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

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TRIM/EFSM Orientation

During our 2018 orientation, held July 31 to August 2, the Brethren Academy for Ministerial Leadership joyfully welcomed four new TRIM students, one new EFSM student, one spiritual director, and one new TRIM coordinator. The two-and-a-half days at Bethany Seminary were filled with worship, academic pursuit, an introduction to spiritual discernment, and collegial relationship building. Despite four of the seven participants being named David, the unique spirit and calling of each participant shone forth! One student reflected that orientation was a “wonderful and enriching experience” that helped her feel “equipped for the road ahead.” Welcome to all our new students, and blessings upon your journey!



Front: Joanna Davidson Smith (Western Plains), Jamie Nace (Atlantic Northeast), David Crumrine (Middle Pennsylvania), David Scott (Middle Pennsylvania)

Back: Pam Schrag (Western Plains), David Amsden (Michigan), David Bibbee (district coordinator for Northern Indiana)

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.

Introduction to Hebrew Scriptures

Online, October 17-December 11, 2018



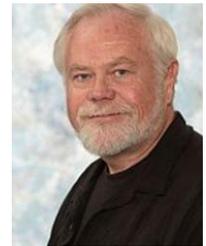
Matt Boersma

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, students will work through the various books of the Hebrew Bible and look at their ancient context and will attempt to better understand how these books interact and how they influence the New Testament texts. Instructor Matt Boersma, PhD candidate in Hebrew Bible at Hebrew Union College in Cincinnati, will guide students to look at a number of modern theories about these texts and how these theories influence how these books are read today.

Narrative Theology

Weekend intensive at Bethany Seminary, November 1-4, 2018

Recent decades have witnessed and welcomed a narrative turn in theology, hermeneutics (study of interpretation), homiletics (process of preparing and delivering sermons), biblical studies, and ministry studies. This course will bring a variety of narrative theologies into conversation with literary narrative theory. Dr. Scott Holland, Slabaugh Professor of Theology and Culture and director of peace studies and cross-cultural studies at Bethany Seminary, will guide students in the study of the form and function of story-shaped approaches to naming ourselves and rendering God's name in history.



Scott Holland

Survey of the Bible

Miami (FL) Haitian Church of the Brethren, March 1-3, 2019



Steven Schweitzer

Join Bethany Theological Seminary's academic dean and biblical scholar Steve Schweitzer, along with sisters and brothers of the Atlantic Southeast District, for a weekend of learning the Bible basics, including the historical context, literary genres, and authorship questions that arise when studying the Bible. Worship with the Miami Haitian Church of the Brethren will conclude the weekend. Attendance at this intensive is eligible for an Intercultural/Ecumenical/Interfaith experience.

For information on registration, and to see more courses that are coming soon, visit <https://bethanyseminary.edu/brethren-academy>.

To register or pay online, look for the Courses/TRIM Payment button on our course listings or home page.

Noticias de formación del Ministerio de lengua española

Spanish-Language Ministry Training News

¿Que Estan Haciendo en la Actualidad Nuestros Estudiantes de SeBAH-COB?

El Distrito Atlantico Noreste posee en la actualidad estudiantes activos en el Seminario Biblico Anabautista Hispano (SEBAH) de un total de 20 estudiantes en 2011. Ciertamente este curso ha sido un largo maratón que está próximo a llegar a su culminación. Sin embargo, independientemente de que estos estudios cristalicen en un final de honores muchos de nuestros estudiantes ya están destacándose en distintas áreas ministeriales.

- Hermana Nertha Castro es la pastora de la Iglesia Un nuevo amanecer en Bethlehem, Pennsylvania.
- Hermana Leonor Ochoa es la pastora de la Iglesia Lirio de los valles (Lebanon, Pennsylvania) y recientemente electa como presidente de FLIHDANE, Fraternidad Latina de Iglesia de los Hermanos del Distrito Atlantico Noreste.
- Hermana Arlyn Morales es miembro de la comisión Church Development and Evangelism Commission y Directora de Evangelismo y Eventos de su iglesia Alpha y Omega COB (Lancaster, Pennsylvania).
- Hermana Mayra Calix es la secretaria de FLIHDANE y tesorera de Alpha y Omega COB.
- Hermana Selma Gamboa es la tesorera de FLIHDANE y Diaconisa de Alpha y Omega COB.
- Hermana Egda Franco es maestra vitalicia de la clase de Damas de la Escuela Dominical de Alpha y Omega.
- Hermana Carmen Adolfin Deoleo es Diaconisa y maestra de ED en la Iglesia Un nuevo renacer (Mountville, Pennsylvania).

