



# **Susquehanna Valley Ministry Center 2015-2016 CATALOG**

## **ACTS, TRIM, & GRADUATE COURSES**

SVMC is a Church of the Brethren ministry education partnership of the Atlantic Northeast, Mid-Atlantic, Middle Pennsylvania, Southern Pennsylvania, and Western Pennsylvania Districts, the Brethren Academy for Ministerial Leadership, and Bethany Theological Seminary.

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## **SVMC'S MISSION**

*To equip leaders for ministry in a regionally based, Christ centered, culturally relevant context in ways that bear witness to the beliefs, heritage, and practices of the Church of the Brethren.*

## **BACKGROUND**

Developed in 1993, the Susquehanna Valley Ministry Center (SVMC) is a ministry partner with the Atlantic Northeast, Mid-Atlantic, Middle PA, Southern PA, and Western PA districts along with the Brethren Academy for Ministerial Leadership and Bethany Theological Seminary. SVMC provides training in regionally based settings for persons exploring the call to ministry and/or lay leadership. Working from a solid commitment to core Anabaptist and Pietist understandings within the Church of the Brethren heritage, we provide training in biblical studies, ministry skills, peace and justice perspectives, theology, church vitality, and other subjects that help students prepare for ministry, making classes available at both the graduate and academy levels.



## A RANGE OF EDUCATIONAL OPTIONS

Through its unique partnerships, SVMC offers ministry training options adapted to students' varying life circumstances. Bethany Theological Seminary continues to provide full-time residential programs in a community of Brethren students and faculty at its Richmond, Indiana campus. It also offers a number of distance options through its *Connections* program. SVMC provides students in our own region the opportunity to experience Brethren graduate education by hosting Bethany intensives at Elizabethtown and Juniata Colleges in Pennsylvania. SVMC-hosted Bethany courses may be taken as part of a Bethany degree program or to earn credit at other regional seminaries (see p. 6). Bethany is accredited by the Association of Theological Schools in the United States and Canada (ATS) and the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools (HLC). Enrollment for all classes is processed by Bethany.

For students unable to enroll in seminary, SVMC also offers classes in two certificate programs overseen by the Brethren Academy for Ministerial Leadership. The Training in Ministry Program (TRIM) and Academy Certified Training System (ACTS) programs allow students with different levels of academic preparation to answer a call to ministry. SVMC offers TRIM courses both within the region and online. SVMC organizes ACTS courses in collaboration with the five partnering districts. Each district hosts three to four classes per year in district churches and offices. Many ACTS and TRIM students continue to work full-time, so the courses are scheduled for evenings and Saturdays, as weekend intensives, or online. SVMC processes ACTS and TRIM enrollment; the final certificates are conferred by Brethren Academy and recognized by all five partner districts as preparation for ordained ministry.

SVMC also considers continuing education opportunities for clergy and lay persons an integral component of its ministry. Facilitated by leaders who are scholars on the topics, continuing education events are held at various locations within our partner districts.

## PARTNERS IN MINISTRY



Representing the partners in SVMC's ministry (back row): Bethany President Jeff Carter, District Executives Gene Hagenberger (MidAtl), David Steele (MidPA), and Craig Smith (ANE); Bethany Academic Dean Steven Schweitzer, District Executive Bill Waugh (SPA) and District Minister Ron Beachley (WPA). Front row: SVMC Program Coordinator Erika Fitz and Executive Director Donna Rhodes, and Mary Jo Flory-Steury, Assoc. General Secretary of the Church of the Brethren and Executive Director of the Office of Ministry.

## SVMC STAFF

**Donna M. Rhodes**, Executive Director of Susquehanna Valley Ministry Center, holds an M.A. in Nonprofit Leadership and a B.S. in education from Juniata College. She is also a graduate of the TRIM program and the Spiritual Direction program of Oasis Ministries, and completed a certificate in Christian Nonprofit Leadership through the Christian Leadership Alliance. Donna attends Stone Church of the Brethren (Middle PA District) and enjoys playing the piano, walking, and knitting prayer shawls.

**Erika Fitz**, Program Coordinator/Registrar, is a graduate of Haverford College (B.A.), Union Theological Seminary (M.Div.), and Emory University, where she completed a Ph.D. in Hebrew Bible in 2012. She grew up at York First Church of the Brethren (Southern PA) and is now an active member of the Lancaster Friends (Quaker) Meeting. She enjoys knitting, bicycling, and visual art projects.

