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

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.
Reading List

Prior to class:


Optional text:

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.

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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

Course Fee: $295 payable to Brethren Academy

Registration Deadline: January 17, 2019