



Noticias de la Academia Brethren para el Liderazgo Ministerial

~ Educacion Ministerial para Aprendizizes de Por Vida ~



Instructor:
Otto Kladensky Jr.

Foco de Atención - Otto Kladensky **Vitalidad de la Iglesia y Evangelismo**

Fortalece tu llamado y transforma tu manera de evangelizar. En este curso descubrirás los fundamentos bíblicos de la evangelización y analizarás tu práctica ministerial para hacerla más efectiva y relevante. Desarrolla habilidades prácticas y estrategias contextualizadas que impulsen la vitalidad de tu iglesia.

Este curso ofrece al participante una formación integral en los fundamentos bíblicos de la evangelización, promoviendo el análisis crítico de su práctica ministerial. A través de un enfoque teórico-práctico, el participante desarrollará competencias para aplicar estrategias evangelísticas pertinentes que contribuyan a la vitalidad de la iglesia.

JUSTIFICACION / MOTIVO:

Para alcanzar la vitalidad en la iglesia, es imprescindible el desarrollo de la labor evangelizadora. Asimismo, diversos estudios han documentado que la espiritualidad dinámica y el evangelismo orientado a las necesidades del contexto constituyen dos de las ocho características fundamentales de una iglesia saludable.

OBJETIVO GENERAL:

Desarrollar en el estudiante la capacidad de comprender los elementos fundamentales del mandato bíblico de la evangelización, analizar críticamente su práctica evangelística, evaluar su pertinencia en el contexto ministerial y aplicar estrategias y habilidades que contribuyan a la vitalidad de la iglesia.

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**News from the Brethren Academy
for Ministerial Leadership**
~ Ministry Education for Lifelong Learners ~



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Instructor Spotlight - Otto Kladensky
Church Vitality and Evangelism (Spanish Language Course Only)

Strengthen and transform both your calling and how you evangelize. In this course you will discover the biblical foundations of evangelism and will analyze your ministry practice to make it more relevant and effective. Develop practical skills and contextual strategies that will give your church the vital push it needs.

Through a focus of practical theory, the participant in this course will develop competencies and strategies for evangelism that are contextual to their ministry location and that contribute to church vitality.

JUSTIFICATION/ MOTIVE:

To achieve church vitality, it is important to develop an evangelistic labor. Likewise, diverse studies have documented that a dynamic spirituality and an evangelism oriented to the needs of a given context contribute to two of the eight fundamental characteristics of a healthy church.

GENERAL OBJECTIVES:

To develop the student in their capacity to understand the fundamental elements of the biblical mandate to evangelize, critically analyze the evangelistic practice, evaluate its pertinence based on the local ministerial context, and apply skills and strategies that contribute to church vitality.

available for CEUs

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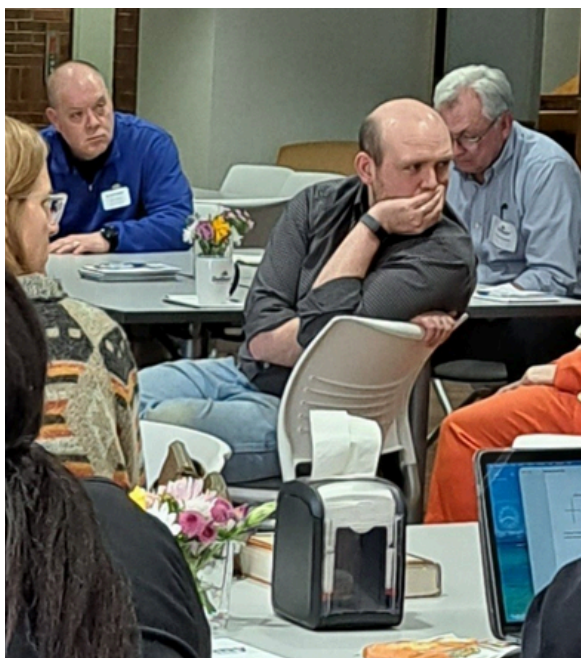
Building Bridges Capstone Event April 8



Pictured: Dan Poole and Jay Wittmeyer

Beginning in the Spring of 2024, the Brethren Academy joined Bethany Theological Seminary in “Building Bridges Across Ideological Divides”, an initiative supported by a grant from the Lily Endowment. For its part, the Brethren Academy offered a series of courses and equipping sessions to help clergy recognize and meaningfully address division in their congregations and communities.

