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**News from the Brethren Academy for
Ministerial Leadership**
~ ministry education for lifelong learners ~

Fall 2021

Congratulations to our 2021 Graduates!

¡Felicidades a nuestros graduados 2021!

**Seminario Bíblico Anabautista Hispano de la Iglesia de Los Hermanos /
Hispanic Anabaptist Biblical Seminary of the
Church of the Brethren (SeBAH-COB)**

Leonor Ochoa, Distrito Noreste Atlántico / Atlantic Northeast District

Training in Ministry / Ministerio en Entrenamiento (TRIM)

Rita Carter, Atlantic Northeast District / Distrito Noreste Atlántico

Jamie Nace, Atlantic Northeast District / Distrito Noreste Atlántico

David Scott, Middle Pennsylvania District / Distrito Pensilvania Central

I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. Philippians 1:3-6, NRSV

SPOTLIGHT ON UPCOMING COURSES

Introduction to New Testament October 13-December 7, 2021 8-week online course



The Church of the Brethren has long held that it has “no creed save the New Testament.” Yet the New Testament itself is a collection of books and letters of a wide range of genres, none of which resemble a traditional creed. In this course, instructor Matt Boersma will look at the various books of the New Testament and explore the world which created them. He will also look at how the texts may have interacted with each other and the Hebrew Scriptures, what the authors might have been trying to say to their audiences, and what they are still saying today.

Students will receive one Bible/Theology unit (or 2 CEUs) and TRIM students are eligible for a Bethany Theological Seminary experience. Registration deadline is September 7, 2021



The Shape of Ministry in a High-Tech World October 13, 22-24, and November 3, 2021 Zoom intensive

With a barrage of social media platforms, the need for a website presence, and the expectations of 24/7 communications, the role of a ministerial leader has shifted. In this digital age, instructor Dan Poole will explore how one can ensure that the practice of ministry remains grounded in the core principles of pastoral care and discipleship. This seminar-style course will explore the relationship of ministry to technology and investigates the practical tools that exist to enhance the work of serving God’s people as ministers of the Gospel.

Students will receive one Ministry/Ministry Skills unit (or 2 CEUs) and TRIM students are eligible for a Bethany Theological Seminary experience. Registration deadline is September 17, 2021

A Place of Refuge: Ministry in an Urban Context January 3-13, 2022 Onsite intensive in Atlanta, GA



This intensive travel seminar allows students to live and study while engaging with active, urban ministries in the city of Atlanta. The curriculum considers various styles and strategies of urban ministry and invites students to evaluate their own settings. This course is a partnership of the Brethren Academy and Bethany Theological Seminary. The Brethren Academy instructor will be Josh Brockway, director of spiritual formation and co-coordinator for Discipleship Ministries for the Church of the Brethren.

Students will receive two Ministry/Ministry Skills for this course as well as being eligible for a Bethany Theological Seminary experience and an Intercultural/Interfaith/Ecumenical Experience. Registration deadline is November 1, 2021. Any course changes required by COVID-19 restrictions will be made by October 26.

For more information on upcoming courses and to register, visit
<https://bethanyseminary.edu/brethren-academy/brethren-academy-course-listings/>

SeBAH Noticias / SeBAH News

¡Seguimos Avanzando!

Saludos y bendiciones para todos nuestros lectores. Le informamos que aquí, en la Academia de los Hermanos el programa de SeBAH-COB sigue avanzando. ¡Gloria a Dios!

Como todos ya saben, este año ha sido un año de muchos retos que a la vez nos ha ayudado a ser mas creativos con nuestra forma de reunirnos y mantener una activa comunicación entre hermanos y hermanas. Durante la Conferencia Anual 2021 pudimos tener una asistencia muy efectiva teniendo una participación de TODOS los estudiantes activos de SEBAH-COB donde 4 de los 8 estudiantes asistían por primera vez. Este año, la Conferencia Anual formó parte de la experiencia del curso del programa de SeBAH-COB. Los estudiantes mantuvieron una actitud positiva y paciente ya que fue algo innovador. Los estudiantes tendrán que entregar un informe para el mes de septiembre.