Igualmente debo destacar a ex estudiantes como los esposos Colon (Emanuel y Lymaris) quienes ocupaban posición de liderazgo en la Iglesia Un Nuevo Amanecer en Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, y se mudaron a Florida para apoyar al pastor Fausto Carrasco en el trabajo de plantación de una nueva Iglesia de los Hermanos en Florida.

Asi como ellos muchos otros estudiantes activos estan aportando sus talentos y Ministerios en favor de la solidificación y expansión del reino de Dios en el Distrito Atlantico Noreste.

— *Pastor Joel Peña, Coordinador SeBAH-COB ANE*

What Are Our SeBAH COB Students Doing Now?

The Atlantic Northeast District currently has nine students in the Hispanic Anabaptist Biblical Seminary (SeBAH) from the total of twenty students who started in 2011. This education training program has certainly been a long marathon that is nearing completion. However, regardless of whether these studies end in an honors finish, many of our students are already standing out in different ministerial areas.

- Sister Nertha Castro is the pastor of A New Dawn Church in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania.
- Sister Leonor Ochoa is the pastor of Lily of the Valley Church (Lebanon, Pennsylvania) and was recently elected as president of FLIHDANE, Latin Fraternity of the Church of the Brethren of the Northeast Atlantic District.
- Sister Arlyn Morales is a member of the Church Development and Evangelism Commission and director of evangelism and events at Alpha and Omega Church of the Brethren (Lancaster, Pennsylvania).
- Sister Mayra Calix is the secretary of FLIHDANE and treasurer of Alpha and Omega COB.
- Sister Selma Gamboa is the treasurer of FLIHDANE and deacon of Alpha and Omega COB.
- Sister Egda Franco is a life teacher for the Alpha and Omega Sunday school Ladies Class.
- Sister Carmen Adolfin Deoleo is a deacon and teacher of education in A New Rebirth Church (Mountville, Pennsylvania).

I must also highlight former students like the Colon couple (Emanuel and Lymaris), who held leadership positions at New Dawn Church in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, and moved to Florida to support Pastor Fausto Carrasco in the work of planting a new Church in the Brethren in Florida.

Just like them, many other active students are contributing their talents and ministries in favor of the solidification and expansion of the kingdom of God in the Atlantic Northeast District.

— *Pastor Joel Peña, ANE Coordinator of SeBAH-COB*

Beca de SeBAH para al Conferencia Anual

Este verano, cinco estudiantes de SeBAH se convirtieron en los primeros recipientes de la Beca SeBAH para la Conferencia Anual, una subvención hecha posible por el Fondo de Becas Julie Mader Hostetter para el Instituto Teológico de Liderazgo Ministerial.

Esta subvención de una sola vez ayudó a los estudiantes a cumplir con el requisito de SeBAH de asistir a la Conferencia Anual y escribir un documento de reflexión sobre la experiencia. A cada estudiante se le reembolsaron los costos de inscripción, incluida la tarifa de registro sin delegado, un libro de programa de la conferencia y hasta dos comidas con boleto por día.

Julie Mader Hostetter fue la directora ejecutiva del Instituto Teológico de Liderazgo Ministerial entre 2008 y 2017. Fue Julie quien estableció el Seminario Bíblico Ana bautista Hispano de la Iglesia de los Hermanos (SeBAH-COB) en cooperación con la Agencia de Educación Menonita. Para honrar su memoria, la familia Hostetter estableció Fondo de Beca de Julie Mader Hostetter para el Instituto Teológico de Liderazgo Ministerial.

Las solicitudes de subvención para 2019 se proporcionarán a los estudiantes de SeBAH-COB cuando se abra el registro anual de la conferencia en la primavera. Para recibir esta beca, los estudiantes enviarán sus solicitudes completas a la Academia de Hermanos junto con los recibos para su registro. Las subvenciones se otorgan como un reembolso solo por gastos en línea. La fecha límite para enviar solicitudes será 5 días después de que se cierre la inscripción en línea de la Conferencia Anual.

Los estudiantes de SeBAH-COB y los coordinadores de SeBAH del distrito pueden comunicarse con el Instituto Teológico de Liderazgo si tienen alguna pregunta.