This series concluded this April 8 with a gathering at Bethany, bringing together Bethany students, Bethany faculty, and clergy from across the denomination. A day-long conversation was facilitated by Audrey Hollenberg-Duffey, Director of the Susquehanna Valley Ministry Center. Through quality conversation and prayerful worship, participants rooted themselves in what it means to be the church, what it means to be a church in times of division, and what it means to be the church reoriented by the hope we have in Christ.



Pictured: Participants engaged in listening and conversation



Spotlight on Upcoming Courses

DISU: Redeeming AI: Biblical Guidelines

Two Online Sessions via Zoom, in conjunction with the Minister's Association Event

June 27 - 28 Minister's Association Event, Zoom dates to be determined.

1 MS Unit or BHTS Unit

Artificial Intelligence, or AI for short, is quickly evolving and permeates most all that we do and see on any screen and in any classroom. While we may not be asking "What would Jesus do?" when we encounter AI, we have probably wondered what impact it might have on us as ministers, our ministries, and the people who we shepherd.

Built around Russell Haitch's pre-conference event, "Redeeming AI: Biblical Guidelines," this directed independent study course will include readings and activities designed to answer these questions: What is AI and how do we interact with it as individuals, ministers and congregations? How should we approach AI as Christians (specifically as Brethren)? What beliefs guide us in this approach?

The deadline to register for this course passed on May 6th. However, if you are still interested, please contact Tabitha Rudy at hartmta@bethanyseminary.edu.

The Multi-Vocational Pastor Full-Bodied Ministry in the Part-Time Context

8 Week Online Course

August 19-October 13, 2026

1 MS Unit

Every church is a full-time church. No matter the size of the congregation, life for each member happens around the clock, every day of the week. Yet the reality is that many smaller congregations are unable to support a full-time minister. The tension between part-time hours and full-time demands can be challenging for multi-vocational or part-time pastors. Pastors serving in part-time contexts realize that their ministry is as full-bodied and challenging as a lead pastor in a multistaffed church, yet often find themselves without guidance when forced to navigate the complexities of multiple demands on their time and emotional energy. This course will examine what it takes to have a vital and authentic ministry that is rooted in the multi-vocational reality.

The deadline to register for this course is **June 15, 2026**. Interested persons can register at www.bethanyseminary.edu/brethren-academy.



COMING SOON!

TRAVEL COURSE

We're partnering with Bethany Seminary to offer a travel course in **January of 2027**. This course will be held onsite in Miami, FL and will focus on Community Based Ministry.

Stay tuned for more information coming in the next edition of the Scroll or stop by our booth at Annual Conference to learn more.

ONLINE ORIENTATION

Did someone say, "Online Orientation"? Yes – it's happening! We're planning an online-only TRIM/EFSM orientation for **January 2027**.

It will be structured similarly to the onsite one happening in July and will also include the course "Introduction to Biblical Studies". This one will be ideal for those who cannot physically travel to Bethany's campus in July for orientation.

Prospective student profiles for this orientation need to be sent to the Academy office by November 1 and applications will be due to Tabitha by December 1.

MOODLE SITE

Tabitha has been working on a Moodle Site just for TRIM and EFSM students to stay connected with one another and have access to certain resources needed for their studies. When it's ready to roll out, current students will be automatically enrolled and notified.



Brethren Academy English-Language Courses

Courses available for TRIM/EFSM Credit, CEUs, or Personal Enrichment

Register and pay for courses online:

<https://bethanyseminary.edu/brethren-academy/brethren-academy-course-listings/brethren-academy-course-registration-annual-trim-payment/> or call 765-983-1824.

