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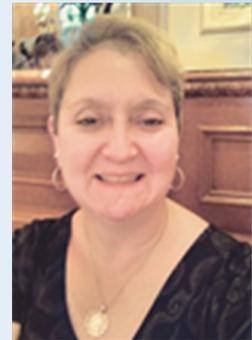
SPOTLIGHT ON UPCOMING COURSES

Set-Apart Ministry in the Multivocational Reality

8-week on-line course: April 7-June 1, 2021

MS unit, 2 CEUs

Multivocational ministry is a reality in many denominations. It is not only a calling, but a necessity; part-time ministry placements often outnumber full-time placements. Stephen Norcross writes “A part-time arrangement between pastor and congregation does not mean that the person is a part-time pastor, nor that the congregation is a part-time church.” This class, taught by Sandra Jenkins of the Southern Ohio/Kentucky District, will explore the set-apart ministry within the multivocational context, including the rewards and challenges for both pastor and congregation. Topics include the multivocational ministry of the Apostle Paul and an investigation of 1 Timothy, 2 Timothy, and Titus.



Sandra Jenkins

Doing Church Differently: Ministry in Times of Crisis

8-week on-line course: May 5-June 29, 2021

MS unit, 2 CEUs



While courses on pastoral care touch on accompanying and assisting individuals and families in times of personal crises, less emphasis has been placed on how the congregation deals with corporate/community crises (natural disasters, active shooter incidents, pandemics, climate crises, etc.). This course, taught by Debbie Eisenbise examines how pastors are called to lead and assist congregations in adapting to maintain organizational integrity, pastoral viability, and foster spiritual growth in the midst of such situations. We will look at congregational and community histories of transition and change to identify strengths and weaknesses that inform our ability to address challenges and embrace gifts in current crises, and plan for potential future crises. We will consider ways to increase pastoral resilience, adaptability and discernment. And we will explore biblical narratives that can inform us as we lead our congregations through crises, learning together how to do church differently.

SeBAH Noticias / SeBAH News

¡Crecimiento para todos!

Así es, la Iglesia de los Hermanos extiende la oportunidad de crecer, cumplir con los requisitos y otorgar créditos por cursos tomados por estudiantes de habla hispana ya sea que estén en algún entrenamiento ministerial o en busca de educación continua. Por mucho tiempo la Iglesia ha estado trabajando y poniendo cada pieza en su lugar y por fin ha logrado ofrecer *Todos* estos beneficios teológicos a las iglesias hispanas de nuestro concilio. Para estudiantes que deseen alcanzar credenciales para su ministerio, la Academia de los Hermanos continúa ofreciendo el programa de SeBAH (Seminario Bíblico Anabautista Hispano) y el programa de EPMC (Educación para un Ministerio Compartido). Para los ministros que ya tienen sus credenciales, existen nuevas oportunidades para obtener unidades para la educación continua (CEUs): Cursos de SeBAH para CEUs y la *Póliza para Observar Materiales Pregrabados para CEUs*.



Aida Sánchez

Cursos de SeBAH para CEUs

Me matriculé en el primer curso de educación continua ofrecido por SeBAH: *¡Seamos Iglesia!* Este curso se ofreció el verano pasado. Fue una experiencia maravillosa, confortadora y de mucho aprendizaje. Tuve la oportunidad de conocer y compartir con estudiantes de Colombia, Méjico, y diferentes partes de E.U. Yo me encontraba en Puerto Rico lejos de mi familia, experimentando constantes temblores de tierra y al igual que el mundo entero, orando a Dios para ser protegidos del COVID-19.

Esta clase llegó a mi vida como forma de consuelo. Al comienzo de cada clase, solíamos unirnos en oración por las peticiones de cada uno y a la vez recibir palabras que nos acordaban del poder de ese gran Dios al que servimos y amamos. Como se dijo en la clase, Dios desea abrirse y manifestarse a nosotros para comunicarnos Su proyecto de vida para la humanidad y la creación en general. Por lo tanto, es muy importante nuestra preparación espiritual y académica.

