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

Fall 2022

Spotlight On Upcoming Courses



A Place of Refuge: Ministry in an Urban Context
January 9-18, 2023
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, 2022.

Due to the nature of the accommodations, it will be necessary for all participants to be vaccinated against COVID-19.

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

How do we learn? Physically, learning is described as a process of sensing stimuli, short-term memory, and long-term memory that creates a series of pathways in the brain. The more a pathway is used, the stronger it becomes. From a more practical standpoint, however, we learn when we are motivated to learn. The instructor will be Gene Hollenberg, Executive Director of Camp Alexander Mack.



Students will receive one credit for Ministry/Ministry Skills. Registration deadline is December 7, 2022.

For more information on upcoming courses and to register, visit

<https://bethanyseminary.edu/brethren-academy/brethren-academy-course-listings/>

Brethren Academy Honors Graduates

The Brethren Academy for Ministerial Leadership celebrated 17 graduates during the Bethany Seminary/Brethren Academy Luncheon held on July 12, 2022 at Annual Conference in Omaha, Nebraska. These 17 completed their programs during the past three years, but had been unable to celebrate together due to the pandemic. Nine completed Training in Ministry (TRIM); seven completed Seminario Bíblico Anabautista Hispano de la Iglesia de los Hermanos (SeBAH-COB); and one completed Educación para un Ministerio Compartido (EPMC).

The 2022 graduates are David Crumrine (TRIM) and Michelle Leonard (TRIM).
Congratulates to all!

Pictured, from left to right are: Front row: E.B. Shoemaker, Rita Flores, Mayra Calix, Leonor Ochoa, Arlyn Morales, David Flores

Back row: Michelle Leonard, Mike Trott, David Scott, David Crumrine

Not pictured: Rita Carter, Gene Hollenberg, Kristie Prejean, Jamie Nace, Nertha Castro, Egda Franco and Becky Zapata

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TRIM/EFSM Orientation 2022

During our 2022 orientation, held July 26-28, the Brethren Academy for Ministerial Leadership joyfully welcomed 10 new TRIM students. The two-and-a-half days at Bethany Seminary were filled with worship, classroom experiences, and collegial relationship-building. The students also began the Introduction to Biblical Studies course. Districts represented include: Atlantic Northeast, Atlantic Southeast, Northern Indiana, Illinois/Wisconsin, Northern Plains. and South/Central Indiana. Blessings to these new students as they begin their exciting journey!

From left to right: Front: Brandon Gall, Betsy Kuecker, Deborah Cook, Becky Shipman, Krista Hernandez

Back: David Vasquez, Christopher Brock, Natasha McKinney, Diana Verhulst, Angel Gonzalez.

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Staff Transition: Carrie Eikler

On July 29, 2022, Carrie Eikler stepped down from her position as Coordinator of English-Language Ministry Training Programs for the Brethren Academy. Carrie had served in this role since February 2014.

During her time with the Brethren Academy, Carrie coordinated all aspects of the Training in Ministry (TRIM) and Education for Shared Ministry (EFSM) programs. In addition, Carrie provided instruction for Directed Independent Study Units (DISU) offered annually in conjunction with the Pre-Conference Ministers' Association Event. Carrie also created and taught Practical Ministry Colloquium (PMC), a TRIM course in practical ministry that helps students prepare for their ministry internships. In addition, Carrie provided facilitation for a clergywomen's cohort through the Brethren Academy's Strength for the Journey program

In early August, Carrie began a new position as Admission Visit and Events Coordinator at Goshen College, Goshen, Indiana.

A search is underway for a new Coordinator of English-Language Ministry Training Programs.

Strength for the Journey Applications Now Being Accepted



Applications for **Strength for the Journey**, a new offering from the Brethren Academy, will be accepted through October 30, 2022. To read the program description or apply, visit <https://bethanyseminary.edu/brethren-academy/strength-for-the-journey/>

SFTJ offers resources for up to five ministry cohorts each year. Cohorts of 5-8 ministers meet via Zoom for ten to twelve, ninety-minute sessions during the year. Each group is assisted by a skilled convener, a designated Zoom account, and a budget for resources. Additional funds are available to help groups gather in person at the end of their year, if they so choose.

Every cohort incorporates time for worship and prayer, as well as continuing education. Continuing Education Units (CEUs) will be awarded for the latter.

Ministers may choose from three different types of cohorts when they apply.

