

Brethren Academy for Ministerial Leadership proudly offers

# Race & the Congregation

CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN GENERAL OFFICES  
1451 DUNDEE AVE., ELGIN, ILLINOIS

FEBRUARY 21-24, 2019  
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## Course Description and Objectives



This course will consider the Church of the Brethren's historic peace stance and belief that "all war is sin," against the current backdrop of social issues that impact Black Americans.

Additionally, students will

- Rethink the definition of war vs. social conflict
- Discuss and analyze what it means to be an African American minority in the context of U.S. society
- Analyze the context in which Black Americans join Church of the Brethren congregations and the comfort level therein
- Discuss how we welcome those who do not look like us and create an inviting church home without being paternal, colonial, or requiring the loss of identity

This course is available to:

- TRIM/EFSM students- fulfills M/MS unit and BCE experiences
- Those seeking Continuing Education Units (2.0 CEU)
- Anyone seeking personal and spiritual enrichment

Essentially, this course is open to ALL!

Course fee \$295.00

**Registration deadline:**  
**January 17, 2019**

## Instructor: Eric Bishop

Eric Bishop is an adjunct professor who teaches mass media courses at the University of La Verne and leadership courses in the doctoral program for San Diego State University. He serves as the vice president of student services for Chaffey Community College in Rancho Cucamonga, CA. He has worked in higher education for nearly 30 years and also serves as a member of the Bethany Theological Seminary Board of Trustees. He has served as a congregational and district moderator and on the denomination's Program and Arrangements Committee.

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**Course Withdrawal  
Refund Policy**

100% of course fee prior  
to registration

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

## Reading List

**Prior to class:**

- Hill, Mark Lamont. *Nobody: Casualties of America's War on the Vulnerable, from Ferguson to Flint and Beyond*. Atria Books. Reprint edition (May 2, 2017). ISBN-10: 150112496X, ISBN-13: 978-1501124969
- Channing Brown, Austin. *I'm Still Here: Black Dignity in a World made for Whiteness*. Convergent Books. ISBN-10: 1524760854

**Optional text:**

- Alexander, Michelle. *The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness*. The New Press (January 16, 2012). ISBN-10: 1595586431, ISBN-13: 978-1595586438

## Participants

Class size is limited to 20 students.

As an attendee of this event, you may be included in still photos, videotaped footage, news articles, informational brochures or other media used to interpret the mission and purpose of Bethany Theological Seminary, the Church of the Brethren, and the Brethren Academy.

## Schedule

**Location** – Church of the Brethren General Offices,  
1451 Dundee Ave., Elgin, Illinois

**Schedule**

Thursday: 6-9pm

Friday & Saturday: 8:30am-12:00pm and 1:30-5:00pm

Sunday: 9:00am-12:00pm

## Travel and Lodging

Transportation, lodging and meals are the participant's responsibility. The Brethren Academy office will be glad to provide contact information for area lodging.

**Race & the Congregation, February 21-24, 2019**

[Register online](#) or fill out following information and return, along with payment to:  
Brethren Academy \* 615 National Road West \* Richmond, IN \* 47374

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Best contact phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

I will be taking this course for: \_\_\_ TRIM credit \_\_\_ EFSM credit \_\_\_ CEUs (2) \_\_\_ personal enrichment

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