



# *The Scroll*

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

**February 2024**

## **New Course Spotlight**

### **Cultivating an Everyday Faith**



The Brethren Academy for Ministerial Leadership is proud to offer a newly developed course entitled “Cultivating an Everyday Faith,” taught by Joan Daggett.

Post-pandemic research shows that churches continue to struggle to engage children and families in the life of the congregation. In this course, students will explore ways to nurture an everyday faith in church, home, and community. We will look deeper into the needs of today’s children and families, explore the pivotal role that families have in the faith formation of their children, and discuss how churches can support families in that role. Along the way, students will craft a working plan to support and empower families to cultivate a way of life, help them link stories from the Bible to everyday living, and encourage them to live out Jesus’ teachings in their neighborhoods and communities.

This timely course will be offered online, April 17-June 11, 2024. This course fulfills the teaching and learning in the church requirement.

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

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## **Equipping Session at Annual Conference**



The Brethren Academy for Ministerial Leadership will provide an equipping session at this summer’s Annual Conference entitled “Building Bridges in a Fractured World”. This equipping session is a part of the larger series of courses, workshops, and continuing education events that the Brethren Academy is hosting in partnership with Bethany Theological Seminary’s initiative to “Build Bridges Across Ideological Divides.” In the equipping session, we will explore some of the reasons for our fractured world, why it is so concerning in the church, and how we might work to build bridges in our own congregations. Check out your Annual Conference booklet (when it is released) for date, time, and location. We hope to see you there.

## TRIM UPDATES

Five students met on campus in the middle of January with instructor, Debbie Eisenbise, for *Introduction to Pastoral Care*. Although the temperatures outside were frigid, the conversation and learning was warm and joyful. This was the first in-person course post-covid. We look forward to more opportunities to gather for in-person courses in the coming years.

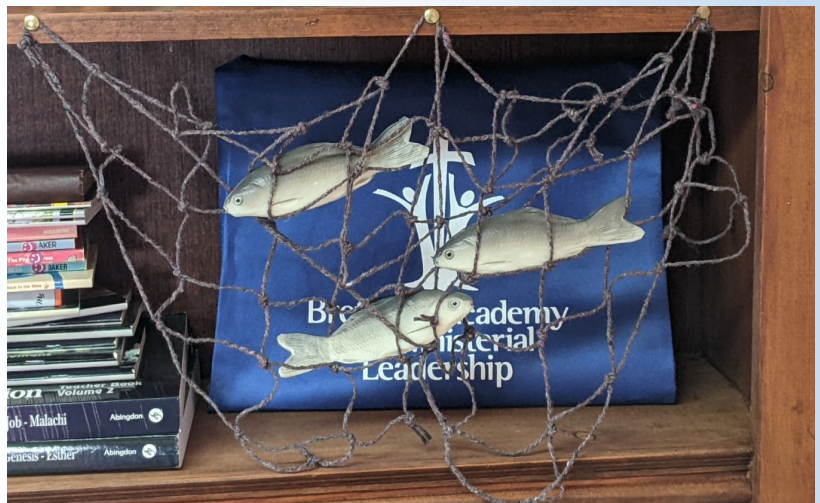


Left to Right: Jean Dieusseul Saint Leger, Sandra Schwaner, Ella Attelus, Instructor Debbie Eisenbise, Illexene Alphonse and Suzi Fischer

## 2024 Student Orientation

New student Orientation is scheduled for July 23-25, 2024, at Bethany Theological Seminary. Orientation is for those who are beginning the Training in Ministry (TRIM) and Education for Shared Ministry (EFSM) programs. The two-and-a-half days spent together are filled with worship, classroom experiences, information, and relationship-building. The theme for Orientation is “The Summons” based on the hymn by the Scottish minister/musician John Bell and the call stories of various women and men in scripture. If you or someone you know is sensing a call to ministry and interested in either of these programs, speak to your District Leadership today.

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## Travel Grants Available for "Polarization as an Opportunity for Ministry"



As part of Bethany Theological Seminary's initiative to "Build Bridges Across Ideological Divides", the Brethren Academy for Ministerial Leadership is offering a series of TRIM-level courses to help clergy recognize and meaningfully address division in their congregations and communities. First up is "Polarization as an Opportunity for Ministry", a course with Russell Haitch, Professor of Theology and Human Science at Bethany Theological Seminary.