SUMMER /FALL 2026

DISU Redeeming AI

Online & Minister's Association Event
June 27 - 28 Minister's Association Event,
Zoom dates to be determined.
Instructor: Tabitha Rudy, Russell Haitch
Credit: MS, BHTS
Registration Deadline: Contact Tabitha

Cultivating an Everyday Faith

Online
September 23 - November 17
Instructor: Joan Dagget
Credit: FCR, MS
Registration Deadline: August 19, 2026

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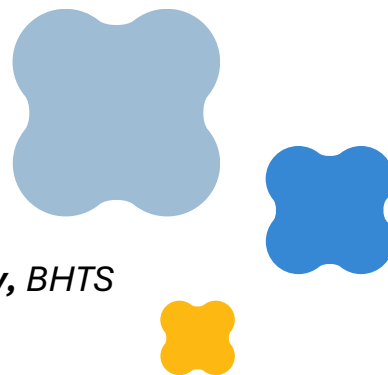
Online
August 19-October 13, 2026
Instructor: John Fillmore
Credit: MS
Registration Deadline: June 15, 2026

Introduction to New Testament

Online
October 21 - December 15, 2026
Instructor: Matt Boersma
Credit: BHTS, BTS, FCR
**Registration Deadline: September 16,
2026**

POSSIBLE 2027 COURSES

- ***Travel Course in January, MS, IE & BTS***
- ***Pastoral Care (Onsite Intensive), MS, FCR***
- ***Church History - from Reformation to Today, BHTS***
- ***Biblical Deep Dive - Psalms, BHTS, BTS***
- ***Church of the Brethren Polity, BHTS, FCR***



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 Studies, MS - Ministry Studies, FCR - Fulfills Curricular Requirement.



Seminario Bíblico Anabautista Hispano de la Iglesia de Los Hermanos

Brethren Academy Spanish-Language Courses

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Cursos de SeBAH para lo que resta de 2026

Para inscribirse en SeBAH o registrarse en un curso, contacte con Arlyn Morales:
moralar@bethanyseminary.edu

Vitalidad de la Iglesia y Evangelismo

Octubre - Diciembre, 2026
Profesor: Otto Kladensky Jr
Matricular Abierta: Julio 23
Matricular Cerrada: Agosto 27

Teología del Ministerio Pastoral

Julio – Septiembre, 2026
Profesor: Marcos Acosta
Matricular Abierta: Mayo 18
Matricular Cerrada: Junio 22

Teoría y Práctica del Liderazgo Pastoral

Octubre - Septiembre, 2026
Profesora: Patricia Urueña
Matricular Abierta: Agosto 17
Matricular Cerrada: Septiembre 21

Hispanic Anabaptist Biblical Seminary of the Church of the Brethren

SeBAH Courses for the Remainder of 2026

To enroll in SeBAH or register for a course, contact Arlyn Morales:
moralar@bethanyseminary.edu

Church Vitality and Evangelism

October - December, 2026
Professor: Otto Kladensky Jr
Enrollment Opens: July 23
Enrollment Closes: August 27

Theology of Pastoral Ministry

July - September, 2026
Professor: Marcos Acosta
Enrollment Opens: May 18
Enrollment Closes: June 22

Theory and Practice of Pastoral Leadership

October - September, 2026
Professor: Patricia Urueña
Enrollment Opens: August 17
Enrollment Closes: September 21

Cursos 2027 // Courses 2027

- *Espiritualidad y Discipulado Cristiano*
- *Historia y Teología Anabautista*
- *Metodología de la Reflexión Pastoral*
- *Seamos Iglesia*

- *Christian Discipleship and Spirituality*
- *Anabaptist History and Theology*
- *Methodology of Pastoral Reflection*
- *Be The Church*



Cuando confiamos en Dios, lo difícil se convierte en posible



“TODO LO PUEDO EN
CRISTO QUE ME
FORTALECE.”

FILIPENSES 4:13

En ocasiones, las circunstancias pueden parecer abrumadoras, llevándonos a cuestionar nuestras capacidades, nuestras fuerzas e incluso el momento en el que nos encontramos. Estos desafíos pueden generar duda e incertidumbre. Sin embargo, cuando depositamos nuestra confianza en Dios y nos comprometemos con un esfuerzo diligente, Él nos provee la fortaleza, la sabiduría y la perseverancia necesarias para avanzar con seguridad.

Recientemente, los estudiantes de SeBAH tuvieron la oportunidad de completar un curso intensivo del libro de Santiago, mientras iniciaban simultáneamente uno de los cursos académicos regulares de SeBAH. Este compromiso representó un reto significativo que requirió disciplina, organización y enfoque constante.