A Deep Dive Cohort – Participants engage in a conversation about a topic of mutual interest.

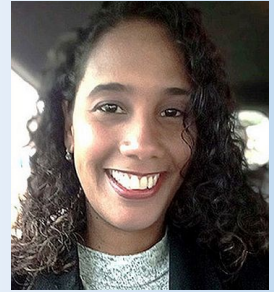
Explore a book, an area of ministry, a social concern, etc.

A Specialized Ministry Cohort – Specialize Ministry Cohorts allow those who share a calling to gather for mutual support as well as personal and professional growth.

A Case Study Cohort – Participants draw on the collective wisdom of their cohort as they bring case studies for discussion from their own ministry settings.

Strength for the Journey is a program of the Brethren Academy for Ministerial Leadership, a partnership of Bethany Theological Seminary and the Church of the Brethren. Funding for registration and resources, as well as some assistance with travel is provided through the David J. and Mary Elizabeth Wieand Trust.

SeBAH Noticias / SeBAH News



Nuevas Ofertas-

Saludos nuevamente desde la Academia de los Hermanos para el Liderazgo Ministerial.

Los estudiantes en el Programa de Educación para un Ministerio Compartido (EPMC) han experimentado un nuevo formato del curso “Introducción a los Estudios Bíblicos”. Diseñado por el Dr. Marcos Inhauser, este formato usa una serie de videos muy creativos y fáciles de seguir. Los estudiantes son guiados en como trabajar con textos bíblicos para su uso personal, la enseñanza y la predicación. El examen final envuelve a los estudiantes a grabarse a sí mismo predicando o enseñando, utilizando los métodos que han aprendido en el curso. Los estudiantes vigentes han disfrutado de esta forma innovadora de estudio. Le damos las gracias al Dr. Marcos por tener un espíritu tan creativo.

El próximo curso para los estudiantes del Seminario Bíblico Anabautista Hispano (SeBAH) será “Comprendiendo la Biblia”. Este curso será enseñado por la Profesora Patricia Urueña durante los meses de octubre a diciembre 2022. El enfoque de este curso es la naturaleza y la interpretación de las Escrituras.

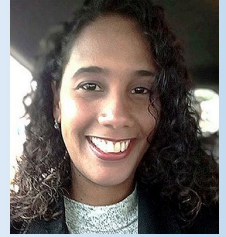
Le recordamos que muchos de nuestros programas ofrecen la oportunidad de crecimiento espiritual personal y / o para obtener CEU. Pregúntanos cómo escribiéndonos a sanchai@bethanyseminary.edu.

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New Offers-

Greetings again from the Brethren Academy for Ministerial Leadership.

Students in the Educación para un Ministerio Compartido (EPMC) program have experienced a new format of the course “Introduction to Bible Studies”. Designed by Dr. Marcos Inhauser, this format uses a series of very creative and easy to follow videos. Students are guided in how to work with biblical texts for the use of personal study, teaching, and preaching. The final exam involves students recording themselves preaching or teaching using the methods they learned in the course. Current EPMC students have enjoyed this innovative form of study. We thank Dr. Marcos for having such a creative spirit!

The next course for students in the Seminario Bíblico Anabautista Hispano (SeBAH) program will be “Understanding the Bible”. This course will be taught by Professor Patricia Urueña during the months of October to December 2022. The focus of this course is the nature and interpretation of Scripture.

We remind you that many of our programs provide the opportunity for personal spiritual growth and/or to obtain CEU's. Ask us how by writing to sanchai@bethanyseminary.edu.

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Upcoming Brethren Academy English-language Courses

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

Register and pay for courses online:

www.bethanyseminary.edu/brethren-academy

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

Fall 2022

The Shape of Ministry in a High-Tech World,

Zoom Intensive

November 11-13, 2022, with pre and post meetings

Instructor: Dr. Dan Poole

(credits: M/MS, BTS)

Registration Deadline: October 7, 2022

January Intensive 2023

A Place of Refuge: Ministry in an Urban Context,

two-week intensive, Atlanta, Georgia

January 9-18, 2023

Instructor: Dr. Josh Brockway

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

Registration Deadline: November 1, 2022

Runs concurrently with Bethany Seminary course

Winter/Spring 2022-2023

Introduction to Educational Ministry,
online

January 11-March 7, 2023

Instructor: Dr. Gene Hollenberg

(credits: M/MS)