This course will look at both problems and solutions. It will examine politics, evolving media, AI, and other forces driving divisions. At the same time, participants will explore how leaders can help people find common ground—and higher ground—in situations of strife. Participants will address both the theological content and pastoral skills that leaders need in order to be agents of reconciliation and Christ-centered unity in an era of polarization.

This course is being offered as an onsite intensive at Bethany Theological Seminary in Richmond, Indiana. Course dates are April 11-13, 2024, with two additional Zoom sessions to be scheduled, one before and one after the time at Bethany.

The Brethren Academy will provide a travel stipend of up to \$300 for 8 pastors or church leaders who register for this course. The stipend is to offset travel costs, reimbursement upon submission of travel receipts. To qualify for a travel grant, individuals must be currently and actively serving a congregation. Those who wish to apply for a travel grant may email the Brethren Academy at [academy@bethanyseminary.edu](mailto:academy@bethanyseminary.edu) for an application.

Registration is open to TRIM and EFSM students as well as those seeking continuing education and/or personal enrichment. The course brochure and registration instructions may be found here: <https://bethanyseminary.edu/brethren-academy/brethren-academy-course-listings/>

Registration deadline for this course is March 7, 2024.



## Conozca a nuestro nuevo Coordinadora de los Programas de Capacitación del Ministerio en español

Estimados Hermanos y Hermanas,

Mi nombre es Arlyn A. Morales y, por la gracia de Dios, tengo el privilegio de ser la Coordinadora de los Programas de Capacitación del Ministerio en español para la Academia de los Hermanos.



Soy madre de tres maravillosos hijos y una hermosa hija. Soy abuela de siete nietos.

Soy de la pequeña isla de Puerto Rico, donde el coquí canta por las noches. Hace veintitrés años, me mudé a Lancaster, Pensilvania, junto con mis hijos. En Lancaster, comenzamos a visitar la Iglesia de los Hermanos Alfa y Omega (COB) en la cual Dios me llamó y equipó para el ministerio. Desde que tenía quince años, he servido a Dios con gratitud porque siempre he visto Su mano obrando en cada situación de mi vida. Su amor por mí nunca termina.

Trabajo para El Programa Educativo de Pennsylvania con la Universidad de Millersville. Me encanta mi trabajo porque tengo el privilegio de ayudar y conocer a personas que son nuevas en Pensilvania.

También sirvo como Pastor de la Iglesia Berith 'Oasis de Esperanza' COB en Lebanon, PA. Recibí mi entrenamiento ministerial a través del Seminario Bíblico Anabautista Hispano de la Iglesia de los Hermanos (SeBAH-COB) y me gradué en 2021. Fui uno de los primeros en completar el programa.

Hace varios años, comencé un ministerio con las personas sin hogar, para mostrarles el amor de Dios. El nombre que Dios me dio para este ministerio es "Llamada a Servir". Aunque empecé por mi cuenta, unos meses más tarde, otros se unieron a mí. Ahora podemos ser una bendición para aquellos que no tienen hogar tanto en Lancaster como en Lebanon. El año pasado, empezamos a formar parte de nuevos grupos del Distrito Noreste del Atlántico que comparten el evangelio de Jesús lo que ha traído aún más voluntarios.

Dios me ha dado el privilegio de servir a los demás de muchas maneras. Estoy muy feliz de servir en este nuevo lugar.

Con el amor de Cristo,

Reverendo Arlyn A. Morales

## Meet Our New Coordinator of Spanish-Language Ministry Training Programs

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

My name is Arlyn A. Morales and, by the grace of God, I have the privilege of being the Coordinator of Spanish-Language Ministry Training Programs for the Brethren Academy.



I am a mother of three wonderful sons and a beautiful daughter. I am a grandmother of seven grandchildren.

I am from the small island of Puerto Rico, where the coqui sings at night. Twenty-three years ago, I moved to Lancaster, Pennsylvania along with my children. In Lancaster, we began to visit the Alpha and Omega Church of the Brethren (COB) where God called and equipped me for the ministry. Since I was fifteen, I have served God with gratitude because I have always seen His hand at work in every situation in my life. His love

for me never ends.

I work for Pennsylvania Migrant Education with Millersville University. I love my job because I have the privilege of helping and getting to know people who are new to Pennsylvania.

I also serve as Pastor of Berith Church 'Oasis of Hope' COB in Lebanon, PA. I received my ministry training through Seminario Bíblico Anabautista Hispano de la Iglesia de los Hermanos (SeBAH-COB) and graduated in 2021. I was one of the first to complete the program.

