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Notes and News from the
Brethren Academy for Ministerial Leadership

Winter 2019-20

SPOTLIGHT ON UPCOMING COURSES

Science and Faith (B/T credit)

Weekend intensive at
Bethany Theological Seminary
April 29-May 3, 2020

(plus two Zoom follow up calls)

In this course, *instructor Dr. Russell Haitch* will lead students in reflecting on life, death, and resurrection through eyes of science and Christian faith. The goal is to reunite two divorced thought worlds in order to see how faith and science can complement and illuminate each other. The practical aim is to increase our ability to do ministry with people whose worldview is strongly shaped by science and technology.

Registration Deadline: March 26, 2020



Russell Haitch, Professor of
Theology and Human Science

The Reward of Risk: Church Planting and Revitalization Emerging in Today's Current Dynamics (M/MS credit)

Directed Independent Study in conjunction
with Church Planting Conference, Elgin, IL
May 13-15, 2020

A cultural wave has swept the North American church into a brand new world—a pluralistic, complicated, high-tech, low-touch world. Faced with the challenge of engaging a jaded culture, new and fresh expressions of church are emerging alongside the traditional church. Christian churches are emerging to reach people who live in a culture that is increasingly both nonreligious and multireligious. *Instructor Stan Dueck* will engage students in the exploration of the dynamics of church planting and revitalized congregations emerging in today's current dynamics.

The course includes attendance at the New and Renew Conference May 13-15, 2020, at the Church of the Brethren Offices in Elgin, Illinois.

Registration Deadline: April 8, 2020

Upcoming Brethren Academy-Level Courses

Courses for continuing education (two CEUs), personal enrichment, or TRIM/EFMS credit

Register and pay for courses online at
www.bethanyseminary.edu/brethren-academy
 or contact academy@bethanyseminary.edu or 765-983-1824.

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Summer/Fall 2020

Annual Conference DISU - The Church in 1 Corinthians: Challenges for Today
 Ministers Association Pre-Conference Event
 Grand Rapids, MI
 June 30–July 1, 2020
 Facilitator: Dan Ulrich
 (credits: BT, BTS, AC)
Registration Deadline: May 26, 2020
 Cost: \$100 plus registration for the pre-Conference event

Spiritual Practices for Ministry, online
 September 9–November 3, 2020
 Instructor: Reba Herder
 (credits: MS)
Registration Deadline: August 4, 2020

Introduction to Hebrew Scriptures
 Online
 October 14–December 9, 2020
 Instructor: Matt Boersma
 (credits: BT)
Registration Deadline: September 9, 2020

Church of the Brethren Polity and Practice
 Susquehanna Valley Ministry Center
 October 23–24 and November 13–14, 2020
 Instructor: Randy Yoder
 (credits: MS, FCR)
Registration Deadline: September 30, 2020

Introduction to Theopoetics; intensive
 Bethany Theological Seminary
 November 20–22, 2020
 Instructor: Scott Holland
 (credits: BT, BTS)
Registration Deadline: October 15, 2020

January 2021

Elements of Preaching, intensive
 Bethany Theological Seminary, Richmond, IN
 January 11–15, 2020
 Instructor: Dawn Ottoni-Wilhelm
 (credits: MS, BTS)
Registration Deadline: December 9, 2020

Please do not purchase texts or make travel plans until the registration deadline has passed and you have received a course confirmation.

For TRIM/EFMS students only: BCE – Brethren College/Connections Experience, BTS – Bethany Experience, IE – Intercultural/Interfaith/Ecumenical Experience, BT – Bible/Theology, MS – Ministry/Ministry Skills, FCR – Fulfills Curricular Requirement

2020 Annual Conference Scholarship For SeBAH, EPMC, and EFSM Students

Every Brethren Academy student is required to attend Annual Conference at least once and write a report about the experience. The hope is that this helps students learn about the wider Church of the Brethren and begin to find their place within it.

In 2018 the Brethren Academy began offering scholarships to students in the Seminario Bíblico Anabautista Hispano (SeBAH) program who needed financial assistance with Annual Conference expenses. In 2019 this offer was expanded to students in the Educación para un Ministerio Compartido (EPMC) and Education for Shared Ministry (EFSM) programs. The scholarship reimburses students for the cost of the student's conference registration, one conference program book, and up to two meal tickets per day. Each student is eligible to apply for one (1) Annual Conference Scholarship during their program.

