

Brethren Academy for Ministerial Leadership proudly offers:

Introduction to Pastoral Care

BETHANY THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY
RICHMOND, IN

JANUARY 16-19, 2024
WITH ONE FOLLOW UP SESSION
[REGISTER ONLINE](#)



Course Description and Objectives

Pastoral care is an integral part of any ministry. Just like sermon writing, worship development, and teaching, pastoral care is a gift as well as a practice that can be developed and deepened. In this course, we will develop the skills needed to engage in effective pastoral care. Coursework will include reading, reflection, discussion, role play, verbatims, papers, and journaling. This overview will emphasize the importance of formation as a pastoral caregiver, self-differentiation, scope of care, family and congregational systems, confession and forgiveness, death and grief, active listening, and prayer.

This course is available to:

- TRIM/EFSM students- fulfills one MS unit (Preaching, Worship, Pastoral Care requirement) and BTS experience
- 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 5, 2023

Instructor: Debbie Eisenbise

Debbie Eisenbise, M.Div. has served as a pastor and spiritual director for 35 years. Currently, she serves as an intentional interim minister, and as a member of the pastoral team at the Living Stream Church of the Brethren, online. She is also trained as an end-of-life doula providing support and accompaniment to those who are dying and offering death education including courses at Western Michigan University.

She has a grown daughter and lives with her husband in Kalamazoo, Michigan.

Schedule

Location – Bethany Theological Seminary, 615 National Road W., Richmond, IN 47374

Tuesday, Jan. 16 - 1:30-4pm

Wednesday, Jan. 17, 9am-noon, 1:30-4pm

Thursday, Jan. 18, 9am-noon, 1:30-4pm

Friday, Jan. 19, 9am-noon

+ 2-hour class meeting by way of Zoom late January / early February

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**Course Withdrawal Refund
Policy**

100% of course fee prior to
registration
50% from the registration
deadline to the first day

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 Texts**Required Reading**

Doehring, Carrie. *The Practice of Pastoral Care, Revised and Expanded Version: A Postmodern Approach*. Westminster John Knox Press, 2015.
(ISBN #: 0664238408). (232pp)

Lawson, Paul David. *Old Wine in New Skins: Centering Prayer and Systems Theory*. Lantern Books, NY, 2001 (ISBN #: 1-930051-29-8). (120pp)

Peterson, Eugene H. *The Contemplative Pastor*. Eerdmans, 1993.
(ISBN #: 0802801145). (180pp)

Suggested Reading

Justes, Emma. *Hearing Beyond the Words: How to Become a Listening Pastor*. Abingdon Press, 2006 (ISBN# 0687494990). (115pp)

Patton, John. *Pastoral Care, The Essential Guide*. Abingdon Press, 2005.
(ISBN# - 0687053226) (128 pp)

Pre-course assignments will be available on the syllabus.

Participants

Class size is limited to 20 students.

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.

Travel and Lodging

Transportation, lodging and meals are the participant's responsibility. The Brethren Academy office will be glad to provide contact information for area lodging.

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[Register online](#) or fill out following information and return, along with payment to:
Brethren Academy * 615 National Road West * Richmond, IN * 47374

Name: _____

Address: _____

Best contact phone: _____

E-mail: _____

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

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