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## TAKING GRADUATE COURSES

Bethany graduate courses offered through the Susquehanna Valley Ministry Center (SVMC) provide a Brethren context for theological education. Bethany courses may be taken for credit toward a Master of Divinity (MDiv) or Master of Arts (MA) degree, or audited for continuing education units (CEUs). All students are required to apply for admission and enroll before taking a class. This can be completed through Bethany's website ([www.bethanyseminary.edu](http://www.bethanyseminary.edu)) from the "Prospective Students" page. Students who do not plan to enroll in one of Bethany's full-time degree or certificate programs should apply as Occasional Students. Auditors have a simpler admissions process and should contact the Admissions Team at 800-287-7722 or [admissions@bethanyseminary.edu](mailto:admissions@bethanyseminary.edu).

### Registration Deadlines (new students and auditors)

Fall 2015 courses: July 15, 2015

Spring 2016 courses: December 1, 2015

### Tuition and Fees

Each graduate course taught by Bethany at SVMC carries three credit-hours. The tuition cost is \$1,410 for each three-credit-hour course. Students may audit a course for \$470 (or \$350 for Bethany alumni/ae) and receive 3.0 CEUs. Limited spaces for auditing graduate courses are available for TRIM students, persons enrolled in district training programs, alumni/ae, Brethren pastors taking courses for continuing education, members of the Church of the Brethren, and other individuals. Students not already enrolled as a Bethany student (whether as a degree, occasional, or CATS student) must pay a \$50.00 fee for application processing. Students requesting CEU also pay a \$10.00 documentation fee.

Financial aid is available to Bethany degree- and certificate-seeking students who meet certain criteria. Scholarships are available for such things as academic excellence, commitment to serve the church, and financial need. The refund policy and other information regarding graduate study appear in the Bethany Student Handbook. The Handbook, as well as financial aid information and application links, can be found in the "Prospective Students" portion of the Bethany website ([www.bethanyseminary.edu/links-prospective](http://www.bethanyseminary.edu/links-prospective)).

## Library Privileges

Students enrolled in graduate courses hosted by SVMC are able to use library services at the Lilly Library (which serves Bethany, Earlham School of Religion, and Earlham College), Lancaster Theological Seminary, Evangelical Theological Seminary, Lutheran Seminary at Gettysburg, Elizabethtown College, and Juniata College.

## CONNECTIONS:

### DISTANCE OPTIONS FOR BETHANY EDUCATION

Bethany Theological Seminary collaborates with SVMC to offer graduate-level work in biblical studies, ministry, and theology through their distance education program *Connections*. While Bethany has offered a *Connections* M.Div. track for many years, the online and short-term intensive course offerings have recently been expanded. Students may now pursue any graduate level program—from an occasional course or two, to the six course Certificate of Achievement in Theological Studies (CATS), up to a fully accredited MDiv or MA degree—all without the need to relocate. While online work is part of distance learning, SVMC's special partnership with Bethany offers students the experience of face-to-face, graduate-level courses taught by Bethany professors right here in the SVMC region. If you have already obtained your undergraduate degree and are ready for further study, the *Connections* program could be your next step. Contact Bethany or SVMC for more details.

### FIND US ON THE WEB

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Bethany Theological Seminary

[www.bethanyseminary.edu](http://www.bethanyseminary.edu)

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# BETHANY THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY COURSES\*

## HOSTED BY SVMC

*\*Seminary courses may also be audited for 3.0 Continuing Education Units*

FALL 2015

### Brethren Beliefs and Practices

Instructor: Denise Kettering-Lane, Ph.D.

Dates: September 11-12, October 2-3, November 6-7, 2015

Times: Fridays 2:00 - 10:00 p.m.; Saturdays 8:30 a.m. - 4:30;  
one-hour breaks for meals.

Location: Elizabethtown College

Credit: 3 hours of seminary credit

This course explores the range of beliefs and practices vital to the Church of the Brethren and related denominations across three centuries, and to understand how beliefs and practices inform one another. It aims to prepare students to explain the distinctive Brethren witness to today's congregations; to be able to address the present postmodern context grounded in knowledge of the tradition. *Please be aware that this is a theology course and does not fulfill ordination requirements for a course dedicated to Church of the Brethren History or Polity.*







## New Testament Foundations of Ministry

Instructor: Dan Ulrich, Ph.D.

