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News from the Brethren Academy for Ministerial Leadership

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Winter 2021/2022

Spotlight On Upcoming Courses

Pathways to Effective Leadership, Part 1
Zoom Intensive
March 25-26 and April 29-30, 2022
1 M/MS Unit

With national unrest, isolation born from a pandemic, and separation within the church, it has never been more important to develop the technical understanding and skills needed for good ministerial leadership. Instructor Randy Yoder will explore topics including the character and calling of a leader, recognizing servant leadership as incarnational ministry, reading a congregation and its missional context, conflict management, and nonviolent communication skills. All aspects of this course will be relevant for both full-time and multi-vocational ministers.

This course will be in two parts. The first will deal with the more technical skills for nurturing strong and relevant congregations. The second will occur in the spring of 2023 and will focus on understandings and practices for transformational leadership that contribute to healthy and vital missional congregations.

Registration deadline is **February 25.** This course is offered through Susquehanna Valley Ministry Center (SVMC) and interested persons can register here: Pathways for Effective Leadership

Heaven, Hell and the Afterlife
online, 8-weeks
April 27-June 21, 2022
1 B/T Unit

In this highly anticipated course, instructor Craig Gandy will guide participants in exploring biblical and theological understandings of Heaven, Hell, and God's judgment. We will examine topics including: Sheol and Gehenna, the destiny of the unevangelized, the parousia and day of the Lord, the restoration of creation, the resurrection of the body, and the New Heaven and New Earth. Special attention will be given to the Brethren debate over Universal Restoration.

The deadline to register for this course is **March 23.** Interested persons can register at www.bethanyseminary.edu/brethren-academy

Los Estudiantes de SeBAH-COB Se Reúnen para Discutir los Requisitos del Programa

Los estudiantes junto a su coordinadora repasaron los requisitos para completar el reporte de la Conferencia Anual, llenar los formularios para el Ministerio supervisado y tocar algunas bases para el próximo curso a ofrecerse.

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Zaida J. Ortíz- Distrito Atlántico Noreste
Aida L. Sánchez—Coordinadora de Programas de Entrenamiento Ministerial en Español
Betzaida Droz-Distrito Atlántico Noreste

abajo a la izquierda:
Arely Cantor –Honduras
Julio E. Colón- Distrito Atlántico Sudeste

SeBAH-COB Students Meet to Discuss Program Requirements

Students along with the coordinator were reviewing the requirements in order to complete the Annual Conference report, how to fill out the Supervised Ministry forms and touching base for their next upcoming course.

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Año Nuevo, Nuevas Oportunidades

Aida Sánchez

Los estudiantes tanto en el programa de SeBAH-CoB como en el programa EPMC comenzaron el año con coraje y fuerza. En medio de tiempos inciertos, nuestros estudiantes están progresando en sus habilidades ministeriales y avanzando con sus estudios.

Al comenzar un nuevo año, el programa SeBAH-CoB comienza un nuevo semestre con el curso Pastoral de Acompañamiento. Pastoral de Acompañamiento es ofrecido por la Agencia de Educación Menonita y es impartida por el profesor Byron Pellecer. El curso define algunas de las funciones y talentos pastorales, centrándose en el acompañamiento, la orientación y la dirección como herramientas que los pastores pueden usar para ayudar a otros.

Durante la primavera, dos cursos estarán disponibles para los estudiantes de SeBAH-CoB. El profesor de la Iglesia de los Hermanos Daniel W. Ulrich enseñará El Evangelio de Mateo. Este curso, que cumple con uno de los cuatro requisitos de la Iglesia de los Hermanos, se centrará en la autoridad de Jesús como el Hijo de Dios y el Mesías prometido a Israel, y en la misión de hacer discípulos de todas las naciones. El segundo curso que se ofrecerá durante este tiempo será Metodología de la Reflexión Pastoral, impartido por la profesora menonita Patricia Urueña. Los estudiantes elegirán el curso que mejor se adapte a las necesidades de su programa.

El programa SeBAH está abierto a todos los que buscan capacitación ministerial en el idioma español. El clero ordenado o comisionado también puede tomar cursos de la Iglesia de los Hermanos, como El Evangelio de Mateo, para la educación contínua. Por favor, pídame más detalles.

Mientras tanto, los estudiantes de EPMC continúan completando con éxito sus unidades de estudio. En las congregaciones inscritas en EPMC, los estudiantes del ministerio aprenden junto con los líderes laicos para adquirir conocimiento y experiencia en estudios bíblicos, habilidades ministeriales y la vida de la Iglesia de los Hermanos. EPMC es para iglesias que llaman al liderazgo desde dentro de su propia congregación para servir a esa iglesia, específicamente, como su pastor, equipo pastoral o ministro especializado.

