

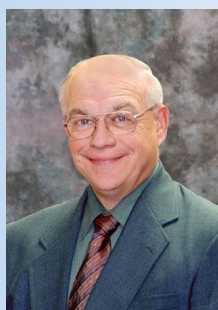
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**News from the Brethren Academy for
Ministerial Leadership**
~ ministry education for lifelong learners ~

Spring 2023

Spotlight On Upcoming Courses

Pathways for Effective Leadership, Part II
March 24 & 25 and April 28 & 29, 2023
Zoom Intensive



This course, taught by Dr. Randy Yoder, will focus on transformational leadership. When the Body of Christ is struggling for effective ministry in a world needing Good News, it calls for creative thinking that is outside the box of the usual. Change is difficult for any system and requires special insights and skills to prepare an organization for another way of living and practicing ministry. The leader must be transformed as well as the church system.

This course is part two of the course offered in Spring of 2022. It is not required that you take Part I to take Part II.

Registration deadline is February 24, 2023. This course is offered through Susquehanna Valley Ministry Center (SVMC) and interested persons can register here: [Pathways for Effective Leadership, Part II](#).

What Brethren Believe
April 19-Jun3 13, 2023, online



What do Brethren believe? How do these beliefs translate into practice? This course, taught by Dr. Denise Kettering-Lane, will answer these questions and others by exploring Brethren beliefs related to a variety of issues, including Scripture, the person of Jesus Christ, the Holy Spirit, the nature of the church, original sin, and the end times. We will discuss how these beliefs shape our understanding of Brethren ordinances, such as baptism, Love Feast, anointing, nonresistance, and nonconformity. Particular attention will be paid to the Pietist and Anabaptist origins of Brethren beliefs. The course will also examine how these beliefs and practices have changed over time and consider the diversity of beliefs found among Brethren today.

The deadline to register for this course is March 15. Interested persons can register at www.bethanyseminary.edu/brethren-academy.



DISCIPLES

Called, Equipped, and
in the Neighborhood!

—Matthew 28:16-20; Ephesians 4:11-16; John 20:19-20

Disciples – Called, Equipped, and Into the Neighborhood!

Directed Independent Study in conjunction with the New and Renew Conference,
Virtual and In-person

Zoom May 16, Conference May 17-19, Zoom May 22

1 M/MS Unit and Brethren Connection Experience

The Church of the Brethren is hosting their bi-annual New and Renew Conference (formerly called Church Planting Conference) in Elgin, Illinois from May 17-19, 2023. Along with workshops, breakout sessions and worship, the conference will host keynote speaker, Jessie Cruickshank, who is an ordained minister and nationally recognized expert in the fields of discipleship and neuroeducation. She holds a Master's from Harvard in Mind, Brain, and Education. Cruickshank is also a published academic, author, and serves on multiple boards internationally



In conjunction with this conference, Stan Dueck, M.Div., PCC, ACPEC, will teach a directed independent study (DISU) that will enable students to delve more deeply into the theme for the conference. Students will meet via Zoom before the conference on May 16 from 9am-noon and 1-4pm Central Time. Following the conference, students will meet via Zoom on May 22 from 1-3pm Central Time. Students may participate in conference online or in-person. This course is open to TRIM and EFSM students, and persons interested in Continuing Education or Personal Enrichment.

The deadline to register for this DISU course is April 11, 2023. Interested persons can register at www.bethanyseminary.edu/brethren-academy. Please choose option "Directed Independent Study" and pay the fee of \$115.

Registration for the conference must be done separately.

Participants in the DISU may register for the New and Renew Conference using [this link](#).

Meet the new Coordinator for English-Language Ministry Training Programs



Hello! My name is Audrey Hollenberg-Duffey, and in addition to my new role with the Brethren Academy, I am a co-pastor with my spouse, Tim. During our 8+ years of ministry we have served two congregations together: the Oakton Church of the Brethren in northern Virginia (current) and the Hagerstown Church of the Brethren in western Maryland (past). I am a graduate of Bridgewater College (2011) and Bethany Theological Seminary (2014), and I anticipate graduating with a Doctor of Ministry degree from Wesley Theological Seminary in May 2023.

