

The History of the Church of the Brethren

Course Description

This course examines the Brethren from their origins in Europe to their transplanted and spread in the U.S. and other countries. Topics will include the major divisions, mission work, and interactions with wider Christianity and surrounding cultures. Students will learn about some major leaders and developments among the Brethren. Along with theological concerns, the course will investigate social historical contexts for the Brethren story.

Required Texts

Donald F. Durnbaugh. *Fruit of the Vine*.

James Lehman. *The Old Brethren*.

Nancy Kettering Frye. *An Uncommon Woman: The Life and Times of Sarah Righter Major*.

All books will be available for purchase at the Young Center.

INSTRUCTOR



Jeff Bach is a historian of the Brethren. He directs the Young Center at Elizabethtown College, where he teaches Anabaptist and Pietist history. He earned his Ph.D. in religious studies from Duke University in 1997. He is also an ordained minister in the Church of the Brethren.

Schedule

This course will meet at the Young Center, Elizabethtown College on September 27 & 28, and on November 15 & 16, 2019. The class runs from 4:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. each Friday and 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. each Saturday, with one-hour breaks for meals. Students should also budget time for a significant reading assignment before the first class.

Course Objectives

After successfully completing this course, the student will be able to:

1. Identify and describe three significant Brethren leaders and how they helped to shape the history of the Brethren.
2. Analyze at least three contributing causes to divisions among the Brethren in the 1880s.
3. Describe and explain at least one non-Anglo setting where Brethren spread their faith.
4. Name and explain at least two theological developments among the Brethren.

Registration Form

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September 27-28 and
November 15-16, 2019

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

District: _____

I will be taking this class for:

- _____ One TRIM Credit
- _____ One EFSM Learning Unit
- _____ Two CEUs (ordained pastors)
- _____ Personal Enrichment

Course fee: \$295.00

Mail this registration form and fee
by

August 15, 2019 to:

Susquehanna Valley Ministry Center
One Alpha Drive
Elizabethtown PA 17022

TRIM INFORMATION

This Training in Ministry (TRIM) course is offered in cooperation with Brethren Academy for Ministerial Leadership. It completes one unit in the area of Bible and Theology. It also fulfills the Brethren College Experience requirement.

Registration

To register, clip Registration Form at left and mail with a check payable to SVMC.

Course fee: \$295.00

Refund policy:

- 100% of course fee if class has filled or if student withdraws prior to registration deadline.
- 50% for withdrawal between the registration deadline and the first day of class.
- No refunds will be given once the class has begun.

Questions? Feel free to contact SVMC:

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A TRIM Course

Taught by Jeff Bach

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