Annual Conference SeBAH Grant

This past summer, five SeBAH students became the first recipients of the Annual Conference SeBAH Grant, a grant made possible by the Julie Mader Hostetter Brethren Academy for Ministerial Leadership Scholarship Fund.

This one-time grant assisted the students in fulfilling the SeBAH requirement of attending Annual Conference and writing a reflection paper about the experience. Each student was reimbursed for their online registration costs, including the nondelegate registration fee, one conference program book, and up to two ticketed meals per day.

Julie Mader Hostetter was the executive director of the Brethren Academy for Ministerial Leadership between 2008 and 2017. It was Julie who established Seminario Biblico Anabautista Hispano de la Iglesia de los Hermanos (SeBAH-COB) in cooperation with the Mennonite Education Agency. To honor her memory, the Hostetter family established the Julie Mader Hostetter Brethren Academy for Ministerial Leadership Scholarship Fund, which is the basis of the this SeBAH grant.

Grant applications for 2019 will be provided to SeBAH-COB students when Annual Conference registration opens in the spring. In order to receive this grant, students will submit their completed applications to the Brethren Academy along with receipts for their online registration. Grants are awarded as a reimbursement for online expenses only. The deadline for submitting applications will be five days after Annual Conference online registration closes.

SeBAH-COB students and district SeBAH coordinators may contact the Brethren Academy with any questions.

Próximos Cursos de SeBAH

¡Saludos, estudiantes de SeBAH! Ya estamos a más de la mitad del 2018. He notado que muchos de ustedes han estado asistiendo a clases y trabajando activamente para completar su programa de educación. Este año estamos ofreciendo un curso más: Metodología de la Reflexión y Acción Pastoral que está programado del 5 de octubre al 20 de diciembre.

Tenga en cuenta que en enero de 2019 se ofrecerá el Proyecto Pastoral. Estén atento a la información sobre los próximos cursos.

Bendiciones,

Roxanne Gaxiola Aguirre, Proyecto Pastoral

Upcoming SeBAH Courses

Greetings SeBAH students! We are already more than half way through 2018. I have noticed that many of you have been attending to classes and actively working toward the completion of your education program. This year we are offering one more course: Methodology of Reflection and Action for Pastors is scheduled for October 5 to December 20.

Please keep in mind that in January of 2019, Pastoral Project will be offered. Please be on the lookout for information about upcoming courses.

Blessings,

Roxanne Gaxiola Aguirre, Proyecto Pastoral

Ethics Training Sessions for Clergy

This September, the Brethren Academy, on behalf of the Church of the Brethren Office of Ministry, will offer two sessions of Healthy Boundaries 101 (HB 101), which is the first of two clergy ethics seminars required for ministers credentialed by the Church of the Brethren.



The first session is set for **Saturday, September 22**, and will be taught in Spanish by Ramón Torres, pastor of the Puerto del Cielo Iglesia de Los Hermanos in Reading, Pennsylvania. The second is set for **Saturday, September 29**, and will be taught in English by Janet Ober Lambert, director of the Brethren Academy, and Dan Poole, visiting instructor of Ministry Formation and director of educational technology at Bethany Theological Seminary. Both courses will be taught via webcast from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. EST with a break for lunch.

HB101 is designed for licensed ministers as well as those ministers new to the Church of the Brethren. This five-hour seminar provides a basic awareness of boundaries in regard to power and vulnerability, relationships, physical touch, and pastoral self-care. A second training, Healthy Boundaries 201, revisits these topics but focuses on new and developing ethical concerns. The 201 training is required every five years for ordained and commissioned ministers seeking to retain their credentials. Both HB 201 and 101 are conducted under the auspices of the Church of the Brethren Office of Ministry.

Registration for the September Healthy Boundaries 101 training is now closed. The next scheduled training will be offered May 13, 2019, also via webcast or in person at Bethany Theological Seminary in Richmond, Indiana. Additional sessions are being considered and will be announced as they are scheduled. If you are a licensed minister in need of Healthy Boundaries 101, please contact your district executive. With questions, please contact the Brethren Academy of Ministerial Leadership.



