



# **Continuing Education Opportunities for the Mid-Atlantic District**

## **Fall Ventures Courses to Focus on Trauma Informed Care**

The October and November course offerings from the “Ventures in Christian Discipleship” program at McPherson (Kan.) College will be a two-part series focusing on Trauma Informed Care. (Part 1 not required to take Part 2)

Part 1 of the series, “Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs)”, will be held Saturday, October 13 online at 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. CST. The science of the past 30 years is painting a clear picture—when kids are exposed to overwhelming, unsupported adversity (abuse, neglect, domestic violence, etc.) there is profound effect for them and for all of us. This class will introduce the ACE findings, briefly discuss the neurobiology of stress and propose simple solutions that promote hope and healing. There will also be time at the end of the presentation for a dialogue regarding the implications for Ventures participants.

Part 2 of the series, “Trauma Informed Care (TIC)”, will be held Saturday, November 17 online at 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. CST. We will briefly review and highlight the ACEs findings and dig deeper into the core concepts of TIC. We will focus specifically on the core concepts of regulation, relationship and reason to be as critical components of a connected and healthy world. We will also discuss how response to overwhelming adversity and trauma tends to create dysregulation, relational skepticism and pursuit of purpose that is often superficial and absent of meaning. The strategies discussed that create regulation, relationship and reason to be are also relevant for managing conflict and other relevant challenges of modern life.

Both classes will be taught by Tim Grove, chief clinical officer at SaintA, Milwaukee, Wis., and serves as the senior leader responsible for the trauma informed care initiatives across all agency programs. He was responsible for the implementation of SaintA’s trauma informed care philosophy and practices., is a Mentor with the Child Trauma Academy, and is a Master Trainer in Dr. Rob Anda and Laura Porter’s ACE Interface curriculum. Tim and the training team at SaintA have trained more than 50,000 people from diverse disciplines over the past 10 years.

All classes are donation-based and continuing education credit is available for \$10 per course. To learn more about Ventures in Christian Discipleship and to register for courses, visit [www.mcpherson.edu/ventures](http://www.mcpherson.edu/ventures).

# Brethren Academy for Ministerial Leadership proudly offers

# Engaging Pastoral Care

BETHANY THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY  
RICHMOND, IN

**JANUARY 14-16, 2019**  
WITH TWO FOLLOW UP SESSIONS  
[REGISTER ONLINE](#)



## Course Description and Objectives

Pastoral care is an integral part of any ministry. Just like sermon writing, worship development, and teaching, pastoral care is a gift as well as a practice that can be developed and deepened. In this course we will develop the skills needed to engage pastoral care through conversation, verbatims, exercises, projects, and written work (including papers and journaling). These practices will focus on the areas of active listening, death and grief, crisis, family systems, and self-care.

## Instructor: Sheila D. Shumaker

Sheila D. Shumaker, MDiv, CPE, is retired from the Pastorate and now resource chaplain for Premier Health Care in Troy Ohio. She is a second career minister receiving her MDiv from Bethany Theological Seminary. She served as pastor, district moderator, past member of the Miami Valley Health pastoral counseling board, and is certified in Mental Health First Aid. She resides in Troy Ohio which is near to her family.

## Schedule

**Location** – Bethany Theological Seminary,  
615 National Road W., Richmond, IN

**Monday, Jan. 14** 8:30am-4pm

**Tuesday, Jan. 15** 8:30 am-4pm

**Wednesday, Jan. 16** 8:30-11:30

**January 28** 6-8pm EST via Zoom

**February 4** 6-8pm EST via Zoom

(Zoom installation instructions will be given during the class)

This course is available to:

- TRIM/EFSM students- fulfills Ministry Skills unit and BTS experiences
- Those seeking Continuing Education Units (2.0 CEU)
- Anyone seeking personal and spiritual enrichment

Essentially, this course is open to ALL!