La Academia de los Hermanos ofreció recientemente el curso “Historia y Teología de la Iglesia de los Hermanos”, que fue impartido por el profesor Marcos Inhauser. El próximo curso que ofreceremos de la Iglesia de los Hermanos será:

El Evangelio de Mateo, en línea abril a junio, 2022

Instructor: Dan Ulrich

Fecha límite de inscripción: 15 de marzo de 2022

Estos cursos le dan la bienvenida a nuestros hermanos y hermanas perteneciente al programa de SeBAH-COB, a ministros ordenados y/o comisionados o simplemente aquellos que desean enriquecer sus conocimientos teológicos.

Actualmente tenemos una de nuestras estudiantes, Leonor Ochoa quien culminó exitosamente el programa de SeBAH-COB y hemos recibimos dos estudiantes más para el mismo programa.

Por otro lado, felicitamos a tres estudiantes del programa EPMC pertenecientes al distrito Pacífico Sureste quienes recientemente completaron su primera unidad y con mucho deseo se preparan para la siguiente.

Por último, queremos compartir que varios estudiantes tanto del programa de SeBAH-COB como del programa de EPMC, participarán en un taller de educación continua abierto para todos cuyo tema será: “Sanando y avanzando hacia la transformación como Iglesia: Entendiendo el trauma de una Pandemia (COVID-19)”.

Esperamos que cada uno de nuestros hermanos y hermanas del habla hispana aproveche y se enriquezca de estas grandes oportunidades.

Que la paz de Cristo sea con cada uno de ustedes,



Aida Sánchez

SeBAH Noticias / SeBAH News Continued

Keep Moving Forward!

Greetings and blessings to all our readers. We are pleased to inform you that the SeBAH-COB program is going strong here at the Brethren Academy! Glory to God!

As everyone knows, this year has held many challenges that, at the same time, have helped us to be more creative with our way of meeting and maintaining active communication with brothers and sisters. During the 2021 Annual Conference, we had a good attendance, with participation of ALL active SEBAH-COB students, 4 of whom were attending for the first time. This year, the Annual Conference was part of the SeBAH-COB course experience. The students maintained a positive and patient attitude, understanding that the virtual conference was something innovative. Students are required to submit a report by September.

The Brethren Academy recently offered the SeBAH-COB course “History and Theology of the Church of the Brethren”, which was taught by Professor Marcos Inhauser. The next course that we will be offering from the Church of the Brethren will be:

The Gospel of Matthew, online April through June 2022

Instructor: Dan Ulrich

Registration deadline: March 15, 2022

Church of the Brethren courses welcome our brothers and sisters belonging to the SeBAH-COB program, ordained and/or commissioned ministers, or simply those who wish to enrich their theological knowledge.

Recently, one of our students, Leonor Ochoa, successfully completed the SeBAH-COB program. Two new students have just begun this same program!

We also congratulate three EPMC students from the Pacific Southwest District who recently completed their first unit. They are now preparing for their next unit with hope and expectation.

Finally, we want to share that several students from both the SeBAH-COB program and the EPMC program will participate in a continuing education course open to all. The theme will be: “Healing and moving towards transformation as a Church: Understanding the trauma of a Pandemic (COVID-19)”.

We hope that each of our Spanish-speaking brothers and sisters will take advantage of, and be enriched by, these great opportunities.

May the peace of Christ be with each of you,

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Julie Mader Hostetter Brethren Academy for Ministerial Leadership Scholarship

Brethren Academy students continue to benefit from a scholarship established in the name of its former executive director, Julie Mader Hostetter.

