



The Scroll

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

September 2011

TRIM Orientation held March 25-28, 2011



Photo: Enten Eller

Seated: Marilyn Lerch, TRIM Coordinator; Julie Hostetter, Director,
Brethren Academy for Ministerial Leadership.

Back row: Kathy Fry-Miller, Northern Indiana district, Ric Erhard,
Middle Pennsylvania district, Mary Eller, Administrative Secretary for
Brethren Academy for Ministerial Leadership; Brady Plummer, Middle
Pennsylvania district, and Jody Romero, Pacific Southwest district

TRIM Class at Bethany Theological Seminary

Introduction to Pastoral Care
January 10-13, 2011



Seated: Donita Keister, Anna Lee Hisey-Pierson, Instructor, Mary Etta Reinhart, and Carolyn Schrock.
Standing: Kristie Prejean, Darrell Barr, Jack Flores, Terry Link, Randy Short, and Tim Yoder.

Photo: Marcia Shetler

If you had only one or two sentences that you wish to share with others about an insight or "pearl of wisdom" you gained this week about pastoral care, what would the sentence(s) be?

- 1) A major learning - Be a care-giver not a cure-giver.
- 2) Defined my personal definition for grief - Grief is groaning in the empty places in-between wholeness and a new wholeness.
- 3) A major awareness learned - As pastors, our "role" carries into the public arena, be aware of social networking blow-back, we tend to get full of information and need to get it out!

Terry Link, Illinois/Wisconsin district

I appreciated learning that there are many different seasons/times in our lives when we suffer grief and loss. We can grow as a community when we are aware of and can share in those life transitions that can be both joyous and sad at the same time.

Mary Etta Reinhart, Atlantic Northeast district

- 1) You can't 'fix' someone else. 2) The pastor has to set the boundaries
- (3) You must be empathetic and not sympathetic.

Tim Yoder, Northern Indiana district

The most valuable thing I received during this class was a verification that as I live out the privilege of pastoral ministry, I do not have to FIX everything and everyone. In ministering my congregants, I can allow the Spirit to move in their lives, walk alongside them in their journey, and also allow myself to be ministered to. This is a relief.

Kristie Prejean, Southern Plains district

TRIM Orientation held August 1-4, 2011



Photo: Jenny Williams

Kneeling: Julie Hostetter, Director of Brethren Academy for Ministerial Leadership; and Mary Eller, Administrative Secretary for the Brethren Academy for Ministerial Leadership

Left to Right: Marilyn Lerch, TRIM Coordinator; Donald Miller, Bethany Faculty Emeritus; Martha Beach, Atlantic Southeast district; Angela Lahman Yoder, Pacific Southwest district; Meredith Hudson-Bourdeau, Atlantic Southeast district; Joseph Longenecker, Atlantic Southeast district; Ellen Adney, Southcentral Indiana district; Leah Hileman, Atlantic Southeast district; Darrow Parker, Michigan district; and Janet Myers, Atlantic Northeast district

TRIM Class at McPherson Kansas

Church of the Brethren Polity and Ethics

May 5-8, 2011



Front Row Left to Right: Sarah Mason, Sharon Heien, Diane Mason, and
Becky Henry

Back Row Left to Right: Darrell Barr, Brian Archer, and Jim Tomlonson,
instructor



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Annual Conference 2011



The Susquehanna Valley Ministry Center was recognized for the successful recertification of their Academy Certified Training System program.

Pictured are Del Keeney, chair of the SVMC Governing Board, and Donna McKee Rhodes, Executive Director of SVMC. Granting the certificate is Julie Hostetter, Director of the Brethren Academy for Ministerial Leadership. Recertification committee members included Mary Jo Flory-Steury, Executive Director of the Office of Ministry, Steven Schweitzer, Academic Dean of Bethany Seminary, James E. Miller, District Executive of Shenandoah district and representative from the Christian Growth Institute, and Julie Hostetter.



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TRIM and EFSM Graduates Recognized at Annual Conference 2011

Linda Banaszak - TRIM, Chaplain/Director of Spiritual Care, The Village of Morrison Cove,
Martinsburg, PA

Sue Bollinger - TRIM, Ministry Coordinator of Lewiston (MN) Church of the Brethren

Cheryl Mishler - TRIM, Associate Pastor, Rochester Community (KS) Church of the Brethren

Not pictured: Don Morrison - TRIM, Pastor, Fruitland (ID) Church of the Brethren and

Patrick Godfrey – EFSM, Cedar Grove Church of the Brethren, Brandywine, WV



Upcoming Academy Level Courses:

“Now the Silence, Now the Songs: The Body of Christ at Worship”, *Online*, Instructor: Lee-Lani Wright, October 17 – December 16, 2011 (MS) *Registration Deadline: September 16, 2011*

2012 Courses:

“The Historic Peace Churches Seeking Cultures of Peace”, Bethany Theological Seminary, Richmond IN, Instructor: Scott Holland, Bethany Professor of Peace Studies and Cross-Cultural Studies, January 9-13, 2012 (BT or MS depending on focus of final project)

Registration Deadline: December 9, 2011

“The Spiritual Life of the Congregation”, *Online*, Instructor: Rhonda Pittman Gingrich, January 30 – March 23, 2012 (MS) *Registration Deadline: January 2, 2011*

“Matthew and the Brethren”, *Online*, Instructor: Susan Jeffers, February 12 – March 23, 2012 (BT) **^SVMC** *SVMC Registration Deadline: January 30, 2012*

“Scriptures Important to the Brethren”, Instructor: Susan Jeffers. Long weekend course in Florida, Winter 2012 (BT) *Registration Deadline: tba*

*** **“Seeing Things Through John’s Eyes: A Study of Revelation”**, McPherson College, McPherson KS Instructor: Rick Gardner, Bethany Emeritus Professor of New Testament Studies, April 2012, exact date to be determined. (BT) *Registration Deadline: tba*

“The Protestant National Church in Germany Today” a study travel experience to Marburg, Germany with Instructor: Kendall Rogers, Bethany Professor of Historical Studies, **May 18-June 3, 2012**. TRIM students will receive 2 units of credit in Bible and Theology (BT). EFSM students will receive credit for one learning unit. Both will meet their Bethany and Intercultural experience requirements. 4 CEUs will be awarded to ordained clergy. Please call the Brethren Academy Office to join the list of those who will be informed of details as they emerge. Estimated approximate cost is \$2000.00 from departure airport (does not include Academy registration fee). *Registration deadline: December 1, 2011*

“Defining Set-Apart Ministry within the Bi-vocational Reality” *Online*, Instructor: Sandra Jenkins, June 6 – August 14, 2012 (one week off for Annual Conference), 2012 (MS)

Registration Deadline: May 4, 2012

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 pre-course readings, so students need to be sure to allow enough time to complete those.

*Bethany Experience **Brethren College Experience Courses noted as **^SVMC** need to be registered through the Susquehanna Valley Ministry Center at SVMC@etown.edu, or call 717-361-1450
Courses are open to TRIM students, pastors (earn 2 CEUs) and all interested persons.
TRIM designations: BT (Bible/Theology credit) MS (Ministry Skills credit)

Registration brochures for these and other training opportunities are available through the Brethren Academy for Ministerial Leadership at their website:

<http://www.bethanyseminary.edu/academy>
or by calling 1-800-287-8822, ext 1824.

**Seminario
Biblico
Anabautista
Hispano-de la
Iglesia de los
Hermanos**

**SeBAH-CoB-
Atlantic
Northeast
district**

A new Spanish language certificate-level ministry training program, Seminario Biblico Anabautista Hispano-de la Iglesia de los Hermanos (SeBAH-CoB), is available through the Brethren Academy for Ministerial Leadership. This program is a partnership between the Brethren Academy and the Mennonite Education Agency-Hispanic Pastoral and Leadership Education office. Twenty students from Atlantic Northeast district attended an orientation weekend January 20-23 at the New Windsor Service Center.



Photos: Julie Hostetter

Front Row Left to Right: Kenneth Beauchamp, Luisa Munoz, Luis Bosch
Second Row: Betzaida Droz, Nertha Castro, Wilfredo Munoz, Armelio de la Rosa, Carmen Adolfo Deoleo Montero

Standing: Rafael Barahona-Instructor, Selma Allen, Caridad Aponte, Alix Sable, Sagrario Diaz Mendez, Aida Sanchez, Egda Franco, Julio Colon, Arlyn Flores, Luis Marcelino, Mayra Calix, Liborio Calix, Lindsey Frye-Interim SeBAH-CoB Coordinator, Belkys Cruz





Photos: Joe Vecchio



Mercedes Zapapta also attended, but is not pictured in the group photo above



**Seminario Biblico
Anabautista
Hispano-de la
Iglesia de los
Hermanos

SeBAH-CoB-
Pacific Southwest
district**

Seven students from Principe de Paz (Santa Ana) and Cristo Sion (Pomona) took part in the SeBAH-CoB - PSWD orientation that took place March 6-12, 2011 at Pomona Fellowship.