Course fee \$295.00

**Registration deadline:**  
**December 5, 2018**



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### Course Withdrawal Refund Policy

100% of course fee prior  
to registration

50% from the registration  
deadline to the first day

No refunds will be given  
once the class has  
begun

Exceptions require the  
approval of the Director  
of the Brethren  
Academy

## Reading List

### Required Reading

-Byron Jones, Kirk. *Rest in the Storm: Self-Care Strategies for Clergy and Other Caregivers*. Judson Press, 2001. (ISBN# 0817013938)

-Doehring, Carrie, *The Practice of Pastoral Care, Revised and Expanded Version: A Postmodern Approach*. Westminster John Knox Press, 2015 (ISBN #: 0664238408). (232pp)

-Patton, John. *Pastoral Care, The Essential Guide*. Abingdon Press, 2005. (ISBN# - 0687053226) (128 pp)

-Justes, Emma. *Hearing Beyond the Words: How to Become a Listening Pastor*. Abingdom Press, 2006 (ISBN# 0687494990). (115pp)

**Pre-course assignments** – before arriving at Bethany for the class students should complete the following :

1. *Hearing Beyond the Words* (entirety)
2. *The Practice of Pastoral Care* (chapters 1 and 2)
3. Complete the verbatim at the end of Chapter 2 of *The Practice of Pastoral Care*

## Participants

Class size is limited to 20 students.

As an attendee of this event, you may be included in still photos, videotaped footage, news articles, informational brochures or other media used to interpret the mission and purpose of Bethany Theological Seminary, the Church of the Brethren, and the Brethren Academy.

## Travel and Lodging

Transportation, lodging and meals are the participant's responsibility. The Brethren Academy office will be glad to provide contact information for area lodging.

### Engaging Pastoral Care – January 14-16, 2019

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Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Best contact phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

I will be taking this course for: \_\_\_\_TRIM credit \_\_\_\_EFSM credit \_\_\_\_CEUs (2) \_\_\_\_personal enrichment  
**Course Fee: \$295 payable to Brethren Academy** Registration Deadline: December 5, 2018

# Brethren Academy for Ministerial Leadership proudly offers: Christianity in the Early-Modern and Modern Worlds

**JANUARY 23- MARCH 13, 2019**

**8-WEEK ONLINE COURSE**

[REGISTER ONLINE](#)

## Course Description and Objectives



This course provides a brief overview of the history of Christianity from the Reformation to World War II. Topics of study include the Magisterial Reformation, the Radical Reformation, Roman Catholic reform, Protestant Orthodoxy, Pietism and the Evangelical Awakening, the impact of Enlightenment rationalism, missionary expansion, Protestant liberalism and fundamentalism, the ecumenical movement, and Christianity in developing countries.

Students will:

1. attempt to understand key Christian thinkers and their ideas in relationship to Christian ritual and practice as well as to non-Christian religions, philosophy, and natural science,
2. familiarize themselves with some of the major issues, events, and personalities in Christian history,
3. become aware of the problems and methods of the academic disciplines of church history, intellectual history, and theology.

This course is available to:

- TRIM/EFSM students- fulfills one B/T unit and Bethany Experience
- Those seeking Continuing Education Units (2.0 CEU)
- Anyone seeking personal and spiritual enrichment

Essentially, this course is open to ALL!

Course fee \$295.00

**Registration deadline:**

**December 19, 2018**

## Instructor: Ken Rogers

Dr. Ken Rogers is Professor of Historical Studies at Bethany Theological Seminary in Indiana. A graduate of Manchester University in Indiana, Oxford University in England, and Harvard University in Massachusetts, he has pursued study and research at Marburg University in Germany as well. After three decades teaching in the Religion and Philosophy Department of Manchester University, he joined the Bethany faculty in 2008. He taught a seminar for Marburg University in the fall semester 2017. He has been an ordained minister in the Church of the Brethren for more than thirty years.



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**Reading List****Assigned Readings**

González, Justo L. *The Story of Christianity: Volume 2: The Reformation to the Present Day*. HarperOne, 2010 (ISBN-10: 0061855898).

Online lectures provided by the instructor, typically ten pages each week. These online lectures may occasionally mention further recommended (but optional) readings, audio CDs, or DVDs.

**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 basic computer skills and access to the internet. If your computer is four years old or less, you should have the capabilities for this class. These capabilities include:

- Modem: Minimum 56 kbps speed is slow but adequate. 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

Additional expectations will be outlined in the course syllabus.