A pesar de estas exigencias, los estudiantes demostraron una dedicación y resiliencia dignas de reconocimiento. Lograron completar exitosamente el curso intensivo y continuar su progreso académico en el curso de Historia del Pueblo Cristiano.

Este logro constituye un recordatorio significativo de que, cuando colocamos a Dios en el centro de nuestros esfuerzos y nos aplicamos con excelencia, aquello que inicialmente parece inalcanzable puede convertirse en un testimonio de crecimiento, perseverancia y éxito.

Les animamos a continuar avanzando con diligencia y fe. El compromiso y la perseverancia, fundamentados en la confianza en Dios, conducen a logros duraderos.

Bendiciones.

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When we trust in God, the difficult becomes possible



"I CAN DO ALL THINGS
THROUGH CHRIST WHO
STRENGTHENS ME."

PHILIPPIANS 4:13

Sometimes, circumstances can feel overwhelming, leading us to question our abilities, our strength, and even the timing of our lives. These challenges can bring doubt and uncertainty. However, when we place our trust in God and commit to diligent effort, He provides the strength, wisdom, and perseverance necessary to move forward with confidence.

Recently, the students at SeBAH had the opportunity to complete an intensive course on the book of James while simultaneously starting one of SeBAH's regular academic courses. This commitment was a significant challenge that required discipline, organization, and constant focus.

Despite these demands, the students demonstrated dedication and resilience worthy of recognition. They successfully completed the intensive course while continuing their academic progress in the History of the Christian People course.

This achievement serves as a meaningful reminder that when we place God at the center of our efforts and pursue excellence, what initially seems unattainable can become a testimony of growth, perseverance, and success.

We encourage you to keep moving forward with diligence and faith. Commitment and perseverance, rooted in trust in God, lead to lasting accomplishments.

Blessings,

Arlyn A Morales

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¡QUÉ ESTÁ PASANDO!



CURSO SeBAH Seminario Bíblico Anabautista Hispano

📖 Curso: Teología de la Predicación

👤 Profesor: Byron Pellecer

📅 Fecha: 6 de abril – 30 de junio, 2026

CONFERENCIA ANUAL 2026

📅 Fecha: Domingo, 28 de junio – Jueves, 2 de julio

📍 Lugar: Grand Wayne Convention Center, Fort Wayne, IN

💰 Ayuda financiera disponible para Estudiantes de SeBAH que asistirán a la Conferencia Anual.

ESTUDIO DE LIBRO

📖 "Como Sería tu Iglesia si Jesús fuera el pastor" Ofrecido por Part-time pastor Full time church.

📅 Inicio: 10 de abril, 2026 | 🕒 7:00 PM

Para participar, contacta a Mayra Calix: myr1408@yahoo.com

PROGRAMAS Y EDUCACIÓN

Educación Continua: septiembre – octubre 2026.

SeBAH / EPMC

RECURSOS DE CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

📄 Declaración "Separados No Más" | 🙋 Conoce Tus Derechos

📖 Recuerda: Visita la Biblioteca Digital Anabautista. Encontraras información importante.

PARA MÁS INFORMACIÓN, COMUNÍQUESE CON LA COORDINADORA DE MINISTERIOS EN ESPAÑOL, ARLYN A. MORALES, AL 717-330-1403 O POR CORREO ELECTRÓNICO A MORALAR@BETHANYSEMINARY.EDU.



FIND OUT



WHAT'S HAPPENING!

UPCOMING SeBAH COURSE Hispanic Anabaptist Biblical Seminary

📖 Course: Theology of Preaching

👤 Professor: Byron Pellecer

📅 Dates: April 6 – June 30, 2026

🎉 ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2026

📅 Dates: Sunday, June 28 – Thursday, July 2

📍 Location: Grand Wayne Convention Center, Fort Wayne, In

💰 Financial aid available for SeBAH students who are planning to attend Annual Conference.

📖 BOOK STUDY 📖 "Como Sería tu Iglesia si Jesús fuera el pastor

" Offered by Part-time pastor Full time church.

