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

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“The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.”

~ John 1:5

“To light a candle is to cast a shadow.”

~ Ursula K. Le Guin

Darkness and light are not opposites. They are companions. Only in the nighttime can we see the moon and the stars. Only in the daylight do trees give shade and objects cast lovely shadows. Christmas comes in the bleak midwinter and is made all the more beautiful by it.

This year has been difficult for us here at the Brethren Academy. It has marked both the retirement and passing of our dear friend and colleague, Julie Hostetter. (Please see our tribute on the next page.) We also realize that this loss is one of many for our wider Academy family. The darkness of grief is prevalent among us.

And yet, so is the light—not light that dispels the nighttime but light that illuminates it. This light allows us to walk in the valley of shadow and fear no evil. This light allows us to face flames and floodwaters without being completely overcome. This light is the light that has come into the world in Jesus, God-with-us.

May this be our hope. Even if we struggle with the festivities of the holiday season, may we hold fast to the light—always—and may we bear the light of Christ all year through.

With a prayer for the blessings of grace, peace, and light upon you all,

Janet

Carrie

Fran

Remembering Julie Mader Hostetter

The Brethren Academy for Ministerial Leadership remembers our former executive director, Julie Mader Hostetter, who passed away November 12, 2017, in Bridgewater, Virginia.



Julie served as director, and then executive director, beginning in 2008. Under her leadership, Academy programs expanded and flourished. To Training in Ministry (TRIM) and Education for a Shared Ministry (EFSM), Julie added Seminario Biblico Anabautista Hispano (SeBAH-COB) and an EFSM Spanish-language track to better serve Spanish-speaking Brethren. To administrate these programs, Julie oversaw the creation of a new staff position, the coordinator for Spanish-language ministry training programs.

Through the work of the Academy, Julie also provided leadership for continuing education for clergy. She administered the programs Sustaining Pastoral Excellence, Sustaining Ministerial Excellence, and Supervision in Ministry. She taught many of the sessions for these programs as well as other courses, including Administration as Pastoral Care. In 2015, at the request of the Office of Ministry, Julie assumed responsibility for ministerial ethics training in the denomination, for all ordained ministers just prior to ordination review.

Julie Hostetter retired from the Academy in January 2017. She left a legacy of successful programs with a bright future. Julie's spirit, professionalism, discipline, dedication, keen sense of observation, wry wit, and deep kindness will long be remembered and celebrated by all of us at the Brethren Academy.

A worship service celebrating Julie's faith and life was held on December 2 at the Bridgewater Church of the Brethren. To honor her dedication to ministry education, the Hostetter family has established the Julie Mader Hostetter Brethren Academy for Ministerial Leadership Scholarship Fund. Memorial gifts may be sent to this fund care of Bethany Theological Seminary, 615 National Road West, Richmond, IN 47374.

~ Janet L. Ober Lambert, Director, Brethren Academy for Ministerial Leadership

*In
Loving
Memory*

ACADEMY CERTIFIED TRAINING SYSTEMS (ACTS) NEWS



Photo credit: Julie Watson

Congratulations to the Buckeye Brethren Institute (BBI) of the Northern Ohio District! BBI received its certification as an Academy Certified Training System this fall. Their certificate was presented to the district board at the November 11 meeting in Bristolville, Ohio. At that same meeting, Paul Bozman, a former TRIM coordinator, was appointed to a new position, ministry education director, which will administrate all nongraduate certificate ministry training programs for the district.

Left to right: Ministry Commission Chair Steve Simmons, Ministry Education Director Paul Bozman, Director of the Brethren Academy Janet Ober Lambert, District Executive Kris Hawk, District Board Chair Tom Zuercher

THE ACADEMY ONLINE



NEW! Online Registration and Payment

The Brethren Academy for Ministerial Leadership (BAML) is now accepting student registration and payment for many of our programs online. Students may register for English-language courses as well as make payments through the Bethany website. In addition to TRIM and SeBAH course fees, Directed

Independent Study Unit fees, TRIM/EFM and SeBAH enrollment fees, and TRIM student yearly fees are accepted online.

To register or pay online, please visit bethanyseminary.edu/brethren-academy/. To pay program enrollment fees, use the Program Enrollment Payment button on our home page. For all other payments look for the Courses/TRIM Payment button on our course listings or home page.

At this time, district fees and congregational fees still need to be made by mailing a check to the Brethren Academy office.

