

Brethren Academy for Ministerial Leadership proudly offers

# A Place of Refuge: Ministry in an Urban Context

ONSITE IN ATLANTA, GA

JANUARY 9-18, 2023

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## Course Description and Objectives

This course represents an educational partnership with Pastor Bruce Deel and City of Refuge Ministries®, along with Discipleship Ministries of the Church of the Brethren. This course will also explore the ministries of other faith-based groups in metro Atlanta, exposing students to a variety of styles and strategies for addressing the complex issues of ministry in large urban contexts. This will be an immersive urban experience with a focus on the ministries of care in Atlanta dedicated to the goals Jesus outlined in Matthew 25.

Students will also be introduced to the networking approach to capacity building that is necessary for partnerships that minister with marginalized communities in the city. This will involve an exploration of the “collective impact” that results when leaders from the three main sectors—non-profit, public and government—advocate for the voiceless through collaborative efforts.

This course is available to:

- TRIM/EFSM students- fulfills 2 MS units and BTS and IE Experiences
- Those seeking Continuing Education Units (2.0 CEU)
- Anyone seeking personal and spiritual enrichment

Essentially, this course is open to ALL!

Course fee \$300.00

**Registration deadline:**

**November 1, 2022**

- *Think critically* about the complexities of ministry with marginalized communities in an urban context.
- *Identify* the major challenges of ministry with marginalized populations in an urban context.
- *Define* the core theological concepts that inform ministry in an urban context in a manner that reflects an understanding of ministry that is *inspirational, incarnational and improvisational*.

## Instructor: Joshua Brockway

Joshua Brockway is the director of spiritual formation and co-coordinator for Discipleship Ministries of the Church of the Brethren. He holds a PhD in Church History from The Catholic University of America and has served in ministry in Indiana and the city of Atlanta.

## Travel Grant

The Brethren Academy will provide a travel stipend of up to \$300 for Academy students to offset travel costs. Reimbursement to be made upon submission of travel receipts. The Brethren Academy will provide an expense form.

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**Course Withdrawal Refund Policy**

100% of course fee prior to registration deadline  
50% from the registration deadline to the first day of class  
No refunds will be given once the class has begun  
Exceptions require the approval of the Director of the Brethren Academy

**To earn CEU credit**

Participant will

- Meet the attendance requirement
- Complete the assigned reading
- Engage in the course through participation and required Moodle posts.
- Complete reduced assignments as outlined in the syllabus

**Required Texts to be Read Prior to Course**

Deal, Bruce. *Trust First*. New York, NY: Optimism Press, 2019.

Leong, David P. *Race and Place*. Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 2017.

Lupton, Robert D. *Toxic Charity: How Churches and Charities Hurt Those They Help (and How to Reverse It)*. New York, NY: HarperOne, 2011.

**Participants**

This course is offered at the Academy level and is open to Brethren Academy students and clergy.

For TRIM students, successful completion of this course will earn two Academy Level units in **Ministry/Ministry Skills** studies and complete the requirement for the **Bethany Seminary Experience and Ecumenical Experience**. Pastors will earn two continuing education credits (2.0 CEUs).

This course will be held in conjunction with a graduate level course taught by Bethany's Assistant Professor of Ministry Formation, Dan Poole.

Housing will be in dormitory -style accommodations provided on the campus of the City of Refuge <https://cityofrefugeatl.org/>. Due to the nature of these accommodations, it will be necessary for all participants to be vaccinated against COVID-19.

Students will travel to Atlanta on January 9, 2023. Class sessions are planned for January 10 through January 18. Students can plan to arrange for return travel on either the evening of January 18 or on January 19.

As an attendee of this event, you may be included in still photos, videotaped footage, news articles, informational brochures or other media used to interpret the mission and purpose of Bethany Theological Seminary, the Church of the Brethren, and the Brethren Academy.

**There are five (5) spots available for Brethren Academy students.**

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[Register online](#) or fill out following information and return, along with payment to:

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Best contact phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

I will be taking this course for: \_\_\_ TRIM credit \_\_\_ EFSM credit \_\_\_ CEUs (2) \_\_\_ personal enrichment

**Course Fee: \$300 payable to Brethren Academy**

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