



**ACTS**

## **Academy Certified Training Systems**

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# **PROGRAM OVERVIEW**

## **Academy Certified Training Systems (ACTS)**

*Graduation from an ACTS program meets the educational requirements for ordination in the Church of the Brethren*

### **What is ACTS?**

Academy Certified Training Systems are ministry training programs, established and administered by a district ministry commission or district board, and certified by the Brethren Academy for Ministerial Leadership. ACTS were approved by Annual Conference as one way in which candidates for ordination in the Church of the Brethren may fulfill their educational requirements.

ACTS programs include twelve or more academic courses and at least four training experiences, including but not limited to Ministry Formation, Supervised Ministry, Annual Conference, and District Conference.

### **Who Offers the ACTS Program?**

The opportunity for the development of Academy Certified Training Systems was created with the 2000 publication of the Church of the Brethren Ministerial Leadership Manual. In a listing of Requirements for Ordination, the following was included:

“In special cases that have the approval of the District Ministry Commission, and where provision is made for accountability and supervision, another alternative is a district-administered program of ministry education certified by the Brethren Academy for Ministerial Leadership.” (p. AC10.7, Brethren Press: 2000.)

Each ACTS program is reviewed and certified by the Brethren Academy for Ministerial Leadership according to a set of established standards.

### **Who Can Participate in ACTS**

Persons living in a district that provides an ACTS program may consider this training track in conversation with their district ministry commission and/or district executive.

### **What Does ACTS Cost?**

Each district sets its own ACTS fees.

**Districts considering establishing an ACTS program should contact the director of the Brethren Academy, Janet Ober Lambert, at 765-983-1820 or [oberlja@bethanyseminary.edu](mailto:oberlja@bethanyseminary.edu).**