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Ministerial Leadership

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Upcoming Course Highlights

Did you know Brethren Academy courses are for everyone? TRIM and EFSM students receive 1.0 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.

Set-Apart Ministry in the Bivocational Reality

Online, Rescheduled: September 26-November 20, 2018

Sandra Jenkins, pastor of Constance Church of the Brethren

Bivocational ministry is a reality in many denominations. It is not only a calling but a necessity; part-time ministry placements often outnumber full-time placements. Stephen Norcross writes, "A part-time arrangement between pastor and congregation does not mean that the person is a part-time pastor, nor that the congregation is a part-time church." This class will explore the set-apart ministry within the bivocational context, including the rewards and challenges for both pastor and congregation. Topics include the bivocational ministry of the Apostle Paul and an investigation of 1 Timothy, 2 Timothy, and Titus.



Sandra Jenkins



Matt Boersma

Introduction to Hebrew Scriptures

Online, October 17-December 11, 2018

Matt Boersma

While the Church of the Brethren has long held the New Testament as its focus, the Old Testament or Hebrew Bible is the basis of much of the New Testament's faith. In this course, we will work through the various books of the Hebrew Bible and look at their ancient context. We will attempt to better understand how these books interact and how they influence the New Testament texts. We will also look at a number of modern theories about these texts and how these theories influence how these books are read today.

Noticias de formación del Ministerio de lengua española



Roxanne Aguirre
Coordiinator of
Spanish-Languge Programs

Saludos estudiantes de SeBAH,

Me gustaría tomarme un tiempo para recordarles a los estudiante que se ofrecen dos cursos más este año. Los cursos son *Historia y Teología Anabautista / Menonita*, que se ofrecerán del 9 de julio al 30 de septiembre de 2018, y *Metodología de la Reflexión y Acción*, que se ofrecerán del 5 de octubre al 20 de diciembre de 2018. Los invito a revisar sus transcripciones y suscribirse a estos cursos si aún los necesitas Espero que todos avancen hacia la finalización de sus estudios para que puedan avanzar en el trabajo que Dios les ha llamado a hacer. Por favor, póngase en contacto con Fran en la Academia si está interesado en registrarse en *Historia y Teología Anabautista / Menonita* o *Metodología de la Reflexión y Acción*. A partir de ahora hay un plan tentativo para ofrecer el curso de *Proyecto Pastoral* en enero de 2019. Enviaré detalles sobre el curso tan pronto como se finalicen la fecha y el professor/profesora.

Quiero estimular a aquellos de ustedes que no han comenzado su ministerio supervisado a comenzar el proceso y trabajar en completar las diversas experiencias ministeriales requeridas. Muchos de ustedes están trabajando en el ministerio, por lo que tienen muchas experiencias que ya están haciendo y que podrían estar usando para completar la porción del programa del ministerio supervisado.

Si necesita ayuda o tiene alguna pregunta, no dude en ponerse en contacto conmigo en aguirro@bethanyseminary.edu.

Paz y bendiciones, Roxanne Gaxiola Aguirre

Spanish-Language Ministry Training News

Greetings SeBAH students,

I'd like to take some time to remind students that there are two more courses being offered this year. The courses are Anabaptist Theology and History, which be offered July 9-September 30, 2018, and Methodology of Reflexion and Action, which will be offered October 5-December 20, 2018. I encourage you to review your transcripts and enroll for these courses if you still need them. It is my hope that you all move towards completion of your studies so that you can move forward in the work God has called you to do. Please contact Fran at the Academy if you are interested in registering for Anabaptist Theology and History or Methodology of Reflection and Action. As of now there is a tentative plan to offer Pastoral Project in January 2019. I will send details about the course as soon as the date and a professor are finalized.

I want to encourage those of you who haven't started your supervised ministry to start the process and work on completing the various ministry experiences required. Many of you are working in ministry, so you have many experiences you are already doing that you could be using to complete the supervised ministry portion of your program.

If you need any assistance or have any questions, please feel free to contact me at aguirro@bethanyseminary.edu.

Peace and blessings, Roxanne Gaxiola Aguirre

Highlights from Annual Conference



While at this year's Annual Conference in Cincinnati, Ohio, Sie Brock, Southern Ohio District, was recognized for completing the Education for Shared Ministry program. Pictured with Sie is Sandra Jenkins, supervising pastor (left) and Carrie Eikler, coordinator of English-language ministry training programs, (right)

Photo: Fran Massie

A large number of the students from Seminario Bíblico Anabautista Hispano de la Iglesia de Los Hermanos (SeBAH-CoB) were able to attend Annual Conference this year, many for their first time. They represented the districts of Atlantic Northeast, Pacific Southwest, and Virlina.

Pictured left to right are Egda Franco, Florecita Merlos, Becky Zapata, Leonor Ochoa, Joel Peña (ANE District coordinator), Janet Ober Lambert (director, Brethren Academy), Eric Ramirez (ACTS student), Roxanne Aguirre (coordinator of Spanish-language ministry training Programs) and Selma Gamboa.



Photo: Simon Lambert

Some of the many opportunities available at Annual Conference were the Clergy Women's Breakfast (left) and insight sessions (right).