From Left to Right in the top photo:

- Richard Zapapta,
 - Becky Zapapta,
 - Instructor Rafael Barahona,
 - David Flores, Jr.,
 - David Forles, Sr,
 - Nohemi Flores,
 - Rita Flores.
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Sustaining Pastoral Excellence

Vital Pastor Cohort

Three additional Vital Pastor groups were started in August/September 2011. These three will join two groups that began in January 2011 as the final Vital Pastor class.

The ViP group pictured below is from the Atlantic Northeast/Mid-Atlantic Districts. The question the group will be studying: *"How can our spirituality be enhanced by experiencing and studying the powerful movement of the Holy Spirit among contemporary Messianic Jewish communities?"* The group will be traveling to Israel in March 2012.



Pictured from left to right:
Ron Ludwick, Lebanon CoB, ANE; Wayne Hall, Locust Grove, MAD; Nancy Fittery, Swatara Hill CoB, ANE; Dean Lengel, Meyerstown CoB, ANE; Tracy Wisner, Harmony CoB, MAD; and Pedro Sanchez, Long Run CoB, ANE.

A second ViP cohort was formed by pastors in South Central Indiana/Northern Indiana/Northern Ohio Districts. The question this group is studying: *"Connecting gnosis and episteme: how do we practice the inescapable presence of God?"* They will be travel to Scotland and Ireland and the Iona Community.

Pictured left to right: Patricia Meeks, Poplar Ridge, N. Ohio; David Bibbee, Lincolnshire CoB, N Indiana; Andrew Sampson, Eel River Community CoB, South Central Indiana; and Brian Flory, Beacon Heights, N. Indiana.



A third cohort, not pictured, is from the Atlantic Southeast District. The cohort includes: Keith Simmons, Sebring CoB; Jimmy Baker, Lorida CoB; Ken Davis, Good Shepherd CoB; Leah Hileman, A Life in Christ Church; Ray Hileman, Miami First CoB. Their question is: *"By what means can we, as pastors develop a disciplined, holistic lifestyle so as to deepen our spirituality and effectively model both discipline and discipleship?"* Their Immersion Retreat will be spread out over three events in the U.S.: The Academy for Spiritual Formation in Leesburg, FL; A Renovare Retreat at Elizabethtown College; and a third excursion yet to be named.

Befriending a New Vision

Description: Candid discussion about leading an established church through the process of renewing itself without dishonoring the past or the people who still find meaning in it. We'll talk about relevant subjects including the roles of prayer and preaching, how to befriend new people who question doctrines we identify around, helping people navigate the fears of displacement, and the principle of "the Fridge".

Webinar Dates:

Tuesday, September 27, 2011, 3:30-5:00 pm eastern/12:30-2:00 pm pacific

Thursday, September 29, 2011, 8:00-9:30 pm eastern/5:00-6:30 pm pacific

(Repeat of content on Thursday)

CEU: 0.1 for live session only – offered by Brethren Academy for Ministerial Leadership

Link: www.brethren.org/webcasts *(Note start time by time zone)*

Presenter: Roger Shenk



Roger is the pastor of Bahia Vista Mennonite Church, a sixty-year old church in Sarasota, Florida that, in 2009, began to take bold yet thoughtful steps in revitalizing its approach to ministry. Today the church is growing, and befriending people of all ages with the love of Christ, through community, worship and service.

More Information

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From the Director's Desk

Christ is alive, and goes before us to show and share what love can do.
This is a day of new beginnings- our God is making all things new.

From the hymn, *This is a day of new beginnings*

(Hymnal: A Worship Book), p.640.

No matter how old I am or in which ministry context I serve, the beginning of a new academic year is exciting! In this edition of *The Scroll*, we offer a photo gallery of what has taken place over the past few months. As we celebrate, we also anticipate what God will offer in the weeks and months that lie ahead.



Since the December 2010 issue of *The Scroll*...

- The Bethany Seminary website has been under construction with a new format now available.
- Twelve new students have attended TRIM orientation and are looking forward to taking classes.
- Twenty students in ANE district and seven in PSWD completed orientation for the new Spanish language training program, Seminario Biblico Anabautista Hispano (SeBAH-CoB). Twenty-five are completing their first online course, *Understanding the Bible*.
- Four TRIM students and one EFSM student completed their ministry training programs and are engaged in a variety of ministries.
- Five new cohort groups have begun the *Sustaining Pastoral Excellence-Vital Pastor* track and seven pastors will begin the *Sustaining Pastoral Excellence-Advanced Foundations of Church Leadership* track September 26-29, 2010.
- As you can see below, we have added a part-time staff member and Jiae Paik is serving as the student assistant for the coming year.

May your new year bring inspirational, informative, challenging and enriching learning experiences!



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