

# *The Scroll*

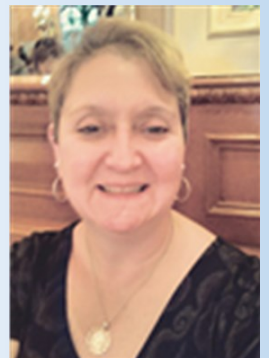
**News from the Brethren Academy for  
Ministerial Leadership**  
*~ ministry education for lifelong learners ~*

**Summer 2023**

## **Spotlight On Upcoming Courses**

**Defining Set-Apart Ministry within the Multivocational Reality**  
**September 6 – October 31, 2023**  
**Instructor: Sandra Jenkins**  
**Online, 8-weeks**

This course will explore the set-apart ministry within the multivocational context, including the rewards and challenges for both pastor and congregation. Instructor and multivocational minister Sandra Jenkins will teach this course. Topics include the multivocational ministry of the Apostle Paul and an investigation of 1 Timothy, 2 Timothy, and Titus. Students in this course will also learn how time management, leader motivation, and an understanding of mission are all important skills for multivocational ministry.



The deadline to register for this course is August 2.

**Introduction to Hebrew Scriptures**  
**October 11 – December 5, 2023**  
**Instructor: Matt Boersma**  
**Online, 8-weeks**



While the Church of the Brethren has long held the New Testament as its focus, the Old Testament or Hebrew Bible is the basis of much of the New Testament's faith. This course, taught by Hebrew scholar Matt Boersma, will work through the various books of the Hebrew Bible and look at their ancient context, their influence on the New Testament, and modern theories about these texts.

The deadline to register for this course is September 6

Interested persons can register for these courses at [www.bethanyseminary.edu/brethren-academy](http://www.bethanyseminary.edu/brethren-academy).

## TRIM Updates

### *The Summons: Ministry Training and Discipleship*

There is a great hymn, written by Scottish minister and musician John Bell, called *The Summons*. This hymn is written in the voice of God, summoning someone to heed the call to follow and never be the same. The first stanza goes like this:

Will you come and follow me  
If I but call your name?  
Will you go where you don't know  
And never be the same?  
Will you let my love be shown,  
Will you let my name be known,  
Will you let my life be grown  
In you and you in me?

This hymn echoes the calling of the first disciples of Jesus. In the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus calls Peter, Andrew, James, and John to follow him so that he can teach them to be “fishers of people.” The narrator tells us that upon hearing the call of Jesus, they immediately leave their nets and their boats to follow him (Matt 4:18-22). For the next few years, Jesus taught and trained them, alongside the other disciples, to be faithful followers and leaders. Their lives were forever changed when they answered the summons, and they would go on to change the lives of many in Jesus’s name.

Those who heed the summons of Christ to enter a season of learning and training through the TRIM and EFSM programs will explore these themes together at the annual summer orientation. New students and their coordinators/supervisors leave behind their own versions of nets and boats at orientation in order to begin the journey of learning and training, together. And in doing so, they form a cohort of disciples who will go on the journey together, learning and training to “fish for people” in Jesus’s name. This year, orientation will be held at Bethany Theological Seminary from August 8-10, 2023.

If you know someone in your district or you yourself are hearing the summons, be in touch with your district ministry commission and/or the Brethren Academy for Ministerial Leadership to explore ministry training options. Drop your net, tie up your boat, and take the first step, today!



## New Instructor Spotlight

### Joan Daggett



In spring 2024, Joan Daggett will offer a new Christian education course entitled “Cultivating an Everyday Faith.” Joan has vast Christian curriculum developing and Church of the Brethren ministry experience. She is an ordained minister in the Church of the Brethren, serving previously as a pastor, an associate district executive in the Shenandoah District, and as the executive director at the Brethren and Mennonite Heritage Center in Harrisonburg, VA. She was a writer for Jubilee and a trainer for Gather 'Round, curriculum co-published by Brethren Press and MennoMedia. She joined the staff of Shine: Living in God's Light as program director in 2016, where she continues to use her passion for Christian education and discipleship formation. Joan will bring her experience, passion, and calling to her new TRIM course.

### Transiciones/Transitions

Aida L. Sánchez comenzó a trabajar con Brethren Academy en marzo de 2020 como nuestra Coordinadora de Programas de Capacitación del Ministerio en Idioma Español. Aida comenzó su ministerio educativo en medio de una pandemia, ya que todos estaban aprendiendo nuevas formas de trabajar, adorar y estar en relación. uno con el otro. A lo largo de todo, Aida demostró gracia, fe profunda y gran alegría. Durante estos últimos tres años, Aida ha defendido la capacitación ministerial y la educación continua, además de brindar un valioso apoyo a los estudiantes, instructores, líderes de distrito y sus colegas.