Dates: September 11-12, October 2-3, November 6-7, 2015

Times: Fridays 2:00 - 10:00 p.m.; Saturdays 8:30 a.m. - 4:30;  
one-hour breaks for meals.

Location: Juniata College

Credit: 3 hours of seminary credit

This course invites students to examine and develop their theology of ministry in light of some of the ways ministry is understood in the New Testament. While exploring a range of New Testament texts, students will practice interpretive methods that are both enlightening and feasible in the context of a busy ministry setting.

## REGISTRATION

Full registration information on p. 6. New students and auditors should contact the Admissions Team by **July 15, 2015** for Fall classes and by **December 1, 2015** for Spring classes. Call 800-287-7722 or email [admissions@bethanyseminary.edu](mailto:admissions@bethanyseminary.edu).

**SUSQUEHANNA VALLEY MINISTRY CENTER  
& BETHANY THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY  
ACADEMIC CALENDAR 2015-2016**

**2015**

July 1	BTS Session One Begins
July 3	Independence Day—SVMC Office Closed
July 15	New Student Admission and Financial Aid Deadline (Fall Semester)
September 7	Labor Day—SVMC Office Closed
November 25-27	Thanksgiving Break—SVMC Office Closed
December 1	New Student Admission and Financial Aid Deadline (Spring Semester)
December 23 - January 1	Christmas Break—SVMC Office Closed

**2016**

January 16	Bethany Session One Ends
January 18	Martin Luther King Day—SVMC Office Closed
January 18	Bethany Session Two Begins
March 25-28	Easter Break—SVMC Office Closed
May 7	Bethany Theological Seminary Commencement
May 30	Memorial Day—SVMC Office Closed

## PROJECTED GRADUATE COURSE OFFERINGS

### 2016-2017

Introduction to Preaching Dawn Ottoni-Wilhelm	Fall 2016 Juniata College
Church of the Brethren Polity and Practice TBA	Spring 2017 Elizabethtown College

### 2017-2018

Youth and Mission Russell Haitch	Fall 2017 Juniata College
Theology course TBA Nate Inglis	Spring 2018 Location TBA

## CLINICAL PASTORAL EDUCATION (CPE)

Clinical pastoral education provides ministry experience in clinical settings along with extensive group and individual supervision. CPE students minister to persons from a range of faith traditions while discovering the unique perspective of their own. CPE is offered at a number of hospitals, hospices, and nursing homes accredited by the Association for Clinical Pastoral Education. Visit [www.acpe.edu](http://www.acpe.edu) for a fuller description, an [application](#) (under “Forms”) and list of sites. The site closest to the SVMC office is M.S. Hershey Medical Center (call 717-531-8177 for more information).

## TRIM PROGRAM

Training in Ministry (TRIM) is an Annual Conference approved educational track for persons seeking ordination in the Church of the Brethren. The TRIM program primarily serves individuals for whom full-time participation in a college or seminary degree program is not feasible.

The educational framework of TRIM allows students to utilize local colleges, universities, and seminaries, as well as independent study, ministry formation, and supervised ministry in meeting their requirements. This educational track leads to a Certificate of Training for Set-Apart Ministry issued by the Brethren Academy for Ministerial Leadership, a ministry training partnership of the Church of the Brethren and Bethany Theological Seminary. Entrance into the TRIM program is subject to district nomination and approval. SVMC works with Brethren Academy in course planning.

SVMC provides TRIM courses that satisfy Brethren Academy requirements. Tuition for TRIM courses is \$275.00 for students enrolled in the TRIM and ACTS programs. With special permission, TRIM students may also audit Bethany graduate courses for TRIM credit. The courses found below are open to TRIM, EFSM, and ACTS students, ordained pastors for continuing education units (CEUs), and lay persons.



# TRIM COURSES

FALL 2015

## The Gospel of Mark and 21st Century Ministry (DISU)

Instructor:

Connie Maclay

Dates:

Nov. 9, 2015

Online work:

Oct. 9 - Nov. 30, 2015

Description:

This course will study the book of Mark and explore its relevance for the twenty-first century.

Students must register for and attend the SVMC continuing education event, “The Gospel of Mark and 21<sup>st</sup> Century Ministry” on Nov. 9 (see

p. 22). They will meet with the instructor during lunch and at the end of the day. They will also be required to complete work online prior to and following the event. A final project will be due two weeks after the final session.