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 are 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 20, 2018
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

Engaging 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

Survey of the Bible, weekend intensive
Miami Haitian COB, Miami, FL
March 1-3, 2019
Instructor: Steven Schweitzer
(credits BT, BTS, BCE)

Registration Deadline: January 25, 2019

How to Think Theologically, online
March 13-May 7, 2019
Instructor: Nate Inglis
(credits: BT, BTS)

Registration Deadline: February 6, 2019

Church of the Brethren Polity, online
April 3-May 19, 2019
Instructor: Torin Eikler
(credit: MS, FCR)

Registration Deadline: February 27, 2019

Summer 2019

DISU at Annual Conference Pre-Conference Gathering

Annual Conference, Greensboro, NC
July 2-3, 2019
(credits, MS, AC Experience available)

Registration Deadline: May 28, 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.

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.



Ventures in Christian Discipleship

McPherson College offers Ventures in Christian Discipleship sessions, live and online, throughout the year. The programs are designed to empower lay people, especially in smaller congregations, but are equally meaningful to clergy.

The 2018-19 sessions begin with the following:

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)

Biblical Hospitality

January 26, 2019 – Fred Bernhard

This course on biblical hospitality will explore the scriptural meanings of hospitality and look at practical ways it can be used in the home, church, and community.

Growing More of an Inclusive, Multicultural Church

March 2, 2019 – Barbara Avent

As the world becomes more diverse, church leaders and lay people will need an understanding of the nature of inclusivity/multiculturalism.

Healthy and Safe Congregations

April 13, 2018 – Kathy Reid

More information will be in the winter issue of *The Scroll*.

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

Clergy Tax Seminar

Saturday, January 19, 2019

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 2018 (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.

This seminar 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 Seminary, 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 persons locally and eighty-five persons online. Prompt registration is advised—**registration deadline is January 10, 2019**. Register at bethanyseminary.edu/brethren-academy/clergy-tax-seminar/.



Deb Oskin will be leading the seminar remotely from her home. She 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.

Form	1040	Department of the Treasury—Internal Revenue Service	(99)
U.S. Individual Income Tax Return			
For the year Jan. 1–Dec. 31, 2018, or other tax year beginning			
Your first name and initial	Last name		
If a joint return, spouse's first name and initial	Last name		
Home address (number and street). If you have a P.O. box, see instructions.			
City, town or post office, state, and ZIP code. If you have a foreign address, also complete			
Foreign country name		Foreign pri	
Filing Status	1	<input type="checkbox"/>	Single
	2	<input type="checkbox"/>	Married filing jointly (even if only one had ir
Check only one box.	3	<input type="checkbox"/>	Married filing separately. Enter spouse's S and full name here. ▶
Exemptions	6a	<input type="checkbox"/>	Yourself. If someone can claim you as a
	b	<input type="checkbox"/>	Spouse

From the Director

Happy twenty-fifth anniversary, Susquehanna Valley Ministry Center!

Throughout this year the Susquehanna Valley Ministry Center (SVMC) has been celebrating twenty-five years of ministry training for the Church of the Brethren. As their partner in education, the Brethren Academy celebrates with them!



Established in 1993, SVMC began as a satellite campus of Bethany Theological Seminary founded by the Atlantic Northeast and Southern Pennsylvania Districts. Their mission and membership expanded in 2004 as SVMC welcomed as partners three more districts (Mid-Atlantic, Middle Pennsylvania and Western Pennsylvania) as well as the Brethren Academy for Ministerial Leadership. Since then, SVMC has grown to offer not only Bethany graduate courses but also Training in Ministry (TRIM) courses and an Academy Certified Training System (ACTS). SVMC also offers a host of continuing education events for clergy and lay leaders alike.

For their anniversary theme, SVMC has chosen Rooted and Growing, building on their tagline Rooted in Christ, Growing in Knowledge. The theme scriptures, Colossians 1:10 and Proverbs 9:9, challenge readers to lead worthy lives, bear fruit in every good work, and grow in knowledge of God. Proverbs 9:9, in particular, illuminates the goal of ministry training.

SVMC has been celebrating their anniversary since January with monthly devotions, a revision of their written history, as well as recognitions at continuing education events and district conferences. On November 3, the celebrations will culminate in a worship service of gratitude and a banquet at the Chambersburg Church of the Brethren. For details about all of this, please visit <https://etown.edu/programs/svmc/25Years.aspx>.

To our friends and colleagues at SVMC, we are grateful for all the years of shared ministry. By the grace of God, may we enjoy many more! May we be rooted and grow together!



SVMC anniversary flowers in a Brethren Academy mug

Photo: Karen Hodges
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