

REGISTRATION FORM

Defining Set-Apart Ministry Within the Bi-Vocational Reality

Online course
July 20 - September 11, 2015

Name: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____

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I will be taking this course for:

TRIM Credit ____ Cont. Ed. Units ____

EFSM Credit ____ Personal Enrich ____

Course fee: \$275.00. Make check
payable to: **Brethren Academy**

Registration deadline: June 20, 2015

**Please note: enrollment numbers on the date of the
registration deadline will determine
whether the course will be held.**

MAIL REGISTRATION FORM AND FEE TO:
Brethren Academy
for Ministerial Leadership
615 National Road West
Richmond, IN 47374

TECHNOLOGY REQUIREMENTS

Students will need basic computer skills and access to the internet.

Computer Capabilities:

- Modem: Minimum 56 kbps speed is slow but doable. A speed of 100 kbps (300 recommended) is needed for podcasts and 300 kbps (500 recommended) for videos
- An email account
- An up-to-date web browser; such as Firefox, Internet Explorer or Google Chrome
- A laptop on a wireless network will work, but will get better performance if plugged into a wired network

If you have questions about this information, call Fran Massie, the Academy Administrative Assistant.

Refunds:

100% of course fee prior to the registration deadline

50% between the registration deadline and 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.

For more information, contact the Brethren Academy office:



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8 Week Online Course



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DEFINING SET-APART MINISTRY WITHIN THE BI-VOCATIONAL REALITY

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Bi-vocational ministry is a reality in many denominations. It is not only a calling, but a necessity; part-time ministry placements often outnumber full-time placements. Stephen Norcross writes *"A part-time arrangement between pastor and congregation does not mean that the person is a part-time pastor, nor that the congregation is a part-time church."* This class will explore the set-apart ministry within the bi-vocational context, including the rewards and challenges for both pastor and congregation. Topics include the bi-vocational ministry of the Apostle Paul and an investigation of 1 Timothy, 2 Timothy, and Titus.

OBJECTIVES

Upon successful completion of this course, you will be able to:

- Define the set-apart ministry within the bi-vocational context.
- Interpret the scriptural foundation for bi-vocational ministry and church organization through Pauline writings.
- Explore ways to incorporate time management skills needed for bi-vocational ministry.
- Describe ways to motivate leadership within your congregation.
- Recognize your ministry calling and your secular occupation as one mission instead of viewing them as two competing sides vying for your time.

INSTRUCTOR



Sandra Jenkins

Sandra Jenkins is an ordained minister in the Southern Ohio District of the Church of the Brethren and is the pastor of Constance Church of the Brethren in Hebron, Kentucky. Sandra is also a full-time public school music teacher. She holds a Bachelor in Music Education from Wright State University, a Master in the Art of Teaching from Marygrove College, and a Master of Divinity from Bethany Theological Seminary. Sandra lives in Ohio with her husband Christopher. Sandra finds God's peaceful solace in teaching, research, and writing.

SCHEDULE

This class will run from July 20 - September 11, 2015. Online classes require students to be disciplined in their time management. Students are expected to spend about 10 hours a week during this eight week online class including outside reading and projects.

PARTICIPANTS

This course is offered at the Academy level and is open to Brethren Academy students (TRIM and EFSM), lay persons and pastors. For TRIM students, successful completion of this course will earn one Academy level unit in Ministry Skills. Pastors will earn two continuing education credits.

TEXTBOOKS

Banks, Robert, *Paul's Idea of Community*, Revised Edition. Massachusetts: Hendrickson Press, 1994. ISBN-10: 1565630505 Fourth printing 2004

Bickers, Dennis, *The Bivocational Pastor: Two Jobs, One Ministry*. Kansas City: Beacon Press, 2004. ISBN-10: 0834121301

Bickers, Dennis, *The Work of the Bivocational Minister*. Valley Forge: Judson Press, 2007. ISBN-13: 9780817015107

Steinke, Peter L., *Healthy Congregations, A Systems Approach*, Virginia, The Alban Institute, 2006. ISBN-13:978-1-56699-330-2