## **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.

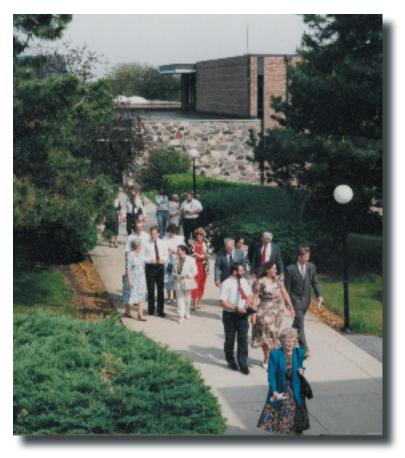


Bethany's first location on Hastings Street, Chicago.

- 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.