Registration Deadline: December 7, 2022

Spring 2022-2023

Wisdom Literature, online

March 15-May 9, 2023

Instructor: Dr. Steve Schweitzer

(credit: B/T, BTS)

Registration Deadline: February 1, 2023

Pathways for Effective Leadership, Part 2

Zoom intensive, offered through Susquehanna

Valley Ministry Center (SVMC)

March 24 & 25; April 28 & 29, 2023

Fri: 4 pm-9 pm; Sat: 8 am-4 pm

Instructor: Dr. Randy Yoder

(credit: M/MS)

Registration Deadline: February 24, 2023

To register, contact Karen Hodges at

hodgesk@etown.edu

What Brethren Believe, online

April 19-June 13, 2023

Instructor: Dr. Denise Kettering-Lane

(credit: B/T, BTS)

Registration Deadline: March 8, 2023

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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/EFMS Students Only: BCE – Brethren College/Connections Experience,
BTS – Bethany Experience, IE-Intercultural/Interfaith/Ecumenical Experience,
B/T-Bible/Theology, M/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 2022

Comprendiendo la Biblia, en línea
 Octubre a Diciembre
 Instructor: Patricia Urueña, MthS
 Fecha límite de inscripción:
 15 e septiembre de 2022

Primavera 2023

* *La Ética, Política y Administración de la COB*, en línea
 Abril a Junio
 Instructor: Ramon Torres
 Fecha límite de inscripción:
 4 de marzo de 2023

Invierno 2023

Teoría y Práctica del Liderazgo Pastoral, en línea
 Enero a Marzo
 Instructor: Patricia Urueña, MthS
 Fecha límite de inscripción:
 4 de diciembre de 2022



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Brethren Academy Spanish-language Courses

Academic Year 2022-2023

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.



**Offered by the
Susquehanna Valley Ministry Center**

Violent Extremism, Radicalization and Boko Haram

October 19, 2022 at Stone CoB

Presenter: Dr. Amr Abdulla

Developing a more sophisticated understanding of violent extremism and terrorism with special attention to the Boko Haram movement in Nigeria and the violence suffered by Ekklesiyar Yan'uwa a Nigeria (Church of the Brethren in Nigeria)

[Register here](#)

Brethren Heritage—A virtual tour from Schwarzenau to North America

October 24, 2022

Presenter: Nevin Dulabaum

Join this virtual heritage tour of the places and themes that led to the Brethren movement.

[Register here](#)



Church of the Brethren

**Events Offered by the
Church of the Brethren, INC.**

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



Ventures in Christian Discipleship

*Human Trafficking: A Call for the Church to
Respond*

Saturday, November 12, 2022

Presenter: Vivek Solanky

In the post-modern world, there is a misconception that human trafficking no longer exists. But, in fact, hundreds of people are trafficked locally and globally, where they are abused, threatened, and exploited for commercial purposes. Among several types of trafficking, sex trafficking and cyber trafficking occur the most in the United States.

*Beyond Burned Out to Boundaries and
Balance*

Tuesday, December 6, 2022

Presenter: Jen Jensen

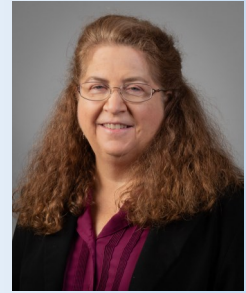
An increasing number of congregations are being served by ministers in part-time capacities. This structure creates both opportunities and tensions around congregational roles and tasks. Incorporating recent research on resilience in leadership published by the Seattle School of Theology and Psychology, Jen Jensen will invite congregational leaders to consider how to build resilience and care for one another to create healthy balance in congregational patterns.

To Register for these Ventures courses, [click here](#).

Director's Page



On a recent trip to England, my husband and I worshipped at his home church, St. Mary's Church of England, Hemel Hempstead. In recent years, the congregation at St. Mary's has been opening the church's doors every day for visitors who wish to pray, light a candle, look around, or simply be in its sacred spaces. That invitation has been well received, with visitors nearly every day.



Some leave evidence by lighting a candle or donating to the work of the church. Others come and go quietly, with only God as a witness. Over time, there have been occasional acts of vandalism while the doors were unlocked. But none of that has deterred the congregation from its commitment to allow access and offer hospitality. After all, a church is not measured by how full the pews are Sunday morning, but rather by its impact all week long.

May we seek to be church together, in whatever ways God calls us, each and every day.

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