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For many decades, congregations and individuals in the Church of the Brethren have been a foundation of support for Bethany. As the Seminary envisions its mission for the future, you can partner in the education we provide:



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Pray for our students, faculty, and staff



Nurture persons who show interest in ministry and encourage them to consider a Bethany education



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PRAYER CALENDAR FOR 2019-20

October 2019 – Leaders and students in the SeBAH program for Spanish-language ministry and the work of our international scholar in residence, Nyampa Kwabe

November 2019 – Faculty and staff, who daily share skills, knowledge, and time to support Bethany students and its mission

December 2019 – Bethany's contribution to the Church of the Brethren peace witness through courses, seminars, and the Certificate in Just Peace and Conflict Transformation

January 2020 – Students traveling with assistant professor Dan Poole and lecturer Josh Brockway to Atlanta, Georgia, for an urban ministry intensive course

February 2020 – The hundreds of living Bethany alumni and their contributions to the church

March 2020 – Bethany's board of trustees, who give their time, talents, and resources as advocates for the Seminary and who hold their semiannual meeting this month

April 2020 – *Brethren Life & Thought*, a Bethany partner and academic journal committed to nourishing life and mind within the Church of the Brethren, and the writers of the BLT blog

May 2020 – Our new graduating class as they complete their seminary education and follow their vocational calls

June 2020 – Students in summer Ministry Formation experiences and those who are applying to and enrolling at Bethany for the 2020-21 academic year

July 2020 – Members of the Bethany community, alumni, and friends at Annual Conference as they celebrate Bethany's twenty-fifth anniversary in Richmond, Indiana

August 2020 – Those involved with the Brethren Academy for Ministerial Leadership as orientation is held for incoming Academy students

September 2020 – New and returning students as we begin our 116th academic year



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Theology for a world of possibilities

Opportunities at Bethany have never been more diverse. Both the **MDiv and MA** have been completely revised, now focused on enabling students to apply knowledge in their chosen ministry contexts. A greater variety of courses can be used to fulfill degree requirements. And the **Master of Arts: Theopoetics and Writing** has been launched this fall. Developed by faculty members Scott Holland from Bethany and Ben Brazil from Earlham School of Religion, this unique degree draws on the strengths of both schools, and each will offer the degree independently.

As the popularity of Bethany's graduate certificates grows, so do the offerings. A **Certificate in Theology and Science** was first offered in fall 2018, and a **Certificate in Biblical Peacemaking** has been launched this fall. The latter will especially meet the interests and needs of Bethany's EYN students.

Anniversary milestone

Throughout 2019-20, Bethany will be marking its **twenty-fifth year in Richmond, Indiana**—watch for opportunities to help celebrate! The move has led to a mutually beneficial relationship with Earlham School of Religion, and the schools are finding new ways to build upon the relationship.

Bethany continues to strengthen its presence in Richmond. A collaboration with the Richmond Symphony Orchestra launched The Recital Series in spring 2019, featuring performances by RSO members and guests in Nicarry Chapel. Bethany also makes its technology-equipped spaces available to outside groups.

International partnership

Bethany's **second cohort of Nigerian students** in the educational partnership with EYN have begun coursework this fall. They are enrolled in the new Certificate in Biblical Peacemaking and will take classes via Zoom technology with their North American counterparts.

The cohort's first course, Gospel of Peace, was taught as an August intensive by Dan Ulrich at Bethany and **Nyampa Kwabe** in Nigeria. Dr. Kwabe, an Old Testament scholar, is now spending the fall semester at Bethany as the Seminary's international scholar in residence.



2019 GRADUATES / Eighteen seniors graduated in May, earning three MDivs, six MAs, four Certificates of Achievement in Theological Studies, and eight specialized graduate certificates.



Making the educational pathway affordable

Bethany has long known of the factors that influence a student's journey into seminary, such as career, where to live, and amount of financial investment. The five concepts of **Pillars and Pathways** help students minimize debt and encourage sound financial practices:

- Financial aid
- Affordable housing
- Employment
- Conscious consumption
- Financial education

With the program entering its sixth year, Bethany is seeing fewer students seeking loans and reduced loan amounts for those who do borrow.



FAITH MEETS SCIENCE /

A new grant-funded initiative

entitled Binocular Vision: Seeing Life through Eyes of Faith and Science has brought together alumni, friends, and other faces new to the Seminary. Dozens attended three lunches at Bethany in spring 2019 to hear experts speak on childhood stress and addiction. The Look at Life conference in April welcomed over 100 guests to explore intersections of theology and science.



Pillars and Pathways Residential Scholarship

Initiated in fall 2017, this program enables recipients to study at Bethany **without incurring additional debt** if they

- live in the Bethany Neighborhood and participate in community living;
- volunteer eight hours per month at a Richmond nonprofit;
- cover tuition costs through scholarships and aid;
- earn \$7500 per year.

The scholarship covers the remainder to equal one year's expected cost of attendance for residential students. The program is at capacity this fall with twelve recipients, and Bethany is exploring options for additional housing.