📅 Starts: April 10, 2026, | 🕒 7:00 PM

✉️ To participate, contact Mayra Calix: myr1408@yahoo.com

📖 PROGRAMS & EDUCATION

🇪🇸 Spanish Programs & Continuing Education: Contact Arlyn A. Morales for more details on programs and upcoming courses (September – October 2026).

🌐 CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN RESOURCES

📄 "Separate No More" Statement | 🤝 Know Your Rights Connect and be part of our community!

📖 Reminder: Visit the Anabaptist Digital Library. You will find many important information!

FOR MORE INFORMATION, FEEL FREE TO CONTACT ARLYN A. MORALES, COORDINATOR OF SPANISH MINISTRIES, AT 717-330-1403 OR MORALAR@BETHANYSEMINARY.EDU



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 <https://bethanyseminary.edu/events-resources/continuing-education-opportunities/>

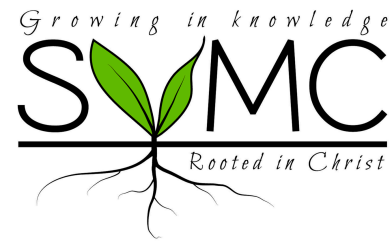
Continuing Education Units (CEUs) are available for the following events:



Events Offered by the Church of the Brethren, INC. <http://www.brethren.org> “Events”



Events Offered by the Ventures in Christian Discipleship <https://www.mcpherson.edu/ventures/>



CONGREGATIONAL MINISTRY TO MEMBERS NAVIGATING DIVORCE EXPERIENCES

JUNE 3, 2026 • 9:30 AM – 12:30 PM | ZOOM SESSION LED BY DR. JULIE GUISTWITE

Persons navigating divorce often experience a sense of disconnection from their church, their spirituality, and the broader community.

Congregational ministry practices that intentionally nurture belonging, healing, and hope can serve as powerful expressions of Christ's love and unconditional acceptance during these painful times.

Drawing on the workplace spirituality framework, this interactive session discusses three approaches to strengthening divorce ministry while enhancing overall congregational well-being.

Through dialogue and scenario-based discussions, participants will gain practical skills for integrating the approaches into ministry, nurturing a deepening personal spiritual meaning among congregants, and cultivating an active, compassionate, and inclusive church environment.

COST: \$25.00 FOR NO CEUS; \$35 FOR .3 CEUS

COMING SOON – MARK YOUR CALENDARS! MORE DETAILS COMING SOON FOR THESE TWO ZOOM SESSIONS LED BY JULIE GUISTWITE:

October 6, 2026 • 9:30 AM – 12:30 PM — Caring for Congregational Members with Chronic Health Conditions

October 29, 2026 • 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM — Supporting Congregational Members with Chronic Health Conditions



WELCOME TO RAUL!



The Brethren Academy welcomes Raul Rivera Arroyo as our new administrative assistant.

Raul joined the team on February 2, 2026, and is serving in a hybrid-remote part-time capacity.

He holds a B.A. in Game Design and M.A. in Graphic Design, both from Atlantic University College in Puerto Rico, and an MDiv (2020) from Bethany Theological Seminary.

Raul's creative skills, ministry training, as well as his fluency both in English and Spanish, are an asset to our students and those who work alongside the academy.

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Director's Page

THE "TAP ON THE SHOULDER" IS ONE OF THE WAYS BRETHREN TALK ABOUT THE CALL TO MINISTRY



The "tap on the shoulder" is one of the ways Brethren talk about the call to ministry, especially the call to serve in a designated role – as chaplain, pastor, deacon, and so on. I received the tap when I was quite young, although it took several years before I said "yes".

Ministry has changed since then, with different styles of worship and worship spaces, configurations of leadership, and a great variety of ministries expressed within God's world.

Ministry may not look like the way we remember or imagine it, but a tap on the shoulder of someone with gifts for this important work has never been more important. If you are passionate about calling folks to ministry or curious about what comes after the "tap", please join the Brethren Academy for our Equipping Session at Annual Conference on Sunday afternoon at 1:00PM. The session will be presented in both Spanish and English.

May God continue to "tap on the shoulder",

Janet L. Ober Lambert

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Director:
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A ministry-training partnership of the Church of the Brethren and Bethany Theological Seminary, providing non-graduate certificate level ministry training and continuing education

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