**Christianity in the Early-Modern and Modern Worlds, January 23 to March 13, 2019**

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Registration Deadline: December 19, 2018

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# Race & the Congregation

CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN GENERAL OFFICES  
1451 DUNDEE AVE., ELGIN, ILLINOIS

FEBRUARY 21-24, 2019

[REGISITER ONLINE](#)

## Course Description and Objectives



This course will consider the Church of the Brethren's historic peace stance and belief that "all war is sin," against the current backdrop of social issues that impact Black Americans.

Additionally, students will

- Rethink the definition of war vs. social conflict
- Discuss and analyze what it means to be an African American minority in the context of U.S. society
- Analyze the context in which Black Americans join Church of the Brethren congregations and the comfort level therein
- Discuss how we welcome those who do not look like us and create an inviting church home without being paternal, colonial, or requiring the loss of identity

This course is available to:

- TRIM/EFSM students- fulfills M/MS unit and BCE experiences
- Those seeking Continuing Education Units (2.0 CEU)
- Anyone seeking personal and spiritual enrichment

Essentially, this course is open to ALL!

Course fee \$295.00

**Registration deadline:**  
**January 17, 2019**

## Instructor: Eric Bishop

Eric Bishop is an adjunct professor who teaches mass media courses at the University of La Verne and leadership courses in the doctoral program for San Diego State University. He serves as the vice president of student services for Chaffey Community College in Rancho Cucamonga, CA. He has worked in higher education for nearly 30 years and also serves as a member of the Bethany Theological Seminary Board of Trustees. He has served as a congregational and district moderator and on the denomination's Program and Arrangements Committee.



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**Reading List****Prior to class:**

- Hill, Mark Lamont. *Nobody: Casualties of America's War on the Vulnerable, from Ferguson to Flint and Beyond*. Atria Books. Reprint edition (May 2, 2017). ISBN-10: 150112496X, ISBN-13: 978-1501124969
- Alexander, Michelle. *The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness*. The New Press (January 16, 2012). ISBN-10: 1595586431, ISBN-13: 978-1595586438

**During days of class:**

- Select articles and video programs will be presented.

**Participants**

Class size is limited to 20 students.

As an attendee of this event, you may be included in still photos, videotaped footage, news articles, informational brochures or other media used to interpret the mission and purpose of Bethany Theological Seminary, the Church of the Brethren, and the Brethren Academy.

**Schedule**

**Location** – Church of the Brethren General Offices,  
1451 Dundee Ave., Elgin, Illinois

**Schedule**

Thursday: 6-9pm

Friday & Saturday: 8:30am-12:00pm and 1:30-5:00pm

Sunday: 9:00am-12:00pm

**Travel and Lodging**

Transportation, lodging and meals are the participant's responsibility. The Brethren Academy office will be glad to provide contact information for area lodging.

**Race & the Congregation, February 21-24, 2019**

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**Course Fee: \$295 payable to Brethren Academy**

Registration Deadline: January 17, 2019



*Join us for this informational and instructive seminar!*

## **Clergy Tax Seminar** **January 19, 2019**

**Featuring in-depth information on changes to 2018 tax returns  
resulting from the 2017 Tax Cuts and Jobs Act**

**Students, pastors, and other church leaders are invited to attend either in person at Bethany Theological Seminary or online.**

- Learn how to file clergy taxes correctly and legally.
- Comply with regulations while maximizing tax deductions.
- Earn 0.4 CEUs - requires live or online attendance in the first two sessions.

In a new format this year, the annual Clergy Tax Seminar will be broken into three sessions: Clergy Tax Law; the 2017 Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, covering significant changes for 2018 tax returns; and how to use TurboTax to prepare a clergy tax return. As always, the workshop will describe the rules regarding clergy tax returns, updates on important court cases, and practice preparing a clergy tax return. In addition, the many changes affecting individuals under the 2017 Tax Cuts and Jobs Act will be covered in depth in a separate session. Credit for 0.4 CEUs will be available for attending the morning and early afternoon sessions.

This seminar is highly recommended for all pastors and other church leaders who wish to understand clergy taxes, including treasurers, steward commission chairs, and church board chairs.

