

Brethren Academy for Ministerial Leadership proudly offers

From Reformation to Today

8 Week Online Course

January 24 - March 19, 2027

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Instructor:
Joshua Brockway

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.

This course is available to:

- **TRIM/EFSM** students: BHTS
- **CEU credit:** Fulfills **2 Units**
- Anyone seeking personal or spiritual enrichment

Learning Objectives:

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

Course Fee: \$300.00

**Registration
deadline:
December 19, 2026**

Course Reading Resources

- McGrath, Alister. *Christianity's Dangerous Idea: The Protestant Revolution--A History from the Sixteenth Century to the TwentyFirst* (San Francisco, CA; HarperOne, 2008)
- Other texts assigned on Moodle as necessary

Please wait to order books until after your registration has been confirmed by the Brethren Academy office.

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Course Withdrawal Refund Policy:

- Full refund available before registration deadline
- 50% refund from registration deadline to course start.
- No refunds once the course has begun.

Exceptions require approval from the Brethren Academy Director.

Who should take this course:

This course is designed for:

- TRIM and EFSM students fulfilling BHTS
- Pastors and lay leaders seeking CEUs.
- Individuals discerning a call to ministry.

Anyone longing to deepen their theological understanding and faith practice.

Course Format and Requirements:

This asynchronous online course allows for flexibility in scheduling while maintaining weekly participation and assignment expectations.

Time Commitment: 10–12 hours per week.

Technology Requirements: Basic computer skills and reliable internet. A device less than four years old is recommended.

For TRIM/EFSM Students:

- Fulfills **BHTS** requirements.
- Full participation, reading, and assignments are required.

For CEU Participants:

- Earns **2.0 CEUs**.
- Reading and participation required; complete reduced assignments as outlined in the syllabus.

Distinctive Course Feature:

Explore how just prior to the Protestant Reformation through today, Christian belief, practice, and organization took multiple forms in Western Christianity. See how they changed in the contexts of colonialism, world war, and globalization.

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 on 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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I will be taking this course for: _____ TRIM credit _____ EFSM credit _____ CEU credit _____ PE

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