Hostetter served as the director, and later as the executive director of the Brethren Academy for Ministerial Leadership between 2008 and 2017. Under Hostetter's leadership, the Academy's programs flourished and multiplied. Although the Brethren Academy already had several thriving English-language programs, Hostetter added two Spanish-language programs. Prior to her retirement, Hostetter oversaw five ministry training programs: Education for Shared Ministry (EFSM), Training in Ministry (TRIM), Seminario Biblico Anabautista Hispano de la Iglesia de los Hermanos (SeBAH-COB), Educación para un Ministerio Compartido (EPMC), and several Academy Certified Training Systems (ACTS).

Throughout her life, Hostetter was dedicated to the church, to education, and to professional excellence, passions she brought to her ministry with the Brethren Academy. That dedication was honored by the creation of a named scholarship in 2018. The Julie Mader Hostetter Brethren Academy for Ministerial Leadership Scholarship was established by the Hostetter family in order to sustain and build on Julie's significant legacy.

Currently, the scholarship helps students from EFSM, EPMC, and SeBAH-COB to attend Annual Conference by reimbursing a portion of their expenses. The scholarship has also made it possible to create a financial assistance opportunity for SeBAH-COB students, similar to one already available to TRIM students. Applications of scholarship funds are determined by representatives from the Brethren Academy's two partners, Bethany Theological Seminary and the Church of the Brethren.

Ongoing donations to the Julie Mader Hostetter Brethren Academy for Ministerial Leadership Scholarship are welcome. Checks may be made payable to "Brethren Academy" with "Hostetter Scholarship" in the memo line. Checks can be mailed to the Brethren Academy at 615 National Road West, Richmond, Indiana, 47374. To make other kinds of gifts, please contact the current Brethren Academy director.

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.

Summer/Fall 2021

Introduction to the New Testament, online

October 13-December 7, 2021

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(credits: B/T, FCR)

Registration Deadline: September 7, 2021

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Zoom intensive

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Instructor: Dan Poole

(credits: M/S, BTS)

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Winter/Spring 2022

*A Place of Refuge: Ministry in an
Urban Context*,

two-week intensive, Atlanta, Georgia

January 3 – 13, 2022

Instructor: Josh Brockway

(credits: 2 M/S units, IE, BTS)

Registration Deadline: November 1, 2021

Runs concurrently with Bethany Seminary course

Church of the Brethren History, online

February 2-March 29, 2022

Instructor: Denise Kettering-Lane

(credits: B/T, BTS)

Registration Deadline: December 20, 2021

Pathways for Effective Leadership, Part 1,

Zoom intensive, offered through Susquehanna

Valley Ministry Center (SVMC)

March 25-26 and April 29-30, 2022

Fridays 4 PM – 9 PM; Saturdays 8 AM – 4 PM EST

Instructor: Randy Yoder

(credits: M/S)

Registration Deadline: February 25, 2022

To register, contact Karen Hodges at

hodgesk@etown.edu

Heaven, Hell and the Afterlife, online

April 27-June 21, 2022

Instructor: Craig Gandy

(credits: B/T)

Registration Deadline: March 23, 2022

Some of the courses coming in 2022-2023

Introduction to the Hebrew Scriptures

Instructor: Matt Boersma

The Minister as Theologian

Instructor: Joelle Hathaway

Pathways for Effective Leadership, Part 2

Instructor: Randy Yoder

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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

Cursos en español de la Academia de los Hermanos

Año académico 2021-2022

Todos los cursos están disponibles para recibir crédito SeBAH-COB. Algunos cursos también pueden estar disponibles para educación continua (2 CEU) *.

Para solicitar más información o un formulario de inscripción para un curso, comunicarse con la oficina de la Brethren Academy en Academy@bethanyseminary.edu. Los cursos se ofrecen en asociación con la Agencia de Educación Menonita, la Oficina de Educación de Liderazgo y Pastoral Hispana.