**Sponsors:** The Brethren Academy for Ministerial Leadership, the Church of the Brethren Office of Ministry, and Bethany Theological Seminary

### **Seminar Schedule**

- 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. EST: Morning session
- 12:00-12:30 p.m. EST: Lunch on your own
- 12:30-2:30 p.m. EST: First afternoon session
- 3:00-5:00 p.m. EST: Second afternoon session

### **Registration and Cost**

Registration is \$30 per person (generally nonrefundable to keep fees and overhead low). Current Bethany, TRIM/EFSM/SeBAH, and Earlham School of Religion students may attend the seminar at no cost, although registration is still required to reserve space and so sufficient materials for your attendance may be prepared. If you will be attending online, your registration

will allow us to provide you with web access to the seminar; instructions and handouts will be sent a few days prior to the event. Registrations are not complete until payment is received. For space and quality reasons, registrations may be capped at twenty persons locally and eighty-five persons online.

*Prompt registration is advised - registration deadline is January 10, 2019.*

## **Leadship**

Deb Oskin has been doing clergy tax returns since 1989, when her husband left seminary to pastor a small rural Church of the Brethren congregation. As a pastor's wife and later as a tax professional, she learned the tax problems and pitfalls associated with the IRS's identification of clergy as "hybrid employees." In 2011, after twelve years with H&R Block, Deb left to start her own tax practice, specializing in clergy taxes. Clergy clients now make up 75 percent of her client base.

Deb was ordained in 2004 when she was called by the Living Peace Church of the Brethren in Columbus, Ohio, to be their peace minister to the wider community. She served as Southern Ohio District's board chair from 2007-11 and is currently serving as Southern Ohio-Kentucky 2018 District Moderator. She was elected to the Pastoral Compensation & Benefits Advisory Committee at Annual Conference 2018 and is super excited about it!

She's been teaching and presenting nationally on clergy taxation to clergy, treasurers and administrators, and tax pros since 2004. Other than the fact that she really likes to talk, Deb does this because of her deep belief that clergy can devote more of their energy to ministry if they aren't stressed by tax debt.

Deb is an experienced presenter, and despite the complexity of the material, you'll find yourself laughing. Learn and enjoy!

**[Register now!](#)**





Continuing  
EDUCATION EVENTS

Susquehanna Valley Ministry Center presents:

## The Bible through Visual Art

Monday, April 1, 2019 - Elizabethtown College - Susquehanna Room  
9 a.m. – 4 p.m. (Registration begins at 8:30 a.m.)

**Presenters: Chris Bucher and Bob Neff**

*Chris is the Carl W. Zeigler Professor of Religion at Elizabethtown College, where she teaches courses in biblical study.*

*Bob is an Old Testament scholar, President Emeritus of Juniata College, and former General Secretary of the Church of the Brethren.*

The primary goal of this class is to explore the intersection of art and biblical texts by examining the ways in which the visual arts (e.g., paintings, drawings, mosaics, sculpture) offer new insights into biblical texts. How can visual art call our attention to neglected biblical texts or to overlooked elements in texts? How can it help us see the multiple levels of meaning within a text? How can visual art help us wrestle with difficult biblical texts or with challenging theological concepts? We will explore early Christian art, which visualized Jesus as shepherd and highlighted the biblical stories about Daniel, Jonah, and Noah, and we will examine biblical interpretation by selected artists from the Renaissance to the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Finally, we will discuss ways in which art might be incorporated into church life as a way of engaging church members at visual and kinesthetic levels. Format of the course: presentations by Chris Bucher and Bob Neff and guided group discussions. Those who register for the course will receive a bibliography of recommended resources.

Registration due by March 15, 2019:    ☐ \$60.00 (0.6 CEUs, light breakfast, lunch)  
    ☐ \$50.00 (NO CEUs, light breakfast, lunch)

### REGISTRATION FORM

<p><b>Please make checks payable to "SVMC".</b></p> <p>Mail completed registration form and payment for "The Bible through Visual Art" to: Susquehanna Valley Ministry Center One Alpha Drive Elizabethtown, PA 17022 Questions: Contact us at: 717-361-1450 or <a href="mailto:svmc@etown.edu">svmc@etown.edu</a>. Thank you!!</p>	<p>Name _____</p> <p>Address _____</p> <p>Congregation _____ District _____</p> <p>Email _____ Phone _____</p> <p>Meat or Vegetarian Lunch _____ Other Dietary Restrictions _____</p> <p>Amount Enclosed <input type="checkbox"/> \$60 for 0.6 CEUs     <input type="checkbox"/> \$50 for NO CEUs</p> <p>Where did you hear about this event? _____</p>
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EDUCATION EVENTS

Susquehanna Valley Ministry Center presents...