SPRING 2016

*Courses for spring and/or summer 2016 will be announced on the SVMC website ([www.etoyn.edu/SVMC](http://www.etoyn.edu/SVMC)) and via email. Contact SVMC if you wish to receive information about new courses.*



## ACTS PROGRAM

The **Academy Certified Training System (ACTS)** is certified by the Brethren Academy for Ministerial Leadership. ACTS is intended for lay people who want to learn more about the faith and calling of Christian community, licensed ministers who are part of the certificate training program to fulfill minimal educational requirements for ordination, and ministers seeking continuing education.

Each district provides a **Ministry Formation** group for ACTS students. Becoming an effective minister requires people and relational skills that can be acquired and developed in a setting where students share with one



another their unique experiences, questions, uncertainties, problems, dilemmas, successes, and failures. Students explore various topics and practical issues related to ministry.

Students also participate in a **Supervised Ministry Experience** in which they are paired with an experienced minister. The students are given opportunities to explore and experience the daily needs and challenges of doing ministry. This takes place about halfway through the student's participation in ACTS.

Within an approximately four-year cycle, students are asked to complete the following courses listed in the three categories (in boldface).

- ***Biblical:*** Introduction to the Old Testament, Introduction to the New Testament, Interpreting the Bible.
- ***Historical/Theological:*** Theology, History of the Church, Church of the Brethren History.
- ***Ministry Skills:*** (six of the following) Preaching, Worship, Church Leadership and Administration (required), Introduction to Pastoral Care, Teaching and Learning in the Church, Church Vitality and Evangelism, and Communication Skills for Pastoral Ministry.

## ACTS COURSES

ACTS courses are offered in our five partner districts; students may cross district boundaries to attend courses. Tuition for ACTS courses is \$210.00 for students enrolled in the ACTS program. Audit fees are \$70.00 per course. For CEU awards, an additional fee of \$10.00 will be charged. Each district has its own scholarship provisions for its ministry training program, see pages 20-21. Refund Policy: No refund of tuition will be granted once the first class has been attended, unless approved by the Executive Director of SVMC.

### ALL DISTRICTS:

#### Communication Skills for Pastoral Ministry

This course, designed to strengthen communications skills for ministry, is offered annually and taught in one location by Kenneth Gible. It requires two class meetings plus individual discussions with the instructor via email or phone. Students will work on writing and speaking skills and produce several kinds of communication pieces. The required sessions for 2015-16 will be held on Saturdays, February 20 and March 19 from 2016, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm at Carlisle Church of the Brethren. Please call the SVMC office to indicate your interest. Registration due by January 29.



## **ATLANTIC NORTHEAST DISTRICT**

### **Church Leadership and Administration**

Instructor: Joe Detrick  
Dates & Time: Thursdays, September 17, October 1, 15, 29, and November 12; 6:30 to 9:30 pm  
Location: Mountville Church of the Brethren

### **History of the Church**

Instructors: Alan Miller  
Dates & Time: Mondays, January 4, 18, February 1, 15 and 29 (March 7 makeup); 6:30 to 9:30 pm  
Location: Conestoga Church of the Brethren

### **Introduction to Pastoral Care**

Instructor: Bill Cave  
Dates & Time: Thursdays March 31, April 7, 21, 28, May 12; 6:30 to 9:30 pm  
Location: Palmyra Church of the Brethren

## **MID-ATLANTIC DISTRICT**

### **Church Leadership and Administration**

Instructor: Glenn McCrickard  
Dates & Time: Mondays, September 14, 21, October 19, November 2 and 16; 6:30 to 9:30 pm  
Location: Westminster Church of the Brethren

### **History of the Church**

Instructor: Eddie Edmonds  
Dates & Time: Thursdays, January 7, 21, February 4, 18, and March 3 (March 10 makeup); 6:30 to 9:30 pm  
Location: Moler Avenue Church of the Brethren

### **Introduction to Pastoral Care**

Instructor: Twyla Rowe  
Dates & Times: Mondays, April 4, 18, May 2, 16, and 23; 6:30 -9:30 pm  
Location: Westminster Church of the Brethren