Otoño 2021

Jesús y los Evangelios, en línea
Octubre a diciembre, 2021
Instructor: Luis Marco Tapia
Fecha límite de inscripción: 15 de septiembre de 2021

Metodología de la Reflexión Pastoral, en línea
Abril a junio, 2022
Instructora: Patricia Uruña
Fecha límite de inscripción: 15 de marzo de 2022

Primavera 2022

Pastoral de Acompañamiento, en línea
Enero a marzo, 2022
Instructor: Byron Pellecer
Fecha límite de inscripción: 15 de diciembre de 2021

Verano 2022

* *La Vitalidad de la Iglesia y Evangelismo*, en línea
Julio a septiembre, 2022
Instructor: Otto Kladensky, Jr.
Fecha límite de inscripción: 15 de junio de 2022

* *El Evangelio de Mateo*, en línea
Abril a junio, 2022
Instructor: Dan Ulrich
Fecha límite de inscripción: 15 de marzo de 2022

Proyecto Pastoral, en línea
Julio a septiembre, 2022
Instructor: Tony Brun
Fecha límite de inscripción: 15 de junio de 2022

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Brethren Academy Spanish-language Courses

Academic Year 2021-2022

All courses are available for SeBAH-COB credit. Some courses may also be available for continuing education (2 CEUs)*.

To request more information or a registration form for a course, contact the Brethren Academy office at Academy@bethanyseminary.edu. Courses are offered in partnership with the Mennonite Education Agency, Hispanic Pastoral and Leadership Education Office.

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 the following events.



Church of the Brethren

Events Offered by the Church of the Brethren, INC.

<http://www.brethren.org> "Events"



Ventures in Christian Discipleship

Christ, Culture, and God-talk for the Coming Church

September 14, 2021

The number of persons who confess they are "spiritual but not religious" is the fastest growing "religious" demographic in the U.S. Many are looking for new ways to name themselves and render God's name in history. Our Anabaptist forebearers composed a compelling theology for the 16th century. Our Pietist ancestors offered a creative corrective in the 17th and 18th centuries. Do we have an equally engaging God-talk for the 21st century?

Everything You wanted to Know about Race, but Were Afraid to Ask

Part 1: October 16, 2021

Part 2: November 13, 2021

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

[Ventures in Christian Discipleship](http://www.ventures.org).



Offered by the Susquehanna Valley Ministry Center

Pastoral Care and Crisis Intervention, Part IV

Saturday, October 9, 2021

Huntsdale Church of the Brethren

You will learn how to look closely at the resources any congregation has, and offer them to the community in the event of catastrophes, as well as networking and communicating with the overall emergency response personnel in your respective areas.

[Click here to register](#)

Kingdom Building in Worship

Saturday, October 30, 2021

Stone Church of the Brethren, Huntingdon, PA

This seminar is designed for anyone who has a role in planning worship: pastors, music leaders, lay ministers. Presentations and workshop components will be used to support attendees in developing a process for planning worship that is meaningful, Christ-centered, cohesive, thoughtful, and sensitive.

[Click here to register](#)

Brethren and Race

Thursday, November 4, 2021, Zoom

With the rise of the Black Lives Matter movement and concerns about racial inequity in recent years, Brethren have been asking many questions about our past history with slavery, segregation, and racial inequality in America. We will consider how Brethren history might inform more recent conversations in our congregations, communities, and countries related to race.

[Click here to register](#)

Director's Page



For Annual Conference this summer, I was privileged to offer an insight session about continuing education. The title was “Lifelong Learning vs Getting My CEUs”.

In planning, I assembled a team of presenters, each with experience in a different area of education. That left me with the tasks of making introductions and acting as emcee.

As I thought about my intro, I wondered about the difference between lifelong learning and getting those coveted continuing education units? I decided the difference is a matter of attitude. On the one hand, we can approach continuing education as something we have to do, something we are required to do. On the other hand, we can receive continuing education as something we get to do. It is an opportunity. From the latter perspective, continuing education is something that enhances our lives, our faith, and our ministries. In the words of Romans 12, the renewing of our minds transforms us, allowing us to discern what is right and good.

If you wish to view the insight session, it is still available through September on the Annual Conference site. After that, please feel free to contact the Brethren Academy for the link.

For the joy of learning,

Janet L. Ober Lambert

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