Several years ago, I started a ministry with those who are homeless, to show God's love for them. The name God gave me for this ministry is "Called to Serve". Although I began on my own, a few months later, others joined me. We now can be a blessing to those who are homeless in both Lancaster and Lebanon. Last year, we began to be part of new groups in the Northeast Atlantic District that share the gospel of Jesus which has brought in even more volunteers.

God has given me the privilege to serve others in many ways. I am very happy to serve in this new place.

With the love of Christ,

Reverend Arlyn A. Morales

## 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.

### Spring 2024

#### *Church of the Brethren Polity,*

Zoom Intensive offered through SVMC,  
Susquehanna Valley Ministry Center  
March 22-23 and April 26-27, 2024

Instructor: Randy Yoder  
(credit: BHTS, FCR)

Registration Deadline: February 16, 2024

To register, contact Karen Hodges at  
[karenhodges@svmccob.org](mailto:karenhodges@svmccob.org)

#### *Polarization as an Opportunity for Ministry*

On Site Intensive Hybrid  
Bethany Seminary and Zoom  
April 11-13, 2024

Instructor: Russell Haitch  
(credit: BHTS)

Registration Deadline: March 7, 2024

#### *Cultivating an Everyday Faith,* online,

April 17 – June 11, 2024  
Instructor: Joan Daggett

(credit: MS, FCR)

Registration Deadline: March 13, 2024

### Summer 2024

#### *Listening for the Sound of Genuine*

Onsite-Grand Rapids, MI

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

July 2-3, 2024

Instructor: Audrey Hollenberg-Duffey  
(credit: MS)

Registration Deadline: May 28, 2024

Registration for the Minister's Association  
Event is required.

### Fall 2024

#### *Interim Ministry,* online

July 31-September 24, 2024

Instructor: Tara Hornbacker  
(credit: MS, FCR, BTS)

Registration Deadline: June 16, 2024

#### *Church of the Brethren History,* online

August 21-October 15, 2024

Instructor: Denise Kettering Lane  
(credit: BHTS, BTS)

Registration Deadline: July 17, 2024

Los cursos de español de la Iglesia de los Hermanos se anunciarán según lo programado.

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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,  
BHTS-Biblical/Historical/Theological, MS-Ministry Studies, FCR-Fulfills Curricular Requirement



Bethany Theological Seminary announces "Journey Into Paul's World", a travel seminar in Greece for Bethany and Brethren Academy students, as well as clergy seeking continuing education and lay leaders in pursuit of personal enrichment.

Taught by Daniel W. Ulrich, Wieand Professor of New Testament Studies, the course will take place May 24 to June 3, 2025.

For details, see the flyer below. For reservations and questions, please contact Dan Ulrich: email: [ulricda@bethanyseminary.edu](mailto:ulricda@bethanyseminary.edu) or phone: 765-983-1819 / 800-287-8822.

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# JOURNEY INTO PAUL'S WORLD

MAY 24 - JUNE 2, 2025

**Tour Host and Instructor**  
**Dr. Daniel W. Ulrich**  
Wieand Professor of  
New Testament Studies

Athens • Eleusis • Corinth • Nafplion  
Cenchræa • Epidaurus • Mycenæ  
Delphi • Meteora • Berea • Thessaloniki  
Philippi • Amphipolis • Kavala

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## JOURNEY INTO PAUL'S WORLD

**MAY 24 - JUNE 2, 2025**

Tour Host and Instructor: **Dr. Daniel W. Ulrich**

### Tour Itinerary:

- May 24 Sat** Depart Chicago
- May 25 Sun** Arrive Athens - Meet and transfer to hotel
- May 26 Mon** Athens City Tour; Parthenon, Mars' Hill, Agora, Museum - Overnight Athens
- May 27 Tue** Eleusis, Corinth Canal, Corinth & Museum - Overnight Nafplion
- May 28 Wed** Cenchræa, Epidauros, Mycenæa - Overnight Nafplion
- May 29 Thu** Delphi & Museum - Overnight Delphi
- May 30 Fri** Delphi - Meteora Monastery - Overnight Kalambaka
- May 31 Sat** Berea - Thessaloniki city tour - Overnight Thessaloniki
- June 1 Sun** Philippi, Amphipolis, Kavala - Overnight Thessaloniki
- June 2 Mon** Transfer to Thessaloniki Airport - Fly back to Chicago