Making this scholarship possible are funds from the Julie Mader Hostetter Brethren Academy for Ministerial Leadership Scholarship. Julie Hostetter served as both the director and the executive director of the Brethren Academy between 2008 and 2017. Throughout her life, Julie was dedicated to the church, to education, and to professional excellence, a passion she brought fully to the Brethren Academy. To honor this, the Hostetter family established this fund, resources to be used to benefit the Academy and her students.

Applications and a letter of explanation regarding the 2020 Annual Conference Scholarship will be sent to eligible students in the spring after registration for Annual Conference has begun. Once again, the scholarship will be open to students in SeBAH, EPMC, and EFSM who need to fulfill their program requirement.

Beca de la Conferencia Anual 2020 Para estudiantes de SeBAH, EPMC, y EFSM

Todos los estudiantes de la Academia de Hermanos deben asistir a la Conferencia Anual, al menos una vez, y escribir un informe sobre la Experiencia. La esperanza es que esto ayude a los estudiantes a aprender sobre la Iglesia de los Hermanos en general y comenzar a encontrar su lugar dentro de ella.

En 2018 la Academia de Hermanos comenzó a ofrecer becas a estudiantes en el programa Seminario Bíblico Anabautista Hispano (SeBAH) que necesitaban asistencia financiera con los gastos de la Conferencia Anual. En 2019 esta oferta se amplió a los estudiantes en las versiones en español y en inglés de Educación para el Ministerio Compartido (EPMC/EFSM). La beca reembolsa a los estudiantes por el costo de el registro de la conferencia del estudiante, un libro del programa de la conferencia y hasta dos boletos de comida por día. Cada estudiante es elegible para solicitar una (1) Beca de la Conferencia Anual durante su programa.

Haciendo posible esta beca son fondos de Julie Mader Hostetter Brethren Academy para Ministerial Leadership Scholarship. Julie Hostetter se desempeñó como directora y, más tarde, como directora ejecutiva de la Academia de Hermanos entre 2008 y 2017. Durante toda su vida, Julie se dedicó a la iglesia, a la educación, y a la excelencia profesional, una pasión que aportó plenamente a la Academia de Hermanos. Para honrar esto, la familia Hostetter estableció este fund, recursos que deben utilizarse en beneficio de la Academia y sus estudiantes.

Aplicaciones y una carta de explicación con respecto a la Beca de la Conferencia Anual 2020 serán enviados a elegible estudiante s en la primavera, después de la inscripción para la Conferencia Anual ha comenzado. Una vez más, la beca estará abierta a estudiantes en SeBAH, EPMC, y EFSM que necesiten cumplir con los requisitos del programa.

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 on-site.

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 bethanyseminary.edu/events-resources/continuing-education-opportunities/.

Continuing education units (CEUs) are available for all of the following events.

Mission and Money in Church Planting

This free webcast is a New and Renew event sponsored by the New Church Advisory Committee of the Church of the Brethren.

Webinar Title: Mission and Money in Church Planting

Presenter: David Fitch

Date: Tuesday, March 10, 2020

Time: 12:00–1:00 p.m. Pacific/2:00–3:00 p.m.

Central/3:00–4:00 p.m. Eastern

CEU: 0.1 for live event only

Webcast link: <https://zoom.us/j/505754099>

Spanish translation available during the webinar.

Healing Racism Leaders Refresh Retreat

Refresh, Renew, Restore -

Early-bird registration is open now for the Healing Racism Leaders Refresh Retreat.

Join us from Thursday, March 19, 3:00 p.m. to Saturday, March 21, 3:00 p.m. at the Nicholas Center, 65 E. Huron St, Chicago, IL 60611

For more details and to register, go to <http://bit.ly/2020HealingRacismRefreshRetreat>



Ventures in Christian Discipleship

Below is a listing of upcoming continuing education events offered through the Ventures in Christian Discipleship program. For more information, please visit the website listed below.

