

# Brethren Academy for Ministerial Leadership proudly offers: From Reformation to Today

**JANUARY 24 – MARCH 19, 2024**

8-WEEK ONLINE COURSE

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## Course Description and Objectives



This course is available to:

- TRIM/EFSM students-fulfills:
  - ✓ 1 Biblical/ Historical/ Theological
  - ✓ Curricular Requirement
- 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:**

**December 19, 2023**

### Course Description:

At the core of Christianity is the conviction that the Word of God took flesh in a particular time and place. In order to understand Christian faith and practice also means we must attend to time and place. Simply stated, the study of the past helps us comprehend what God has done and continues to do among us. This course will focus on the history of Christianity from the 1500s up to the present day. Beginning with the decades just prior to the Protestant Reformation, we will explore how Christian belief, practice, and organization took multiple forms in Western Christianity. As we move through the centuries we will see how these various systems of Christianity themselves changed in the contexts of a colonialism, world war, and globalization.

### Course Objectives:

Upon completion of this course students will be able to:

- 1) Explore the basic framework and tools of historical study;
- 2) Develop a chronological understanding of Christianity from the Reformation to today;
- 3) Encounter key theologians and ideas that shaped Christianity in each time period;
- 4) Interpret primary texts through understanding the social, political, and ecclesial contexts.

## Instructor: Joshua Brockway

Joshua Brockway is the director of spiritual formation for the Church of the Brethren. He holds a PhD in early Christianity with a focus asceticism and liturgy from the Catholic University of America. He holds a Master of Arts from Bethany as well as a Masters of Divinity from the Candler School of Theology. He is a pastors' kid and has served in congregational ministries in Indiana and Georgia. He has published articles in Brethren Life and Thought, as well as an essay on the Church of the Brethren in World War II in the proceedings of the 2018 Brethren World Assembly. Most recently he has published an entry on Violence and Non-Violence in the *Rowan and Littlefield Handbook of Contemporary Christianity in the United States*.

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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
- Complete reduced  
assignments as outlined in the  
syllabus

**Required Text**

McGrath, Alister. Christianity's Dangerous Idea: The Protestant Revolution--A History from the Sixteenth Century to the Twenty-First (San Francisco, CA; HarperOne, 2008).

Primary texts will be assigned each week and posted online.

**Expectations**

Online learning requires students to be disciplined in their time management. Students are expected to spend 10 hours per week in course-related work

For online learning, students will need an email account, a laptop or desktop, basic computer skills, and access to the internet using an updated web browser, such as Microsoft Internet Explorer or Edge, Google Chrome, or Mozilla Firefox. Some courses may also require Zoom or Skype. If your computer is four years old or less, you should have the capabilities for this course. If you have questions about specifics, please contact the Brethren Academy.

During a Brethren Academy course or event, you may be included in photographs or sound /video recording. Such photos and recordings, including quotes from you, may be included and identified in news articles, informational brochures, or social media on behalf of the Brethren Academy and/or Bethany Theological Seminary. If you wish to be excluded from such publications, please contact the Brethren Academy in writing by the start date of the course or event.

**From Reformation to Today, January 24-March 19, 2024**

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

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

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

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

Course Fee: \$300 payable to Brethren Academy      Registration December 19, 2023