On a more personal level, I have two beautiful children: Anita who just turned 4 (born on Christmas Day!) and Ira who is 8 months old. In addition to spending time with my family, and my furbabies (2 cats and 1 dog), I enjoy baking, running (I am currently training for a 10-miler), and gardening in the Oakton COB Community Garden.

I am slowly but surely learning the ropes of this new position. I have already felt the Spirit moving as I have met and made connections with Academy students and those who support them. May God continue to bless the ministry we do together!

TRIM Updates

The Training in Ministry (TRIM) program is undergoing some changes that will be rolled out in 2023. The biggest change in the new TRIM requirements is that 10 college courses will no longer be required, reducing the total number of courses from 30 to 20. In addition, there are various thematic courses that will now be required, including courses that must be taken from a Church of the Brethren perspective. New TRIM students will automatically enter under the new requirements. Current students will be allowed to opt into the new requirements if it benefits their progress toward completion of TRIM. Be on the lookout for more information coming soon.

SeBAH Noticias / SeBAH News



La Academia de los Hermanos continúa ofreciendo programas de capacitación ministerial en español. Continuamos ofreciendo los programas educativos SeBAH-CoB y EPMC. Asimismo, ofrecemos cursos de educación continua para todos aquellos ministros que deseen adquirir CEU's, y/o crecimiento personal.

El programa SeBAH ahora ofrece cursos de educación continua 2 veces al año. Por lo general, estos cursos se ofrecerán durante los meses de febrero y luego en septiembre. Cada curso tendrá una duración de 6 semanas (6 sábados consecutivos). Al finalizar, el estudiante recibirá un certificado de finalización.

Para más información contáctatenos a: sanchai@bethanyseminary.edu

The Brethren Academy continues to offer ministry training programs in Spanish. We continue to offer SeBAH-CoB and EPMC educational programs. Also, we offer continuing education courses for all those ministers who wish to acquire CEU's, and / or personal growth.

The SeBAH program now offers continuing education courses 2 times a year. Usually, these courses will be offered during the months of February and then in September. Each course will have a duration of 6 weeks (6 consecutive Saturdays). Upon completion, the student will receive a certificate of completion.

For more information contact our offices at sanchai@bethanyseminary.edu

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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 2022-2023

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

(Pathways for Effective Leadership, Part I is not a prerequisite)

To register click here, [Pathways for Effective Leadership, Part II](#).

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(credit: B/T, BTS)

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Directed Independent Study in conjunction with the New and Renew Conference.

Zoom May 16, conference May 17-19, and

Zoom May 22, 2023

Instructor: Stan Dueck

(credits: 1 M/MS, BCE)

Registration Deadline: April 12, 2023

[Conference registration](#) is separate & required

Summer 2023

Healing Racial Trauma,

Onsite – Cincinnati, Ohio

Directed Independent Study in conjunction with the Ministers' Association Event during Annual Conference

July 3-4, 2023

Instructor: Audrey Hollenberg-Duffey

(credits: 1 M/MS Unit)

Registration Deadline: May 29, 2023

[Conference registration](#) is separate & required

Fall 2023

Church of the Brethren History

Online, offered through Susquehanna

Valley Ministry Center (SVMC)

September 11—November 5, 2023

Instructor: Craig Gandy

(credit: B/T)

Registration Deadline: August 7, 2023

To register, contact Karen Hodges at

karenhodges@svmccob.org

Introduction to Hebrew Scriptures, online

October 11 – December 5, 2023

Instructor: Dr. Matt Boersma

(credits: 1 B/T, FCR)

Registration Deadline: September 6, 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/EFSM 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 2022-23

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 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

Teología del Ministerio Pastoral,
en línea
Abril a Junio
Instructor: Marcos Acosta (MEA)
Fecha límite de inscripción:
4 de marzo de 2023

Otoño 2023

Teoría y Práctica del Liderazgo Pastoral, en línea
Julio a Septiembre
Instructor: Patricia Urueña (MEA)
Fecha límite de inscripción:
4 de Junio de 2023

Espiritualidad y Discipulado Chritiano
en línea
Octubre a Diciembre
Instructor: Luis Marcos Tapia (MEA)
Fecha límite de inscripción:
4 de Septiembre de 2023



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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**

Ministering to Those with Addictions and Their Families.