¡Comparto con alegría que una de nuestras estudiantes de EPMC, la hermana Rita Flores, completó su programa en diciembre! ¡Celebramos con Rita y la Iglesia de Cristo Sion Iglesia de los Hermanos (PSWD)! ¡Que Dios los bendiga mientras continúan caminando juntos en el ministerio!

¡Hay mucho que celebrar sobre las ofertas que están disponibles a través de la Academia de los Hermanos! Sigamos aprovechando estas puertas que se han abierto para el ministerio hispano.

En Cristo,

Aida L. Sánchez

Coordinadora de Programas de Entrenamiento Ministerial en Español

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New Year, New Opportunities

Students in both the SeBAH-CoB program and the EPMC program began the year with courage and strength. In the midst of uncertain times, our students are progressing in their ministry skills and moving forward with their studies.

As we begin a new year, the SeBAH-CoB program begins a new semester with the course Pastoral de Acompañamiento (Pastoral Care). Pastoral de Acompañamiento is offered by the Mennonite Education Agency and is taught by Professor Byron Pellecer. The course defines some of the pastoral functions and talents, focusing on accompaniment, guidance, and direction as tools pastors may use to help others.

During the Spring, two courses will be available to SeBAH-CoB students. Church of the Brethren Professor Daniel W. Ulrich will teach El Evangelio de Mateo (The Gospel of Matthew). This course, which meets one of the four Church of the Brethren requirements, will focus on the authority of Jesus as the Son of God and the Messiah promised to Israel, and on the mission of making disciples of all nations. The second course to be offered during this time will be Metodología de la Reflexión Pastoral, taught by Mennonite Professor Patricia Urueña. Students will choose the course that best fits their program needs.

The SeBAH-COB program is open to all who seek ministry training in the Spanish-language. Ordained or commissioned clergy may also take Church of the Brethren courses, such as El Evangelio de Mateo, for continuing education. Please ask me for details.

Meanwhile, EPMC students continue to successfully complete their units of study. In congregations enrolled in EPMC, ministry students learn alongside lay leaders to gain knowledge and experience in Biblical studies, ministry skills, and the life of the Church of the Brethren. EPMC is for churches who call leadership from within their own congregation to serve that church, specifically, as its pastor, pastoral team, or specialized minster.

I share with joy that one of our EPMC students, Sister Rita Flores, completed her program in December! We celebrate with Rita and the Iglesia de Cristo Sion Church of the Brethren (PSWD)! May God bless them as they continue to journey together in ministry!

There is much to celebrate about the offerings that are available through the Brethren Academy! Let's continue to take advantage of these doors that have been opened for Hispanic ministry.

In Christ,

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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.

Spring 2022

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/MS)
Registration Deadline: February 25, 2022
To register, click here: Pathways for Effective Leadership

Heaven, Hell and the Afterlife, online
April 27-June 21, 2022
Instructor: Craig Gandy
(credits: B/T)
Registration Deadline: March 23, 2022

Summer 2022

Tempered Resilience: How Leaders Are Formed In The Crucible Of Change,
Onsite - Omaha, Nebraska
Directed Independent Study in conjunction with the Ministers' Association Event during Annual Conference
July 9-10, 2022
Instructor: Carrie Eikler
(credits: M/MS)
Registration Deadline: June 3, 2022

Fall 2022

The Minister as Theologian, online
September 7-November 1, 2022
Instructor: Joelle Hathaway
(credits: B/T, BTS)
Registration Deadline: August 3, 2022

Introduction to the Hebrew Scriptures, online
October 12-December 6, 2022
Instructor: Matt Boersma
(credits: B/T)
Registration Deadline: September 7, 2022

The Shape of Ministry in a High-Tech World,
Zoom Intensive
November 11-13, 222, with pre and post meetings
Instructor: Dan Poole
(credits: M/MS, BTS)
Registration Deadline: October 7, 2022

Winter/Spring 2022-2023

Introduction to Educational Ministry, online
January 11-March 7, 2023

Dates TBD

What Brethren Believe

Wisdom Literature

Pathways for Effective Leadership, Part 2
Zoom intensive, offered through Susquehanna Valley Ministry Center (SVMC)
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.

Primavera 2022

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

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

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

***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 is a program of McPherson College. Founded in 1887, McPherson College is a four-year liberal arts college related to the Church of the Brethren. McPherson is a town of 13,000 that is one of the top 100 small towns in the U.S., with a strong diversified economic base, located in central Kansas 50 miles north of Wichita.

