



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

Brethren Academy for Ministerial Leadership proudly offers:

Death and Dying

SEPTEMBER 4 – OCTOBER 29, 2019

8-WEEK ONLINE COURSE

[REGISTER ONLINE](#)

Course Description and Objectives



Church communities play a central role in death and dying. Providing an understanding of death, easing anxiety, bringing peace, and helping people make meaning of dying and death is crucial to effective pastoral ministry.

This course will explore how pastors can teach and model a faith that informs dying, including ways to attend to God in suffering, grief and end-of-life care. Practical considerations addressed include: funerals, memorials, and graveside services; preaching, praying, providing pastoral care; and encouraging spiritual growth with those who are dying and grieving death. Consideration will be given to difficult situations such as suicide, homicide, sudden death, dysfunctional family dynamics, infant mortality and child death. Current issues with regard to death and dying will be broached including:

- the "death positive" movement
- "death with dignity" legislation
- palliative care
- hospice
- alternatives for after-death (e.g. cremation, green burials, body donation)

This course is available to:

- TRIM/EFSM students-fulfills one MS unit
- 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:

July 31, 2019

Instructor: Debbie Eisenbise

Debbie has been in ministry for over 20 years, working as a congregational pastor and spiritual director. She worked with the Church of the Brethren's Congregational Life Ministries from 2015 - 2017 as director of Intergenerational Ministries. Most recently she served as the Interim Pastor at Living Peace Church in Michigan District. She has also provided pastoral leadership and spiritual direction through the years.

Debbie provides practical and emotional support for end of life transitions through her ministry, *Through the Threshold: End of Life Doula Services*. This ministry provides assistance in advance care planning and opportunities to celebrate life. She provides help, hope, and healing that engenders confidence and peace.

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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

A CE or PE student is not required to complete any assigned papers or exams.

Required Texts

Butler, Katy. **The Art of Dying Well: A Practical Guide to a Good End of Life**. ISBN 9781501135477. 212pp.

Long, Thomas G. and Lynch, Thomas. **The Good Funeral: Death, Grief, and the Community of Care**. ISBN 978-0-664-23853-7. 239pp.

Swinton, John and Payne, Richard, editors. **Living Well and Dying Faithfully: Christian Practices for End-of-Life Care** (1st Edition). ISBN 978-0-8028-6339-3. 287pp. [students will read and present on selected chapters]

Pre-course assignments – Watch and take notes on 2 videos with an eye toward pastoral care for those dying, accompanying the dying, and those grieving.

*Atul Gawande. "On Being Mortal"

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CGoGD_VYsEc

*Jane Whitlock: "What I Learned about Life from Death"

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BZ-Ll68xS8g>

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

Death and Dying: September 4 – October 29, 2019

[Register online](#) or fill out following information and return, along with payment to:
Brethren Academy * 615 National Road West *Richmond, IN * 47374

Name: _____

Address: _____

Best contact phone: _____

E-mail: _____

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

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SPECIALIZED GRADUATE CERTIFICATES

learning for life and ministry

Biblical Peacemaking ■ Intercultural Biblical Interpretation
Just Peace and Conflict Transformation ■ Theology and Science
Theopoetics and Theological Imagination

COURSES IN
MULTIPLE FORMATS
AND LOCATIONS

SPECIAL TUITION ARRANGEMENT
COMPLETE IN TWO YEARS
AT THE COST OF ONE

APPROVED FOR
CONTINUING
EDUCATION CREDIT



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Biblical Peacemaking *New*

REQUIRED COURSES

- Gospel of Peace
- Interpreting Romans as a Resource for Peacemaking
- Practicum

Choice of one -

- Conflict Transformation
- Mediation as a Social and Spiritual Practice
- Restorative Justice

Choice of one -

- Ecological Theology
- Environmental Ethics in Theological Perspective

Choice of one -

- Just Peace
- Peace of the City and Quest for Public Theology
- Religion as a Source of Terror and Transformation

Theology & Science *New*

FIVE ELECTIVE COURSES

- Eco/Green Bible
- Ecological Theology and Christian Responsibility
- Environmental Ethics in Theological Perspective
- Introduction to Theological Reflection
- Ministry across Generations
- Science and Religion
- Science Fiction and Theology
- Science, Theology, and Ministry
- Taking Church beyond the Walls

Intercultural Biblical Interpretation

REQUIRED COURSES

- Introduction to Old Testament
- Introduction to New Testament
- A course in exegetical hermeneutics
- A course in exegetical methods

ADDITIONAL COURSE

- Bible and Pastoral Care
- Chronicles and Ezra-Nehemiah
- Gospel of Matthew
- Gospel of Peace
- Hebrew
- Images of God
- Israel's Wisdom Teachings
- New Testament Foundations for Ministry
- New Testament Greek
- Preaching the Gospels
- Psalms
- Writing Midrash

Just Peace & Conflict Transformation

REQUIRED COURSES

- Conflict Transformation
- Just Peace: An Ecumenical Call

THREE ADDITIONAL COURSES

- Feminist Theological Perspectives on Conflict
- Gospel of Peace
- Interfaith Dialogue
- Introduction to Pastoral Care
- Meditation as Social and Spiritual Practice
- Pastoral Care with Family Systems
- Religion as a Source of Terror and Transformation
- Restorative Justice

Theopoetics & Theological Imagination

REQUIRED COURSES

- Introduction to Theological Reflection
- Theopoetics

THREE ADDITIONAL COURSES

- Ecological Theology and Christian Responsibility
- Science Fiction and Theology
- Environmental Ethics in Theological Perspective
- Modernity, Postmodernity, and Belief
- Bonhoeffer, War, and Peace
- The Theological Imagination

Let's talk.

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