## Navigating Change: Proceed with Caution

Monday, May 6, 2019, Cross Keys Village, New Oxford, PA  
9 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. (Registration begins at 8:30 a.m.)

Presenter: Jennifer Holcomb, *M.S., NHA, CDP, CDCM, CADDCT*  
Director of Memory Support, Cross Keys Village

Every 3 seconds someone around the world develops symptoms of Alzheimer's disease or another related dementia. Preparing for change in that person is critical and inevitable. Together we will learn best practices to steer the conversation when driving poses challenging, how to effectively manage a hospital stay, and best approaches to use when behaviors pose as a threat.

Registration due by April 22, 2019:     \_\_\_ \$60.00 (includes light breakfast, lunch and 0.5 CEUs)  
   \_\_\_ \$50.00 (includes light breakfast, lunch, and NO CEUs)

### REGISTRATION FORM

<p><b><u>Please make checks payable to "SVMC".</u></b></p> <p>Mail completed registration form and payment for "Navigating Change: Proceed with Caution" to:</p> <p>Susquehanna Valley Ministry Center One Alpha Drive Elizabethtown, PA 17022</p> <p>Questions: Contact us at: 717-361-1450 or <a href="mailto:svmc@etown.edu">svmc@etown.edu</a>. Thank you!!</p>	<p>Name _____</p> <p>Address _____</p> <p>Congregation _____ District _____</p> <p>Email _____ Phone _____</p> <p>Meat or Vegetarian Lunch _____ Other Dietary Restrictions _____</p> <p>Amount Enclosed _____ \$60 for 0.5 CEUs    _____ \$50 for NO CEUs</p> <p>Where did you hear about this event? _____</p>
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**Save the Date: November 3, 2018**

SVMC is celebrating its 25th anniversary in 2018 by rejoicing in our firm foundation, celebrating the present, and envisioning the future.

*Please help us celebrate!*

**BANQUET & WORSHIP SERVICE**

Date: Saturday, November 3, 2018

Location: Chambersburg Church of the Brethren

Time: 4:00 PM - 7 :30 PM

We will begin with a history of SVMC and hymn sing led by Warren Eshbach, followed by a banquet, and ending with a worship service with Dr. Steven Schweitzer, Academic Dean at Bethany Theological Seminary

A free-will offering will be received

Please check out our 25th Anniversary Webpage, including devotions that are being shared on the 25th day of each month in 2018: <https://www.ETown.edu/programs/svmc/25Years.aspx>

SVMC is a strong and vital ministry partnership as we move into our 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary year. Instructors, students, donors, congregations, our five partnering districts, Bethany Theological Seminary, and Brethren Academy have all played a part in the success of our twenty five years.

We anticipate a growing and meaningful ministry in the future as we continue to offer educational opportunities with discernment into how to serve a changing church and a never-changing God.

Join SVMC as we rejoice in our foundation, celebrate the present, and envision the future as we are Rooted and Growing in Christ!

## SAVE THE DATES

### FALL 2018: Conflict Transformation



**SEPTEMBER 8, 2018**

**DEBBIE ROBERTS**

*"The Why and How of Conflict Engagement"*

Explore the theory and practice of conflict engagement. Using the expertise of John Paul Lederach, Parker Palmer, and Tom Porter, we will explore various models of engagement, the importance of spiritual preparation when we are asked to help facilitate conversations between others who are in conflict, and some tools that can assist us in listening and responding in helpful and healing ways.



**OCTOBER 13, 2018**

**TIM GROVE**

*"Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) - Part 1"*

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**NOVEMBER 17, 2018**

**TIM GROVE**

*"Trauma Informed Care (TIC) - Part 2"*

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### Spring 2019: Welcoming Congregations

**JANUARY 26, 2019**

**H. FRED BERNHARD**

*"Biblical Hospitality"*

**APRIL 13, 2019**

**KATHY REID**

*"Healthy and Safe Congregations"*

**MARCH 2, 2019**

**BARBARA AVENT**

*"Growing More of an Inclusive Multicultural Church"*

**ALL COURSES OFFERED AT 9 AM - 12 PM CST**



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