

Bethany Theological Seminary Time Line

- 1901** While overlooking the village of Bethany in Palestine, A.C. Wieand and E. B. Hoff select Bethany as the name for the school they plan to open.
- 1905** Bethany Bible School opens at 188 Hastings Street, Chicago.
- 1905** To put educational theory into practice, Eva Trostle organizes students to lead Bible study groups, visit prisoners, work in soup kitchens and teach life skills to immigrants.
- 1909** The Van Buren Street campus in Chicago is dedicated.
- 1918** The School of Sacred Music begins.
- 1925** The Church of the Brethren assumes ownership of Bethany.
- 1931** Bethany Bible School is renamed Bethany Biblical Seminary.
- 1939** The American Association of Theological Schools accredits Bethany.



Bethany's first location on Hastings Street, Chicago.

- 1963** Classes begin at the Oak Brook, Illinois campus.
- 1963** Bethany Biblical Seminary is renamed Bethany Theological Seminary.



Social gathering at the Van Buren Street campus.



Post-graduation at the Oak Brook, Illinois campus.

1963 Called the "bright new faculty," Warren Groff, Don Miller, Graydon Snyder, Robert Neff, Don Durnbaugh, Dale Brown, and Byron Royer begin teaching at the Seminary.

1971 Bethany's Peace Studies Program begins.

1974 Annual Conference removes Bethany from the General Board budget and authorizes the Seminary to develop its own fund-raising program for individuals and congregations.

Preparing for the 2004 CBS Christmas Eve service at the Bethany Center in Richmond, Indiana.

1993 The Susquehanna Valley Ministry Center is established in Elizabethtown, Pennsylvania.

1994 Bethany's new campus in Richmond, Indiana is dedicated.

1998 The Brethren Academy for Ministerial Leadership is established by Bethany and the Church of the Brethren General Board as a successor to the training school.

1998 Ministry Formation is developed as a centerpiece of ministry education.

2000 Major gifts finance the development of an Institute for Ministry With Youth and Young Adults and a distance education program, *Connections*.

2004 The Church of the Brethren Christmas Eve service on the CBS television network is produced at Bethany.

2005 Bethany celebrates 100 years of educating witnesses of the gospel.