This spring McPherson College's Ventures in Christian Discipleship program will offer online courses focusing on current topics. Each course runs from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon CST. All classes are donation based, and continuing education credit is available for \$10 per course.

Examining the Disconnect between Society and the Environment; February 29, 2020; presenter: Dustin Wilgers

This course will explore the disconnect between society and the environments on which we are so dependent and don't even realize it anymore.

Creation Care and the Gospel of John; March 21, 2020; presenter: Dan Ulrich

This course looks to the Gospel of John as a resource for renewing our love for God's creation and overcoming complacency about the current environmental crisis.

Nurturing the Spirit of the Child without Squelching the Spirit; April 18, 2020; presenter: Rhonda Pittman Gingrich

This course will explore the cultural context that shapes the lives of children today (including nature deficit disorder), the innate spiritual capacity of children, spiritual styles and how they are embodied in children, and a variety of specific spiritual practices—individual and corporate—that can be used with children.

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

GRADUATE CREDIT FOR ACADEMY STUDENTS

There is a new way for Brethren Academy students to enroll in Bethany courses! Starting immediately, an Academy student may apply as an *academy student for graduate credit*. As such, any student who successfully completes their course will receive not only credit toward their Academy transcript but also toward their own graduate record. Should an Academy student choose to later pursue a graduate certificate or degree from Bethany, the graduate credits earned may be applied to their program. Those who already have a graduate transcript will add to it.

What sets this new category apart is largely the cost. An academy student for graduate credit pays \$500 per course, one-third of the regular fee!

To earn both Academy and graduate credit, Academy students need to do the following:

1. Obtain permission to take the course from the instructor, academic dean of Bethany, and the director of the Brethren Academy
2. Apply to Bethany as an *occasional student*, select *academy student for graduate credit* on the application form, and follow the additional steps toward admission to Bethany
3. Once admitted, pay the \$500 fee (\$50 application fee is waived)
4. Successfully complete the course by fulfilling all the requirements set forth by the instructor

Students who successfully complete a course for graduate credit will receive three credits on their graduate transcript and one credit on their Academy transcript.

GRADUATE COURSES FOR ACADEMY CREDIT

In addition to this new opportunity, Academy students may continue to enroll in Bethany courses for Academy credit alone. To do so, Academy students need to do the following:

1. Obtain permission to take the course from the instructor, academic dean, and the director of the Brethren Academy
2. Apply to Bethany as an auditor and pay the \$350 fee (\$50 application fee is waived)
3. Successfully audit the course by
 - meeting the attendance requirement
 - completing the assigned reading
 - engaging in the course through participation
 - completing reduced assignments that may be required by the instructor

Students interested in a Bethany course for graduate credit, Academy credit, or both will find course offerings in the [2019–20 Academic Catalog](#).



Director's Page



As the director of an educational organization, I am learning so much! During my first two years in this position, my learning was focused on the organization itself—history, structure, function, and budget. Three years in, even as I continue to focus on these things, I find my education is expanding. As I explore new avenues in educational ministry, I take delight in discovering new ideas, perspectives, and resources.

When I lead sessions in Clergy Ethics, I gain perspective from others called to the set-apart ministry. Hearing their experiences not only helps me prepare for the future, but also allows me to examine the past and learn from it.

When I prepare for a course offered through the Brethren Academy, either as a student or a teacher, I read books and engage in discussions that expose me to new ideas and forms of ministry. These ideas enhance the ways I move in the world and serve God's people.

For twenty-five years, I served in pastoral ministry. What I have realized recently is that the longer I served, the busier I got and the easier it became to stop educating myself, to rest on my laurels rather than keep my mind and my skills sharp. Looking back, I would do it differently if I could.

I cannot, of course, go back and do it over again. I can only lean on grace and move forward. I can also encourage you, as my partners in ministry, to do things differently. Beginning now, I pray that none of us ever becomes “too busy” to learn, “too busy” to grow, “too busy” *doing* ministry to learn how to become better ministers. I pray this for the sake of the gospel and the sake of those whom we are called to serve.

May all of us live into this new year with hearts and minds open.

To God be the glory,

Janet L. Ober Lambert



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