The Brethren Academy Is Now on Facebook!

Look for us at www.facebook.com/BrethrenAcademyforMinisterialLeadership/ for course listings, continuing education, special events, and ongoing Academy news.



UPCOMING COURSE HIGHLIGHTS

Did you know Brethren Academy courses are for everyone? TRIM and EFSM students receive 1 unit per course, credentialed clergy earn 2.0 continuing education units (CEUs), and *anyone* can enroll for their own personal and spiritual enrichment! Consider whether you or a friend would find meaning in one of our upcoming courses. The following are coming this spring.

Now the Silence, Now the Songs — Online, March 13-May 8, 2018

What is our main job in life? Some say simply that it is to glorify and enjoy God forever. One way we do this is through corporate worship. But what really makes for vital and faithful worship? How do spiritual leaders best guide it?



Participants in this course will explore the theology and structure of worship as expressed in the free church tradition. We will identify “ground rules” for making corporate worship meaningful, explore a variety of worship styles, emphasize inclusion of all ages in worship, experiment with ways to use music and visual arts, and write prayers and other spoken resources.

Instructor Lani Wright helped staff the production of the denominational hymnal and supplement and many other worship resources and Bible study projects. An ordained minister in the Church of the Brethren, her day job is facilitating wellness and ecopsychology groups for people with mental illness and substance use disorders.

What Brethren Believe — Weekend intensive at McPherson College, April 12-15, 2018

What do Brethren believe? How do these beliefs translate into practice? This course will answer these questions and others by exploring Brethren beliefs related to a variety of issues, including scripture, the person of Jesus Christ, the Holy Spirit, the nature of the church, original sin, and the endtimes. We will discuss how these beliefs shape our understanding of Brethren ordinances, such as baptism, love feast, anointing, nonresistance, and nonconformity. Particular attention will be paid to the Pietist and Anabaptist origins of Brethren beliefs. The course will also examine how these beliefs and practices have changed over time and consider the diversity of beliefs found among Brethren today.



Denise Kettering-Lane is associate professor of Brethren studies at Bethany Theological Seminary. After earning an undergraduate degree in religion from Ashland University, Denise earned an MTS from Candler School of Theology at Emory University and a PhD from the University of Iowa.

For further details, please see the following page, [Upcoming Brethren Academy-Level Courses](#).



Upcoming Brethren Academy-Level Courses

Courses are open to TRIM and EFSM students, pastors (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/Interfaith/Ecumenical Experience, BT – Bible/Theology, MS – Ministry/Ministry Skills, FCR – Fulfills Curricular Requirement

Winter/Spring 2018

Elements of Preaching, intensive
Bethany Theological Seminary
January 17-19, on campus, 22 and 29 via Zoom
Instructor: Dawn Ottoni-Wilhelm
(credits: MS, BTS)
Registration Deadline: December 11, 2017

The Gospel of John, SVMC online
January 29-March 23, 2018
Instructor: Andrew Hamilton
(credits: BT)
Registration Deadline: December 18, 2017

Now the Silence, Now the Songs: The Body of Christ at Worship, online
March 14-May 8, 2018
Instructor: Lee-Lani Wright
(credits: MS)
Registration Deadline: February 7, 2018

What Brethren Believe, weekend intensive
McPherson College, McPherson, KS
April 12-15, 2018
Instructor: Denise Kettering-Lane
(credits: BT, FCR, BTS)
Registration Deadline: March 5, 2018

Summer/Fall 2018

DISU at Annual Conference Pre-Conference Gathering: Diana Butler Bass
Annual Conference, Cincinnati, OH
July 3-4, 2018
Instructor: Carrie A. Eikler
(credits: MS, AC Experience available)
Registration Deadline: May 30, 2018

Bivocational Ministry, online
August 8-October 2, 2018
Instructor: Sandra Jenkins
(credits: MS)
Registration Deadline: July 3, 2018

Introduction to Hebrew Scriptures, online
October 17-December 11, 2018
Instructor: Matt Boersma
(credits: BT)
Registration Deadline: September 12, 2018

Narrative Theology, weekend intensive
Location: TBD
Date: TBD
Instructor: Scott Holland
(credits: BT, BTS)

Pastoral Care (MS), intensive
Bethany Theological Seminary
date January TBD
Instructor: Sheila Shumaker
(credits: MS, BTS)
Registration Deadline: TBD

Anticipated Courses for Spring 2019 Dates to be confirmed

Church of the Brethren Polity (MS), online
Church History II (BT), online
Race and the Congregation (MS), Bethany intensive
Writing for Ministry (MS), online

You can now register and pay for
BAML courses and fees online!

