaining Ministerial Excellence Advanced Seminar

January 16-19, 2015: Beginning Retreat for Bivocational Pastors Cohort

From 2004 to 2013, 197 pastors and ten district executives completed the Sustaining Pastoral Excellence program funded by Lilly Endowment Inc. and administered by the Brethren Academy for Ministerial Leadership. They focused on

- holistic health (intellectual, spiritual, emotional, relational, physical);
- greater connectedness to the whole church; and
- transformational leadership.

The Brethren Academy, Church of the Brethren office of ministry, and Bethany Theological Seminary created the Sustaining Ministerial Excellence Advanced Seminar to succeed the SPE program. This continuing education option will include components from SPE as well as the Advanced Pastoral Seminar offered in the past by the denomination and seminary. Participants will

- examine the church and its mission in today's society;
- create strategies for personal and professional growth;
- participate in community with other ministers; and
- explore theological issues and ministry topics with seminary faculty, denominational leaders, and seminar members.

Cohorts will be formed for bivocational pastors, full-time pastors, chaplains, ordained camp staff, and those serving in other ministry contexts. Participants will attend four four-day retreats over the course of two years. Four continuing education units (4.0 CEUs) will be granted upon completion of the program.

Please contact the Brethren Academy at academy@bethanyseminary.edu or 765-983-1824 for additional information on this program.

Join us in this opportunity that encourages lifelong learning and builds up the body of Christ!

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