Photo: Janet Ober Lambert



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Upcoming Brethren Academy-Level Courses

Courses are open to TRIM and EFSM students, pastors (2.0 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/Connections Experience, BTS – Bethany Experience, IE-Intercultural/Interfaith/Ecumenical Experience, BT-Bible/Theology, MS –Ministry/Ministry Skills FCR-Fulfills Curricular Requirement]

Summer/Fall 2018

Bivocational Ministry, online
September 26-November 2018 (*Rescheduled*)
Instructor: Sandra Jenkins
(credits: MS)
Registration Deadline: August 24, 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
Bethany Theological Seminary
November 1-4, 2018
Instructor: Scott Holland
(credits: BT, BTS)
Registration Deadline: September 27, 2018

Introduction to Pastoral Care, January intensive
Bethany Theological Seminary
January 14-16, 2019
Instructor: Sheila Shumaker
(credits: MS, BTS)
Registration Deadline: December 5, 2018

Winter/Spring 2019

Church History II, online
January 23-March 13, 2019
Instructor: H. Kendall Rogers
(credits: BT, BTS)
Registration Deadline: December 18, 2018

Race and the Congregation, weekend intensive
February 21-24
Church of the Brethren General Offices, Elgin, IL
Instructor: Eric Bishop
(credits MS, BCE)
Registration Deadline: January 17, 2019

Church of the Brethren Polity, online
March 13-April 30, 2019
Instructor: Torin Eikler
(credit: MS, FCR)
Registration Deadline: February 6, 2019

Summer 2019

DISU at Annual Conference Pre-Conference Gathering
Annual Conference, Charlotte, NC
July 2-3, 2019
(credits, MS, AC Experience available)
Registration Deadline: May 30, 2019

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

Check it out at www.bethanyseminary.edu/brethren-academy.

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 courses as well as make payments through the Bethany website. Payments now accepted online include TRIM and SeBAH course fees, Directed Independent Study Unit fees, TRIM/EFSM and SeBAH enrollment fees, and TRIM student yearly fees.

To register or pay online, please visit <https://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.



¡NUEVO! Registro y pago en línea

La Academia de Hermanos para el Liderazgo Ministerial (BAML) está aceptando matrícula y pago de estudiantes para muchos de nuestros programas en línea. Estudiantes puede inscribirse en cursos y realizar pagos a través del sitio web de Bethany. Los pagos ahora aceptados en línea incluyen los aranceles de los cursos TRIM y SeBAH, los honorarios de la Unidad de estudio independiente dirigida, las tarifas de inscripción de TRIM / EFSM y SeBAH, y las tarifas anuales de los estudiantes de TRIM.

Para registrarse o pagar en línea, visite <https://bethanyseminary.edu/brethren-academy/>. Para pagar las tarifas de inscripción al programa, use el botón de Pago de inscripción en el programa en nuestra página de inicio. Para todos los demás pagos, busque el botón de Pago de Cursos / TRIM en nuestros listados de cursos o en la página de inicio.

En este momento, las tarifas del distrito y las cuotas de la congregación aún deben hacerse enviando un cheque por correo a la oficina de la Academia de Hermanos.

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. Continuing education credits are available for ministers at the cost of \$10 through the Brethren Academy.

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

Continuing education units (CEUs) are available for all of the following events.



McPherson
COLLEGE

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 2018-19 sessions begin with the following:

The Why and How of Conflict Engagement

September 8, 2018 - Debbie Roberts

This course will briefly explore the theory and practice of conflict engagement..

Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) – Part 1

October 13, 2018 - Tim Grove

This class will introduce the ACE findings, briefly discuss the neurobiology of stress, and propose simple solutions that promote hope and healing.

Trauma Informed Care (TIC) – Part 2

November 17, 2018 - Tim Grove

We will focus specifically on the core concepts of regulation, relationship, and reason as critical components of a connected and healthy world.

(Part 1 not required to take part 2)

To see more information about the sessions and CEU credits, visit [Ventures in Christian Discipleship](#). To register, [click here](#).

From the Director

It is the season of graduations and commencements. From high schools to institutions awarding master's degrees and doctorates, students of all ages and all disciplines are reaching a high point in their education, the ending of one good thing and the beginning of another.



Graduates and their families celebrate jobs well done and breathe a collective sigh of relief, for the road to graduation is seldom a smooth one. There are all sorts of hiccups along the way—struggles with coursework, the need to juggle too many responsibilities, financial challenges, health concerns, and more.

At some point in their academic careers, most students wonder if they will ever finish or if the goal posts will just keep moving.

This is as true for theological education and ministry training as any other discipline. Whether a student is pursuing a master's degree, a graduate certificate, or a certificate in one of the Brethren Academy's programs, the educational process is not without its challenges. There are times that the spirit of discouragement can loom large even among ministry students.

The good news is that the God who calls us will not abandon us in our pursuit of that calling. The Spirit of God is with us when the way is smooth and when it grows rough, when we are going full steam ahead and when we are experiencing a delay. Our prayer may always be that "God may make [us] worthy of his calling, and that by his power he may bring to fruition every desire for goodness and every deed prompted by faith" (2 Thess 1:11, NRSV).

Therefore, let us each walk the path that is ahead of us. Let us keep our destination in sight but trust in its unfolding, striving each day to be faithful, to grow in the ways of Christ and seek excellence in Christ's service. If we do this, by God's grace completion *will* come. In the meantime, every day will be a cause for celebration.

In peace and encouragement,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Janet L. Ober Lambert".

Janet L. Ober Lambert

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