*Some travelers will take this tour as part of a masters-level course with Bethany Theological Seminary or a training course with the Brethren Academy for Ministerial Leadership. Contact Professor Ulrich at 765-983-1819 if you are interested in either course. You may join the tour without taking a course.*

### TOUR MAP



### COSTS WHILE IN GREECE

**\$2,490** Per Person In Double Room  
**\$1,200** Single Room Supplement

### INCLUDING

- 2 Nights at Parthenon Hotel in Athens or similar
- 2 Nights at Park Hotel in Nafplion or similar
- 1 Night at Amalia Hotel in Delphi or similar
- 1 Night at Amalia Hotel in Kalambaka or similar
- 2 Nights at Capsis Hotel in Thessaloniki or similar
- Daily breakfasts
- 8 dinners at the hotels
- All transportation by private AC Bus
- English Speaking, Government Licensed, Bible Oriented guide in Greece
- All Entry fees to the sites and museums
- Sightseeing as per the itinerary
- Service charges and local taxes

### EXCLUDING

- Roundtrip International Air from Chicago to Athens to Chicago
- Tips to Tour Guide and drivers
- Lunches and Drinks (Bottled Water is included)
- Personal Expenses (Laundry, phone calls, all kind of insurances, etc)

### PAYMENT PROCEDURE

- **\$200 Per Person DEPOSIT: October 1, 2024**
- **The remaining balance is due to Tutku Tours by February 20, 2025.**

#### Land Only Cancellation Policy:

Cancellations made before 60 days of departure: Full refund  
 Cancellations made within 45 days of departure: 90% refund  
 Cancellations made within 30 days of departure: 75% refund  
 Cancellations made within 15 days of departure: 50% refund  
 Cancellations made within 7 days of departure: 25% refund  
 Cancellations made within 6 days of departure: No refund

In addition to the above cancellation policy, we charge a 5% processing fee for all refunds, no matter the date of cancellation. This fee is necessary to cover the costs associated with processing refunds, including bank fees and administrative expenses.

We understand that sometimes travel plans change, and we appreciate your understanding of this policy.

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## 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

*Introduction to Afrofuturism and Theology*  
April 2, 2024

*Presenter: Tamisha Tyler*

Afrofuturism is described as the intersection between science fiction, black culture, technology, the future, and liberation. The focus of this class is to dig into the theological themes that make up that world.

*Becoming a More Loving and Inclusive Church*  
May 7 & 9, 2024

*Presenter: Tim McElwee*

This class will explore human sexuality, mutual respect and loving more inclusively.

To learn more about these courses, [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**

*Christian ID in an Age of AI*  
April 27, 2024 at Juniata College  
*Presenter: Russell Haitch*

No innovation from the past will be able to rival the impending impact of Artificial Intelligence. This workshop is designed to help you develop or improve a Christian framework for thinking through all the new issues on the horizon.

*Luke and Acts: Turning the World Upside Down*

May 2, 2024, at Elizabethtown College  
*Presenters: Chris Bucher and Bob Neff,*

This class will explore Luke's theme of "turning the world upside down" through the gathering of Jesus' followers into communities that practice healing, inclusivity, and sharing

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

## Director's Page

Fran Massie began serving as the administrative assistant for the Brethren Academy in May 2012. In the past (nearly) 12 years, she has served countless students, instructors, clergy, church and lay leaders, educational partners, and colleagues. And she has done it all with skill, dedication, integrity, and a warm sense of welcome.



Some of you reading this may not realize the many ways Fran has touched your lives: Fran is the one who creates, files, and mails all the CEU certificates you have received from the Brethren Academy. Fran keeps students and district leaders aware of all upcoming courses and events. She also processes registrations for these same courses and events. Furthermore, Fran manages the Moodle accounts for nearly every course the Brethren Academy offers. She provides hospitality and coordinates logistics for on campus students and guests. And perhaps the way you connect to Fran most regularly is through this quarterly newsletter and her bimonthly "Encouraging Words".

This is not, of course, an exhaustive list of all the support Fran provides the Academy and our constituents. There are many ways we have benefited from Fran's quiet and careful consistency.

Fran will be retiring on April 12 of this year. This will be a well-deserved retirement for which we, her colleagues, wish her all good things.

We will miss you, Fran. But we have nothing but gratitude for your years of service.

Janet, Audrey, and Arlyn

*Janet L. Ober Lambert*

*Audrey Hollenberg-Duffey*

*Arlyn A. Morales*

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