McPherson College offers over 30 areas of study including pre-professional programs and the unique option to create a student-designed major allow students to combine select courses throughout the curriculum to meet their specific personal and professional goals.

VENTURES IN CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

Ventures in Christian Discipleship

Peace, Violence, and Nonviolence
March 24 and March 3, 2022
Presenter: Katy Gray Brown and Virginia Rendler

This course provides a groundwork for the central concepts in peace studies. Students will consider definitions of power; different forms of violence and their interconnection, with a particular discussion of militarism and zealous nationalism as forms of fundamentalism; and central concepts of nonviolence (both principled and strategic).

From Tragedy to Community
March 31, 2022
Presenter: Andrew Sampson

Churches are a part of their communities and connections can be created through unfortunate or tragic circumstances. In this course, we will talk together about how church congregations and church leaders/pastors can work through situations that are difficult to be prepared for in ways that build trust and community for everyone involved.

Spirituality on the Screen
May 2, 2022
Presenter: Walt Wiltschek

Even while culture seems to be drifting away from organized religion according to many recent surveys, faith pops up all over the place in television and film and elsewhere in media culture. How are God and other parts of faith being portrayed? And are these intersections a good thing? Join us to dig in deeper and discuss together.

To Register for these Ventures courses,
click here.

More Continuing Education

Offered by the Susquehanna Valley Ministry Center

Nurturing Ministry Skills Series:
Coping with 2 Years of a Pandemic: Care for Self and for Others
March 7, 2022 ; Zoom
Presenter: Jim Higginbotham, Professor of Pastoral Care and Counseling at Earlham School of Religion

The Nurturing Ministry Skills series is available to both clergy and laity.
Register here

Kingdom Building in Worship
April 2, 2022 at Stone COB, Huntingdon, PA
Presenters: Cindy Laprade Lattimer, Marty Keeney and Loren Rhodes.

Description: Sundays are relentless. Worship happens every...single...week. It is a spiritual, cognitive, emotional, and sensory experience. But without careful planning, worship can easily become stale, unimaginative, and bland. This seminar is designed for anyone who has a role in planning worship: pastors, music leaders, lay ministers. We will use both presentations and workshop components to support attendees in developing a process for planning worship that is meaningful, Christ-centered, cohesive, thoughtful, and sensitive.
Register here

Tangled Roots: Why Anabaptism and Pietism are not opposites and how they influenced the Brethren
April 28, 2022 at Elizabethtown College
Presenter: Jeff Bach

Description: Jeff Bach explores the Anabaptist movement and the Pietist movement, demonstrating that they are not opposites, but have overlapping points of emphasis. He will show how the combined, mingled influences gave shape to the emerging Brethren movement.
Register here

Preaching and Spiritual Care
October 20, 2022 at Juniata College
Presenter: Down Ottoni-Wilhelm

Description: Through moments of spiritual reflection and opportunities for prayer and study, participants will consider how you may incorporate spiritual care into your sermon preparation and preaching. In addition to brief lectures and small group discussions, we will look and listen to God's presence with one another and there will be opportunities to draw from spiritual exercises in developing an upcoming sermon.
Register here

Director's Page

A colleague of mine recently reflected that pastoral ministry can give you whiplash. In the course of a week, a day, or even an hour, ministers can experience great highs and great lows - births, weddings, and baptisms alongside deaths, divorces, and personal crises. While this is true, there are also times in ministry that it feels like not much happens. Nothing or no one changes, and our ministries can feel motionless, even stagnant. In either scenario, ministers can become a bit lost and disoriented.

As I write this, we have just celebrated Epiphany, the arrival of the magi who came to honor Jesus, the newborn king. As I reread the story this year, found in Matthew 2, one verse stood out to me. In the NRSV, verse 9 reads "When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen on its rising". That same verse, from The Message, reads "Instructed by the king, they set off. Then the star appeared again, the same star they had seen in the eastern skies."

For some reason, I have always thought of the star as a constant, a beacon guiding the magi all the way to Bethlehem. But what if they actually, at some point, lost sight of the star? Could they have been traveling without a clear sense of direction? Could they, themselves, have become disoriented during their journey?

All I know is that I am strangely comforted by this idea, that even the dedicated, learned, wise men who first sought to know and honor Jesus, even they may have felt lost and in need of direction. And God provide for them! God provided what they needed, when they needed it most – a star for re-orientation, one that would guide them to the source of their hope.

May the same provision be made for each of us, according to our need, as we minster in the name and way of Jesus, our Bright Morning Star.

Janet L. Ober Lambert

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