## **MIDDLE PENNSYLVANIA DISTRICT**

### **Church Leadership and Administration**

Instructor: David Steele  
Dates & Time: Thursdays, September 17, October 1, 15, 29, and November 12; 6:30 to 9:30 pm  
Location: District Center

### **History of the Church**

Instructor: Connie Maclay  
Dates & Time: Thursdays, January 7, 21, February 4, 18, and March 3 (March 10 makeup); 6:30 to 9:30 pm  
Location: District Center

### **Introduction to Pastoral Care**

Instructor: Joel Nogle  
Dates & Time: Thursdays, March 31, April 7, 21, May 5 and 12; 6:30 to 9:30 pm  
Location: District Office

## **SOUTHERN PENNSYLVANIA DISTRICT**

### **Church Leadership and Administration**

Instructor: Delmas Keeney  
Dates & Time: Thursdays, September 10, 24, October 8, 22, November 5 6:30 to 9:30 PM  
Location: Mechanicsburg Church of the Brethren

### **History of the Church**

Instructor: George Pickens  
Dates & Time: Mondays, January 4, 18, February 1, 15, 29 (March 7 makeup); 6:30 to 9:30 PM  
Location: Mechanicsburg Church of the Brethren

### **Introduction to Pastoral Care**

Instructor: Linda Titzell  
Dates & Time: Thursdays, March 31, April 14, 21, May 5 and 19 (April 28 makup); 6:30 to 9:30 pm  
Location: District Office Library

## **WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA DISTRICT**

### **Church Leadership and Administration**

Instructor: Pete Kaltenbaugh  
Dates & Time: Saturdays August 15, 29 and September 12  
9:00 am - 3:30 pm  
Location: District Office

### **History of the Church**

Instructor: William Wenger  
Dates & Time: Saturdays October 10, 24 and November 7  
9:00 am - 3:30 pm  
Location: Moxham Church of the Brethren

### **Introduction to Pastoral Care**

Instructor: Horace Derr  
Dates & Time: Saturdays February March 5, 19, and April 2  
9:00 am - 3:30 pm  
Location: District Office

### **Church of the Brethren History**

Instructor: Ron Beachley  
Dates & Time: Saturdays, April 16, 30, and May 14  
9:00 am - 3:30 pm  
Location: District Office





## DISTRICT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

### Atlantic Northeast District

*Seminary courses* — Funding for licensed ministers enrolled in the M.Div. and Occasional Student graduate program will receive \$300.00 per 3-credit-hour course with a maximum of \$1,200.00 per academic year. Students wishing to receive district financial assistance for graduate level courses should contact the District Office in writing. A copy of registration information and an invoice from the billing institution should accompany the request. Additional information should include whether payment is to be made directly to the student's account or reimbursed to the student directly.

*TRIM courses* — The district will cover \$150 of the student enrollment fee. It pays \$220/year of the program participation fee (students pay \$200/year), for up to six years. After the sixth year, the district participation fee becomes the student's responsibility. Additional assistance is available for course tuition upon request. For more information, please contact the district office and request the "Financial Aid Plan for Licensed Ministers."

*ACTS courses* — Course work through SVMC is underwritten as follows: \$70.00 per course will be paid by the district for all licensed ministers in good standing. The home congregation is encouraged to pay half of the remaining amount, and the licensed minister the other half (\$70.00 each). The student will pay \$140.00 if congregational support is not forthcoming. Any questions concerning ANE's "Financial Aid Plan for Licensed Ministers" should be directed to the District Executive.

### **Mid-Atlantic District**

Financial assistance for licensed ministers enrolled in the M.Div., TRIM, ACTS, and EFSM programs will be based on the guidelines of the Don Rowe Student Endowment Fund administered by the Calling and Credentialing Ministry Team. Assistance may vary in amount, depending on the number of classes in which a student is enrolled and the amount of funds available for a given year. Any questions concerning Mid-Atlantic's Financial Assistance Plan for Licensed Ministers should be directed to the District Executive Minister. Exceptions to this policy will be approved by the District Calling and Credentialing Ministry Team.

### **Middle Pennsylvania District**

*Seminary & TRIM courses* — Financial assistance is given to students based on need and available funds. Students should be in contact with the Ministers' Education and Support Team to share educational plans and financial needs.

*ACTS courses* — Grants of one-third the cost of tuition for ACTS students is available through the Middle PA District budget.

