

REGISTRATION FORM

Healthy Conversations as Spiritual Practice September 13-November 8, 2017 8 Week Online Course

Name: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____

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I will be taking this course for:

TRIM Credit ____ Cont. Ed. Units ____

EFSM Credit ____

District Requirement ____

Personal Enrichment ____

Course fee: \$295.00.

Make check payable to: **Brethren Academy**

Registration deadline: August 13, 2017

Please note: Enrollment numbers on the date of the registration deadline will determine whether the course will be held.

MAIL REGISTRATION FORM AND FEE TO:

Brethren Academy
for Ministerial Leadership
615 National Road West
Richmond, IN 47374

www.bethanyseminary.edu/brethren-academy

TECHNOLOGY REQUIREMENTS

For online learning, students will need basic computer skills and access to the internet. If your computer is four years old or less, you should have the capabilities for this class.

Computer Capabilities:

- Modem: Minimum 56 kbps speed is slow but adequate. A speed of 100 kbps (300 recommended) is needed for podcasts and 300 kbps (500 recommended) for videos
- An email account
- An up-to-date web browser; such as Firefox, Internet Explorer or Google Chrome
- A laptop on a wireless network will work, but will get better performance if plugged into a wired network

If you have questions about this information, call Fran Massie, the Academy Administrative Assistant, and discuss your computer situation with her.

Course Withdrawal Refund Policy:

- 100% of course fee prior to the registration deadline
- 50% from the registration deadline to the first day
- No refunds will be given once the class has begun.

*Exceptions require the approval of the
Director of the Brethren Academy.*

For more information contact:

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COURSE DESCRIPTION

Jesus summarized all of his teachings into two commandments: love God with your heart, mind, and soul; and love your neighbor as yourself. (Matthew 22:37-39) Engaging in **healthy conversations** creates a safe space for individuals and congregations to learn how to fulfill both of these commandments.

Through this class students will explore what it means to pray without ceasing, what the Bible says about **healthy conversations**, the techniques needed to create safe spaces, how we get in the way of our relationship with God, and how practicing healthy conversations can help congregations thrive.

As a result, students will gain a deeper theological basis for **healthy conversations** as well as practical tools, skills, and experience they need to encourage spiritual growth within their ministry context.

COURSE GOALS

In this class, students will:

- Select, practice, and evaluate one area of growth for your ministry or spirituality.
- Summarize the strengths, weakness, and spiritual gifts of 9 different personality types.
- Experiment with the skills and elements of healthy conversation to encourage spiritual growth in others.
- Analyze causes and evaluate cures for conversation catastrophes in congregations.
- Design and facilitate a Bible study using healthy conversation guidelines.
- Integrate healthy conversations infrastructure into your ministry setting.

INSTRUCTOR



Reba Herder

Reba Herder is ordained to the ministry of prayer and peacemaking in the Church of the Brethren. She holds a degree in Religion, a California teaching credential, a Training in Ministry (TRIM) Certificate, and is a certified Enneagram instructor.

She is the founder and director of Everylight, a ministry on a mission to create a world of encouragement, one conversation at a time, and Conversation Strategies, teaching the Nine Arts of Healthy Conversations™ for those times when you want better results and need better choices.

Reba is an experienced conversation facilitator, trainer, author, and coach who practices the nitty gritty details of healthy conversation with her husband and two adult daughters. She's passionate about working together to create cultures of healthy conversation that encourage each of us to live faithfully at home, at work, and in our world.

READING LIST

- **Rosenberg, Marshall B. PhD.** *Nonviolent Communication: A Language of Life, 3rd Edition: Life-Changing Tools for Healthy Relationships (Nonviolent Communication Guides) 3rd Edition.* ISBN-13: 978-1892005281
- **Wagele, Elizabeth and Renee Baron.** *The Enneagram Made Easy: Discover the 9 Types of People.* ISBN: 0062510266
- **Bowman, Robert C.,** Sermon on the Mount (Covenant Bible Study Series). ISBN-13: 978-0871787774
- **Herder, Reba.** *Stop Talking and Breathe: How to Be Your Best in Any Conversation.* Available in digital download at www.conversationstrategies.com or hard copy at the Brethren Press booth at Annual Conference

SCHEDULE

- Class runs September 13-November 8, 2017
- Online classes require students to be disciplined in their time management.
- Students are expected to spend 10 hours a week each of the eight weeks, online and completing outside reading projects

PARTICIPANTS

This course is offered at the Academy level and is open to Brethren Academy students (TRIM and EFSM), lay persons and pastors. For TRIM students, successful completion of this course will earn one Academy level unit in **Ministry Skills**. Pastors will earn two continuing education units.