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Debbie has been in ministry for over 20 years, working as a congregational pastor and spiritual director. She worked with the Church of the Brethren’s Congregational Life Ministries from 2015 - 2017 as director of Intergenerational Ministries. Most recently she served as the Interim Pastor at Living Peace Church in Michigan District. She has also provided pastoral leadership and spiritual direction through the years.

Debbie provides practical and emotional support for end of life transitions through her ministry, Through the Threshold: End of Life Doula Services. This ministry provides assistance in advance care planning and opportunities to celebrate life. She provides help, hope, and healing that engenders confidence and peace.

Schedule

Location - Bethany Theological Seminary, 615 National Road W., Richmond, IN
Monday, Jan. 14 8:30am-4pm
Tuesday, Jan. 15 8:30 am-4pm
Wednesday, Jan. 16 8:30-11:30

January 28 6-8pm EST via Zoom
February 4 6-8pm EST via Zoom
(Zoom installation instructions will be given during the class)

This course is available to:

- TRIM/EFSM students- fulfills Ministry Skills unit and BTS 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
Extended Registration deadline: December 12, 2018
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Reading List

Required Reading


Pre-course assignments – before arriving at Bethany for the class students should complete the following:
1. Hearing Beyond the Words (entirety)
2. The Practice of Pastoral Care (chapters 1 and 2)
3. Complete the verbatim at the end of Chapter 2 of The Practice of Pastoral Care

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.

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:
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Name: ________________________________________________________________

Address: ___________________________________________________________

Best contact phone: _________________________________________________

E-mail: _____________________________________________________________

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