Aida concluyó su trabajo con la Academia de los Hermanos el 26 de mayo de 2023. Estamos agradecidos por su servicio alegre y fiel. Que Dios bendiga su camino, ahora y siempre.

Aida L. Sánchez began working with the Brethren Academy in March, 2020 as our Coordinator of Spanish-Language Ministry Training Programs. Aida began her educational ministry amid a pandemic, as everyone was learning new ways to work, worship, and be in relationship with one another. Throughout it all, Aida demonstrated grace, deep faith, and great joy. During these past three years, Aida has championed ministry training and continuing education as well as providing valuable support for students, instructors, district leaders, and her colleagues.

Aida concluded her work with the Brethren Academy on May 26, 2023. We are grateful for her joyful and faithful service. May God bless her path, now and always.

La búsqueda de un nuevo coordinador de idioma español comenzará este verano./ The search for a new Spanish-Language coordinator will begin this summer.



## 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](http://www.bethanyseminary.edu/brethren-academy)

or contact [academy@bethanyseminary.edu](mailto:academy@bethanyseminary.edu) or 765-983-1824.

### **Fall 2023**

*Multivocational Ministry*, online

September 6-October 31, 2023

Instructor: Sandra Jenkins

(credit: MS)

Registration Deadline: August 2, 2023

*Church of the Brethren History*

Online, offered through Susquehanna

Valley Ministry Center (SVMC)

September 11—November 5, 2023

Instructor: Craig Gandy

(credit: BHT, FCR)

Registration Deadline: August 7, 2023

To register, contact Karen Hodges at

[karenhodges@svmcob.org](mailto:karenhodges@svmcob.org)

*Introduction to Hebrew Scriptures*, online

October 11 – December 5, 2023

Instructor: Matt Boersma

(credit: BHT, FCR)

Registration Deadline: September 6, 2023



### **Winter 2024**

*Introduction to Pastoral Care*,

Onsite Bethany Seminary

January 16-19, 2024

Instructor: Debbie Eisenbise

(credit: MS, FCR)

Registration Deadline: December 5, 2023

*Church History 2*, online

January 24-March 19, 2024

Instructor: Josh Brockway

(credit: BHT, FCR)

Registration Deadline: December 19, 2023

*Church of the Brethren Polity*,

Zoom Intensive

March 22-23 and April 26-27, 2024

Instructor: Randy Yoder

(credit: BHT, FCR)

Registration Deadline: February 16, 2024

*Embracing Diversity, Facing Division*,

Hybrid—Bethany Seminary and Zoom

April 11-13, 2024

Instructor: Russell Haitch

(credit: BHT)

Registration Deadline: March 7, 2024

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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: BDE – Brethren Denominational Experience,  
BTS – Bethany Seminary Experience, IE-Intercultural/Interfaith/Ecumenical Experience,  
BHT-Biblical/Historical/Theological, MS-Ministry Studies, 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](mailto:Academy@bethanyseminary.edu). Los cursos se ofrecen en asociación con la Agencia de Educación Menonita, la Oficina de Educación de Liderazgo y Pastoral Hispana.

### toño 2023

*Teología del Ministerio Pastoral*  
en línea

Julio a Septiembre de 2023

Instructor: Marcos Acosta, (MEA)

Fecha límite de inscripción:

21 de junio de 2023

*Teoría y Práctica del Liderazgo*  
*Pastoral*, en línea

Octubre a Diciembre de 2023

Instructor: Patricia Urueña (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](mailto: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/](http://bethanyseminary.edu/events-resources/continuing-education-opportunities/).

**Continuing Education Units (CEUs) are available for the following events.**



### Ventures in Christian Discipleship

The list of upcoming events is not available.

To watch for future courses, please [click here](#).

To access previous recordings, which qualify for CEUs in conjunction with the Policy for Viewing Precoded Materials. Please [click here](#).

To view the Policy, please [click here](#).

To access the Report, [click here](#).



## Church of the Brethren

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

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



### Offered by the Susquehanna Valley Ministry Center

#### *Neurocognitive Disorders: Supporting Parishioners*

*September 12, Cross Keys Village*

*Presenter: Kimberly Korge*

Understand what dementia is and how it differs from Alzheimer's disease; discuss tips to manage difficult situations and conversations with parishioners; describe the significance of trauma and how it might present in those living with a neurocognitive disorder; identify strategies to support parishioners impacted by trauma.

#### *Choose Life: Deuteronomy's Message for Today*

*October 10, 2023*

*Juniata College*

*Presenter: Steve Schweitzer*

The book of Deuteronomy is a central text containing key themes that shape the Old Testament and its relationship to the New. In this study, we will explore the historical, literary, and theological contexts for understanding the message and content of Deuteronomy.

