

Brethren Academy for Ministerial Leadership proudly offers:  
**Interim/Transitional Ministry: More than Mere Maintenance**

**JULY 31 – SEPTEMBER 24, 2024**

8-WEEK ONLINE COURSE

[REGISTER ONLINE](#)

## Course Description and Objectives



TRIM Courses taken for full credit require 75-90 hours of work, which includes 500-600 pages of reading.

This course is available to:

- TRIM/EFSM students-fulfills:
  - ✓ 1 Ministry Study
- 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:**

**June 16, 2024**

Please do not order books until this date.

### Course Description:

This course is a practical exploration of the gifts and challenges specific to Interim/Transitional Ministry. We will explore the necessary tasks for successful interim/ transitional ministry and the personality characteristics most helpful to develop for the practice of this specialized area of congregational leadership. We will examine the unique calling of persons to walk with congregations in both simple interim and long term intentional ministry situations.

### Course Objectives:

Upon completion of this course students will be able to:

1. Identify the five (5) tasks of interim ministry.
2. Describe three (3) unique dimensions of transitional ministry as compared with "settled" congregational ministry.
3. Name three (3) personality characteristics that can affect the performance of interim ministry.
4. Name 3 situations particular to transitional/interim ministry which would provide opportunity to address issues of division and diversity.
5. Articulate a personal theology of transitional ministry.

## Instructor: Tara Hornbacker

Tara Hornbacker is Professor Emerita of Ministry Formation, Missional Leadership and Evangelism at Bethany Theological Seminary in Richmond, IN. She is an ordained minister in the Church of the Brethren and began teaching at Bethany Theological Seminary in 1998. She began ministry as the Interim Pastor with the Garrett Presbyterian Church. She is currently serving as the Interim Senior Pastor at New Carlisle Church of the Brethren in New Carlisle, Ohio.

Tara is a coordinator for the Association for the Arts in the Church of the Brethren. She holds a MDiv from Earlham School of Religion and a DMin from Fuller Theological Seminary, Pasadena, CA. Tara is a popular inspirational speaker, humorist, ministry consultant, and retreat leader.

Tara and her husband, Tim, live near New Paris, OH. They are parents of two adult children, Trent (Julie) Hornbacker and Tasha (Doug) Veal.

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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**

Bendroth, Norman B. (ed). *Transitional Ministry Today: Successful Strategies for Churches and Pastors*. Rowman & Littlefield Publishers (December 5, 2014). 238 pages. ISBN-10: 156699750X, ISBN-13: 978-1566997508

Gil Rendle. *Quietly Courageous: Leading the Church in a Changing World*. Rowman & Littlefield Publishers (2019). 293 pages. ISBN: 978-1-5381-1290-8

Nicholson, Roger. *Temporary Shepherds: A Congregational Handbook for Interim Ministry*. The Alban Institute (September 1, 1998). 205 pages. ISBN-10: 1566992087, ISBN-13: 978-1566992084

Reading Assignments to come later.

**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.

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

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