Los próximos cursos de SeBAH para CEUs están siendo planificados. Pronto se ofrecerán los siguientes cursos: a. *Cuidado y Consejería Pastoral y Familiar* el cual será ofrecido durante los meses de febrero a marzo del 2021 y b. *Jesús y los Evangelios* el cual será ofrecido durante los meses de agosto a septiembre del 2021.

Para saber cómo inscribirse en estos cursos, comuníquese con Aida L. Sánchez, Coordinadora de Programas de Entrenamiento Ministerial en Español, a sanchai@bethanyseminary.edu o (765) 983-1821.

Póliza para observar Material Pregrabado para CEUs

Ahora ciertos eventos educativos grabados están disponibles para observar para CEUs. Las grabaciones elegibles que fueron creadas por una agencia de la Iglesia de los Hermanos, no tienen más de 10 años, y han sido ofrecidas para CEUs de acuerdo al criterio de la Academia de los Hermanos para un Liderazgo Ministerial. Tales grabaciones podrán encontrarse en las siguientes páginas web. La mayoría de las grabaciones tienen subtítulo en español.

- Discipleship Ministries: <http://www.brethren.org/webcasts/archive.html>
- Youth and Young Adult Ministries: <http://www.brethren.org/yya/webcasts.html>
- On Earth Peace: <https://www.youtube.com/user/OnEarthPeaceTV/videos>

Luego de ver una de estas grabaciones, un ministro podrá ir a la página web de la Academia de los Hermanos <https://bethanyseminary.edu/brethren-academy/> y completar un “Reporte de Educación Continua para Material Grabado”. Luego de terminar el reporte, puede imprimirlo y enviarlo por correo a la Academia de los Hermanos adjunto con la cuota de certificado. Toda sumisión será repasada por el/la Director/a de la Academia de los Hermanos antes de otorgar CEUs.

Para más detalles acerca de este nuevo proceso, favor de ir a las páginas web de la Academia de los Hermanos y haga clic en *Póliza para Observar Materiales Pregrabados*.

Si estás interesado en el ministerio, entrenamiento o la educación continua, te invito a que le des un vistazo a los que la Academia de los Hermanos tiene para ofrecer. <https://bethanyseminary.edu/brethren-academy/>

¡Sean bendecidos y a estudiar se ha dicho!

SeBAH Noticias / SeBAH News

Growth for everyone!

That's right! The Brethren Academy for Ministerial Leadership extends the opportunity for growth and education to Spanish-speaking students, whether they are in ministry training or seeking continuing education! For a long time, the Brethren Academy has been working at putting each piece in place and is finally able to offer ALL of these theological benefits to the Hispanic churches of our denomination. For students pursuing their ministry credentials, the Brethren Academy continues to offer SeBAH (Hispanic Anabaptist Bible Seminary or Seminario Biblico Anabautista Hispano) and EPMC (Education for a Shared Ministry or EFSM). For ministers who are already credentialed, there are new opportunities for earning continuing education units (CEUs): SeBAH Courses for CEUs and the *Policy for Viewing Pre-recorded Material for CEUs*.

SeBAH Courses for CEUs

I enrolled in the first continuing education course offered through SeBAH: *Seamos Iglesia!* It was offered last summer. It was a wonderful and comforting learning experience. I had the opportunity to meet and share with students from Colombia, Mexico, and different parts of the U.S. At the time, I was in Puerto Rico, away from my family, experiencing constant earth tremors, and like the whole world, praying to God to be protected from COVID-19.

At the beginning of each class, we united in prayer for each other's requests. We were also reminded of the power of the great God we serve and love. As stated in the class, God wants to open himself to us in order to communicate His project of life to humanity and all of creation. Therefore, our spiritual and academic preparation is very important.

Upcoming SeBAH courses for CEUs are being planned. Soon the following courses will be offered: *Cuidado y Consejería Pastoral y Familiar (Pastoral and Family Care and Counseling)* which will be offered during the months of February through March of 2021 and *Jesus y los Evangelios (Jesus and the Gospels)* being offered in August through September of 2021.

To learn how to register for these courses, please contact Aida L. Sánchez, Coordinator of Spanish-Language Ministry Training Programs, at sanchai@bethanyseminary.edu or (765) 983-1821.