### **Southern Pennsylvania District**

*Seminary courses* — A loan/grant for up to \$500.00 per semester for students attending an accredited seminary can be obtained by applying to the District Ministry Commission. SVMC students should contact the SPD office to apply.

*ACTS courses* — Course work through SVMC is underwritten as follows: \$60.00 per course will be paid for by the district for all Licensed Ministers in good standing.

### **Western Pennsylvania District**

*Seminary courses* — A loan/grant for licensed or ordained ministers enrolled in Bethany Theological Seminary courses can be obtained by applying to the Pastor and Parish Ministry Team. Grants are given based on need and available funds.

*ACTS courses* — A loan/grant for licensed or ordained ministers enrolled in SVMC coursework is available by application to the Pastor and Parish Ministry Team. The goal is to help cover tuition costs for licensed ministers in ACTS work.

## CONTINUING EDUCATION

SVMC and its education partners not only prepare ministers for credentialing, but also offer continuing education opportunities to those already ordained.

**Any of the courses listed in this catalog can be taken for continuing education units (CEUs).** Students who attend all classes receive 1.5 CEUs for ACTS courses, 2.0 CEUs for TRIM courses, and 3.0 CEUs for graduate courses.



SVMC also plans **one-day workshops** on a variety of topics of interest to Brethren clergy. Information about this year's SVMC events appears on the next two pages.

SVMC also issues CEU certificates for events sponsored by our partnering agencies, as well as for events and courses offered elsewhere. Certificate requests are considered on a case-by-



case basis. One-tenth of a unit (0.1 CEU) is granted for each hour of instruction. A fee of \$10 per certificate is assessed for processing.

## **SVMC CONTINUING EDUCATION EVENTS**

### **Emotional Intelligence: The Difference that Makes the Difference**

*Co-sponsored by the Church of the Brethren Office of Ministry*

Date: Saturday, August 22, 2015  
Time: 10:00 am - 3:00 pm  
Led by: Don Booz  
Location: The Brethren Home, New Oxford, PA  
(Nicarry Meetinghouse)  
Cost: \$30  
Cost includes lunch & documentation for 0.4 CEUs

Research shows that individuals with high levels of “emotional intelligence” tend to have happier, healthier, and more successful lives. This workshop will help participants better understand what “emotional intelligence” is, recognize its impact on their personal and professional lives, and increase this capacity in themselves. Dr. Don Booz is a former Church of the Brethren pastor and District Executive and a professional coach certified by the College of Executive Coaching and the International Coaching Federation.

### **The Gospel of Mark and 21st Century Ministry**

Date : Monday, November 9, 2015  
Time: 9:00 am - 4:00 pm  
Leaders: Dan Ulrich (keynote), Eric Brubaker, Jeff Carter, Belita Mitchell, Steven Schweitzer, and David Witkovsky  
Location: Juniata College, Sill Board Room, Von Liebig Center  
Cost: \$60  
Cost includes lunch & documentation for 0.6 CEUs

How can followers of Jesus bear witness to God's reign in the twenty-first-century? Dan Ulrich will describe how the Gospel of Mark challenged its original audience to be faithful in spite of (or even because of) their marginality, sufferings, and misunderstandings. While interpreting two key passages, Dan will explore how Mark can help us envision life-giving ministries for our times and contexts. Respondents from several distinct Brethren contexts will share how visions from Mark might be understood and lived out in their own communities.



**The Book of Chronicles and the Church:  
Theology, Continuity, Innovation, and the Kingdom of God**

Date : Wednesday, April 27, 2016

Time: 9:00 am - 3:30 pm

Taught by: Steven Schweitzer

Location: Elizabethtown College, Susquehanna Room

Cost: \$60

Cost includes lunch & documentation for 0.6 CEUs

The book of Chronicles contains an alternative vision of Israel's past, one that promotes innovation while remaining faithful to the people's heritage. While the book of Kings explains why the people ended up in exile ("how we got into this mess"), the book of Chronicles was written after the exile in the midst of significant cultural shifts to provide a way forward ("where do we go from here"). I believe that Chronicles is extremely relevant for the Church as we attempt to imagine what the future can be. In the sessions, we will explore several central themes in the book and think about how Chronicles may help us answer questions about being faithful in the midst of cultural change, being innovative while remaining authentic and consistent with the past, how the centrality of worship and seeking God provides the core of its message to those who participate in God's Kingdom.

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