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



## Clergy Find Strength for the Journey

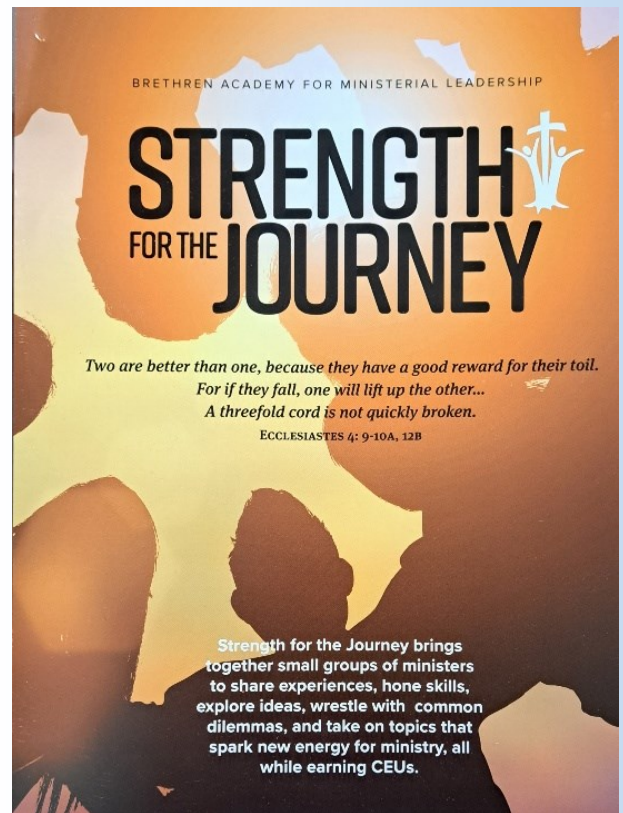
Strength for the Journey (SFTJ) is a continuing education opportunity provided by the Brethren Academy for Ministerial Leadership. The program provides support to groups of ministers to help them meet and discuss topics of mutual interest and gather for worship and prayer. Four groups or "cohorts" formed in January 2023. Each of these cohorts, which meet via Zoom, is led by a skilled convener who helps to guide the conversation. (An earlier, in-person cohort of clergywomen will conclude three years together this July.)

Each of the 2023 cohorts has a unique focus. One cohort of chaplains is gathering around the unique challenges of serving in long-term care or hospice facilities. A second cohort is focused on interim ministry. Another is made up of pastors whose attention is on pastoral care. And the fourth consists of women who serve as District Executive/Ministers. The goal of SFTJ is to provide support and foster growth for all who minister in the Church of the Brethren.

Supporting each cohort is a skilled convener who manages resources, coordinates logistics, and, most importantly, holds safe and sacred space for their cohort. The 2023 SFTJ Conveners bring a wealth of skills and ministry experience. They are Connie Burkholder (McPherson, KS), Martha Beahm (Columbia, SC), Christy Dowdy (Rockingham, VA), and John Fillmore (Caldwell, ID). Dave Kerkove (Waterloo, IA) serves as an alternate. The cohorts, along with their conveners, will meet 10 to 12 times over the year.

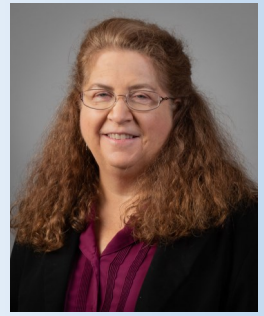
New cohorts will form for 2024, with new topics. Details and applications can be found on the Brethren Academy webpages <https://bethanyseminary.edu/brethren-academy/strength-for-the-journey/> and at the Bethany Booth at Annual Conference in Cincinnati. Questions can be directed to Janet Ober Lambert at [oberlja@bethanyseminary.edu](mailto:oberlja@bethanyseminary.edu) or 765-983-1820.

Strength for the Journey is funded by the David J. and Mary Elizabeth Wieand Trust, through Bethany Theological Seminary and the Church of the Brethren. There is no cost for registration or participation.



## Director's Page

Commencement exercises were held recently at Bethany Theological Seminary, the Brethren Academy's home base. Over the course of two days, students, families, and friends gathered for Baccalaureate, a banquet, and, on a beautiful Saturday morning, Graduation. All of it was joyous and filled with a sense of accomplishment and gratitude.



As one would expect, during those two days, the students took center stage. After all, they had earned this celebration with hard work and dedication. Yet, they were not alone. Alongside the graduates, their families and friends were acknowledged for their part in helping the students reach their goal.

Ministry education and training takes a community, a congregation, a family who not only call persons to the ministry, but also walks with them as they live into that call. Walking with a minister in training may mean being an encourager, a listening ear, a study partner, a prayer partner, an exercise buddy, or the one who makes coffee and brings snacks.

To all of you who are calling and walking with those who are called, the Brethren Academy sees you, appreciates you, and gives thanks to God for you.

Abundant blessings,

Janet

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Janet L. Ober Lambert".

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