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Policy for viewing Pre-recorded Material for CEUs

Certain recorded educational events are now available to be viewed for CEUs. Eligible recordings have been created by a Church of the Brethren agency, are no more than ten years old, and have been offered for CEUs according to the criteria of the Brethren Academy for Ministerial Leadership. Such recordings can be found on the following websites. Many of these are closed-captioned in Spanish.

- Discipleship Ministries: <http://www.brethren.org/webcasts/archive.html>
- Youth and Young Adult Ministries: <http://www.brethren.org/yya/webcasts.html>
- On Earth Peace: <https://www.youtube.com/user/OnEarthPeaceTV/videos>

After viewing one of these recordings, a minister can go to the Brethren Academy webpage <https://bethanyseminary.edu/brethren-academy/> and complete a "Continuing Education Report for Recorded Material". After the report is finished, it can be printed and mailed to the Brethren Academy along with the certificate fee. All submissions will be reviewed by the Director of the Brethren Academy before CEUs are awarded.

For more details about this new process, please go to Brethren Academy webpages and click on *Policy for Viewing Pre-recorded Materials*.

Whether you are interested in ministry training or continuing education, I invite you to check out what the Brethren Academy has to offer!
<https://bethanyseminary.edu/brethren-academy/>

Be blessed and let's go study!

Upcoming Brethren Academy English-language Courses

Courses for continuing education (2 CEUs), personal enrichment, or TRIM/EFSM credit

Register and pay for courses online:

www.bethanyseminary.edu/brethren-academy

or contact academy@bethanyseminary.edu or 765-983-1824.

Winter/Spring 2021

Church of the Brethren Polity, online

March 10–May 4, 2021

Instructor: Torin Eikler

(credits: BT, FCR)

Registration Deadline: February 3, 2021

Defining Set-Apart Ministry Within the Multivocational Reality, online

April 7–June 1, 2021

Instructor: Sandra Jenkins

(credits: MS)

Registration Deadline: March 3, 2021

Doing Church Differently: Ministry in Times of Crisis, online

May 5–June 29, 2021

Instructor: Debbie Eisenbise

(credits: MS)

Registration Deadline: March 31, 2021

The Reward of Risk: Church Planting and Revitalization Emerging in Today's Current Dynamics

Directed Independent Study in conjunction with

Church Planting Conference, virtual

May 13–15, 2021

Instructor: Stan Dueck

(credits: MS, BCE)

Registration Deadline: April 7, 2021

Summer/Fall 2021

Interpreting I Corinthians for the Twenty-First-Century Church

Directed Independent Study in conjunction with the Ministers' Association Event, virtual

June 29–June 30, 2021

Instructor: TBD

(credits, MS, AC Experience available)

Registration Deadline: May 28, 2021

Ancient & Medieval Church History, online

August 25–October 19, 2021

Instructor: Ken Rogers

(credits: BT, BTS)

Registration Deadline: July 22, 2021

Interim Ministry, online

September 15–November 9, 2021

Instructor: Tara Hornbacker

(credits: MS, BTS)

Registration Deadline: August 10, 2021

Introduction to the New Testament, online

October 13–December 7, 2021

Instructor: Matt Boersma

(credits: BT, FCR)

Registration Deadline: September 7, 2021

Technology and the Church, Zoom intensive

October 22–24 plus Oct 14 & Nov 4, 6–8pm EDT

Instructor: Dan Poole

(credits: MS, BTS)

Registration Deadline: September 17, 2021

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

For TRIM/EFSM 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

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 onsite.

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.



Events Offered by the Susquehanna Valley Ministry Center

***Pastoral Care and Crisis Intervention
Congregational Care***

March 27, 2021-Dale Leverknight

This session will provide the most basic skills pastors need to begin to offer spiritual support and comfort to persons in our care. It will benefit deacons and other lay leaders, in addition to pastors. [Click here to register](#)

***Church, Community, and Change:
Navigating Shifting Circumstances***
April 21, 2021-Denise Kettering-Lane

The global pandemic has changed the way that we participate in church and the way we understand our communities. Divisions in our denomination have raised questions about the way we interact with other Brethren. We will explore together questions around the nature of the church and Christian community in the Brethren tradition.