March 6, 13, 20, 2023, Zoom

Presenter: Blaine Miner

This 3-part online series will take an in-depth look at addictions and how to minister to both the addict and their family.

Theology of the Holy Spirit

March 29, 2023, Juniata College

Presenter: Joelle Hathaway

This course explores the doctrine of the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of Life, through the lens of God as Triune Creator. The Holy Spirit has often been the neglected member of the Godhead. This session will emphasize the role of the Holy Spirit.

For more information, or to register for these and other events, [click here](#).



Church of the Brethren

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

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



Ventures in Christian Discipleship

*Strategies for Leading Positive Change in
Congregations*

March 6 & 7, 2023

Presenter: Greg Laszakovits

In this two part course participants will learn two strategic models for leading positive change in the life of their congregation: Lawson's Architecture and the Marathon Training Model.

Deep Compassionate Listening

April 15, 2023

Presenter: Barbara Daté

In order to build good communication, we need many tools in our toolbox. This skill-development workshop will explore human behavior in a mini-lecture, illustrated with vignettes that convey what conversations sounds like with no skills used and then what they sounds like with skills used. Participants will have the opportunity for written practice and small-group sharing.

Beyond Burned Out to Boundaries and Balance

May 9, 2023

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. 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](#).

Strength for the Journey Cohorts



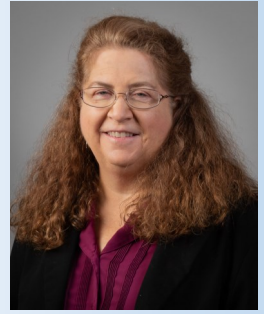
This January, four new cohorts began meeting as part of the revised Strength for the Journey program (SFTJ). Each cohort is focused on a different area of ministry: There is a cohort for those engaged in interim ministry, one for women serving in district leadership, another for chaplains serving in long-term care settings, and a cohort of pastors focused on pastoral care. These four cohorts will meet by Zoom throughout the year, assisted by skilled conveners. Conveners help with scheduling, resourcing, and maintaining a safe and sacred space for all participants.

In addition to these new cohorts, which are meeting virtually, one in-person cohort is planning their closing retreat this spring. The group of clergywomen began meeting prior to the pandemic, and adapted to Zoom when necessary. Having persevered, they will conclude their time together with one final in-person gathering.

Strength for the Journey is a continuing education program of the Brethren Academy that is open to all Church of the Brethren clergy who serve in ministries recognized by the denomination. To learn more about the program, visit <https://bethanyseminary.edu/brethren-academy/strength-for-the-journey/>. Cohorts for 2024 will be forming next fall.

Director's Page

Over the last several years, the Brethren Academy staff has become more and more decentralized. When I came to the Academy in 2017, all four staff members lived within driving distance and came to campus regularly. Now, only Fran and I are based in Richmond, Indiana while our program coordinators, Aida and Audrey, work from their homes, in Florida and Virginia respectively.



Remote work is becoming more common for many organizations. And for all engaged in it, there are both challenges and opportunities. As a team, we work intentionally to stay connected with each other and those we serve. For this, Zoom, WhatsApp, text messaging, email, sharing software, and the old fashioned phone are our friends!

Of course, we still look forward to times we can be together in person. There is nothing quite like a face-to-face conversation! Which is why Audrey and Aida met up recently while Audrey was visiting the Sunshine State!

Aida, Audrey, Fran and I - we are your Brethren Academy team, finding new ways to serve our student, partners, and friends.

To God be the glory.

Janet

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