Check it out at:
[www.bethanyseminary.edu/
brethren-academy](http://www.bethanyseminary.edu/brethren-academy)

CONTINUING EDUCATION EVENTS

Clergy Tax Seminar - Saturday, January 27, 2018

The Brethren Academy for Ministerial Leadership is once again offering a clergy tax seminar. Students, pastors, and other church leaders are invited to attend either in person at Bethany Theological Seminary or online. Pastors can earn 0.3 CEUs for the morning session.

The sessions will cover tax law for clergy, changes for 2017 (the most current tax year to file), and detailed assistance as to how to correctly file the various forms and schedules that pertain to clergy, including housing allowances, self-employment, W-2 clergy reductions, etc.

It is highly recommended for all pastors and other church leaders who wish to understand clergy taxes, including treasurers, steward commission chairs, and church board chairs.

Seminar Schedule

- 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. EST: Morning session - 0.3 CEUs available for live attendance, in person or online
- 1:00-2:00 p.m. EST: Lunch on your own
- 2:00-4:00 p.m. EST: Afternoon session

Registration and Cost

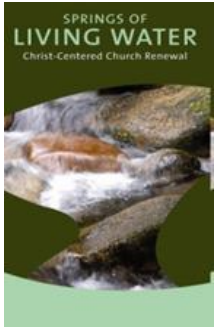
Registration is \$30 per person (generally nonrefundable to keep fees and overhead low). Current Bethany, TRIM/EFSM/SeBAH, and Earlham School of Religion students may attend the seminar at no cost, although registration is still required to reserve space and so sufficient materials for your attendance may be prepared. If you will be attending online, your registration will allow us to provide you with web access to the seminar; instructions and handouts will be sent a few days prior to the event.

Registrations are not complete until payment is received. For space and quality reasons, registrations may be capped at twenty-five persons locally and eighty-five persons online. Prompt registration is advised - **registration deadline is January 19, 2018**. Register at bethanyseminary.edu/brethren-academy/clergy-tax-seminar/.



Deb Oskin will be leading the seminar and has been doing clergy tax returns since 1989, when her husband left seminary to pastor a small rural Church of the Brethren congregation. As a pastor's wife, and later as a tax professional, she learned the tax problems and pitfalls associated with the IRS's identification of clergy as hybrid employees.

Springs of Living Water Academy in Church Renewal



David S. Young, developer and leader of the church renewal initiative Springs of Living Water, has announced that Springs courses will be on hiatus until after Easter 2018. David, who underwent open heart surgery this fall, is taking a much-needed sabbath rest to recover. We invite the Brethren Academy family to hold David in prayer during this time of healing and returning strength.

For an Academy brochure, please e-mail davidyoung@churchrenewalservant.org or call (717) 615-4515.

The Springs website is www.churchrenewalservant.org.



Ventures in Christian Discipleship

The Ventures in Christian Discipleship program at McPherson (Kansas) College has focused on providing small church congregations with useful, affordable education. The course offerings in 2017-18 include the following:

- **January 20, 2018 – Congregation in Mission**
Presenter: Jim Tomlonson
- **February 10, 2018 – How the Bible came to be the Bible**
Presenter: Carol Scheppard
- **March 17, 2018 – Revitalizing Worship through the Arts**
Presenter: Rev. Dr. Babbi Dykema
- **April 14, 2018 – Congregations Nurturing a Culture of Call: Why It Matters**
Presenter: Joe Detrick

Continuing education credits are available for ministers at the cost of \$10 through the Brethren Academy for Ministerial Leadership. To see more information about the sessions and CEU credits, visit [Ventures in Christian Discipleship](#). To register, [click here](#).

Looking for Continuing Education Events?

Church of the Brethren agencies and partners offer classes and events throughout the year that qualify for continuing education units (CEUs) for clergy. Most of these events are also open to laypersons for personal enrichment. Some are offered online, while others are held onsite.



A web page has been created on Bethany Theological Seminary's website to provide easy access to opportunities provided by the different agencies and partnerships. To see what is available, please go to bethanyseminary.edu/events-resources/continuing-education-events/.



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