[Click here to register](#)



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Events Offered by the Church of the Brethren, INC.

<http://www.brethren.org/webcasts/>

McPherson College

Ventures in Christian Discipleship

The Gift of Multivocational Ministry
February 20, 2021-Dana Cassell

Exploring the gift of Multivocational ministry and its possibilities for shared ministry today. This course will highlight current realities, encouraging possibilities and theological roots of shared ministry for today.

Reformations Past and Present
March 13, 2021-Bobbi Dykema

As the contemporary church experiences seismic shifts, learn about historic times of extreme change, or reformations, which continue to shape the current and future church.

The Ministry of Jesus, Ubuntu and Cultural Competency for These Times
Part 1: May 4 and Part 2: May 11, 2021-LaDonna Sanders Nkosi

This course explores biblical examples, the ministry of Jesus, and current texts to provide helpful skill building in increasing our cultural competency, respectful multicultural engagement practices, and beloved community building.

Please check the Ventures website for more information about CEU credit or to register for their upcoming season of webinars: Ventures in Christian Discipleship.



Church Planting Conference

A Virtual Conference for New and Renewing Congregations

May 13 – 15, 2021

The Reward of Risk

"Take the thousand and give it to the one who risked the most ..."

—Matthew 25:28 The Message

Many times, in our conversations around church planting and church renewal, we talk about the possibility of failure in regard to risk. But have we ever stopped to ponder the possibility of *reward* in the midst of risk? What might it look like to celebrate those who stepped out and took a risk for the Kingdom of God? Join us as we explore and celebrate around the theme of *The Reward of Risk*.



Native New Yorker José Humphreys is a social worker, consultant and minister. José provides training around culture building, organizational development, transformative dialogue and emotionally intelligent leadership. Reverend Humphreys is also a pastor of Metro Hope Covenant Church, a multiethnic and multicultural church in East Harlem, New York City. He is involved in shalom-making through facilitating conversation, contemplation, and action across social, economic, cultural, and theological boundaries.



Christiana Rice is an on the ground practitioner and visionary voice in the Parish Church movement, serving as co-director of the The Parish Collective. She is a trainer, writer and convener, helping connect people to be the church in the neighborhood. Christiana is co-author of, *To Alter Your World: Partnering with God to Rebirth Our Communities*, with Michael Frost and lives in San Diego with her husband Derek, their two daughters and their neighborhood church community.



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 Church of the Brethren Planting Network

Sponsored by the Church of the Brethren through the office of Discipleship Ministries and the New Church Development Advisory Committee

A continuation of Church Planting Conference and a Renaissance project of Discipleship Ministries to grow vital congregations and empower every person to make a positive difference in their world through demonstrating the extraordinary God.



Conferencia de Plantación de Iglesias

Una Conferencia Virtual Para Iglesias Nuevas y en Proceso de Renovación

13-15 de mayo de 2021

La Recompensa en Arriesgarse

"Toma los mil y dáselos a quien más arriesgó." —Mateo 25:28

Muchas veces, en nuestras conversaciones sobre la plantación de iglesias y la renovación de iglesias, hablamos sobre la posibilidad de fracaso con respecto al riesgo. ¿Pero alguna vez nos hemos detenido a pensar sobre la posibilidad de la recompensa en medio del riesgo? ¿Cómo sería celebrar a los que salieron y se arriesgaron por el Reino de Dios? Únase a nosotros mientras exploramos y celebramos en torno al tema de La Recompensa en Arriesgarse.



El nativo de Nueva York, José Humphreys, es un trabajador social, consultor y ministro. José brinda capacitación sobre construcción de cultura, desarrollo organizacional, diálogo transformadora y liderazgo de inteligencia emocional. El Reverendo Humphreys también es pastor de Metro Hope Covenant Church, una iglesia multiétnica y multicultural en East Harlem, Nueva York. Está involucrado en creando-shalom por medio de facilitar conversaciones, la contemplación, y la acción a través de los límites: sociales, económicos, culturales y teológicos.



Christiana Rice es una practicante en el terreno y una voz visionaria en el movimiento de la Iglesia Parroquial, y se desempeña como codirectora del Colectivo Parroquial. Ella es capacitadora, escritora y convocante, ayudando a conectar a las personas para que sean la iglesia del vecindario. Christiana es coautora de *To Alter Your World: Partnering with God to Rebirth Our Communities*, con Michael Frost y vive en San Diego con su esposo Derek, sus dos hijas y la comunidad de la iglesia de su vecindario.



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Iglesia de los Hermanos Red de Plantación

Patrocinado por la Iglesia de los Hermanos por medio de la Oficina del Ministerio de Discipulado y el comité consultiva para el Desarrollo de la Nueva Iglesia

Una continuación de la Conferencia de Plantación de las Iglesias y un proyecto del Renacimiento de los Ministerios de Discipulado para desarrollar congregaciones de vitalidad y empoderar a cada persona en hacer una diferencia positiva en su propio mundo a través de la manifestación de nuestro Dios extraordinario.

Revised Guidelines for CEU and PE Students

The English-Language courses of the Brethren Academy are open to all interested persons, those seeking TRIM or EFSM credit, those seeking Continuing Education Units (CEUs), as well as those seeking their own Personal Enrichment (PE). We, at the Brethren Academy, believe that the blend of these three types of students has the potential to enrich classroom engagement.

Over the last several years, the Brethren Academy has been pleased to see an increase in registrations by CEU and PE students. Education for all is central to our mission. This increase has also provided an opportunity to consider how best to serve this variety of students. How do we create a classroom environment that serves everyone well? That discernment has led to the following decisions.

Beginning with the *Elements of Preaching* course this past January, some courses may have registration limits. These limits will be determined by the subject, design, and/or format of the course. Any limits placed on course registrations will be printed on the course brochure and in other publicity released by the Brethren Academy.

In addition, all courses will have requirements for all students. Students seeking TRIM or EFSM credit will have one set of requirements. CEU and PE students will have another set. These requirements will also be determined by the subject, nature and/or format of each course and will be at the discretion of the instructor. Both sets of requirements will be printed in the syllabus.

With these changes, the revised guidance for persons seeking Continuing Education or Personal Enrichment through courses of the Brethren Academy is as follows:

Apply to the Brethren Academy as a Continuing Education (CE) or Personal Enrichment (PE) student and pay the \$300 fee.

Successfully complete 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 and outlined in the syllabus.

In order for a student to receive the CE credit, the instructor must notify the Brethren Academy in writing that the student completed the course.

Director's Page

How did you spend New Year's Eve? How did you welcome New Year's Day? Judging by what I read online and what I heard around me, many of my friends and neighbors spent the holiday saying "Good riddance" to 2020 and pinning all their hopes on 2021. However, given the comments I read and heard shortly thereafter, many of those same friends and neighbors were quickly disappointed.



Perhaps it is natural to pin our hopes on the flip of a calendar page. It is only human to mark the passing of time with birthdays, anniversaries, and new year's celebrations. Yet how we do that matters.

I was moved to learn recently of the origin of Watch Night Services, a New Year's Eve tradition of prayer and praise. This tradition began in 1862 as Black slaves and free blacks gathered in churches and homes across the nation to await news of the Emancipation Proclamation, which went into effect January 1, 1863.¹ So powerful was that experience that, to this day, people of faith gather on New Year's Eve to praise God for safe passage through the ending year and hope for the year ahead.

How would it change our New Year's observations if we exchanged "Thank God" for "Good Riddance"? How would it feel if we stood at the threshold of a new year with hope and trust that the One who has seen us this far, will accompany us on? If, in the words of the beloved hymn², we might say,

*Here I raise my Ebenezer, hither by thy help I've come,
and I hope by thy good pleasure safely to arrive at home.*

God, who is with us, is with us still. Thanks be to God.

¹The African American Desk Reference, Schomburg Center for research in Black Culture
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²Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing, Robert Robinson, 1758

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