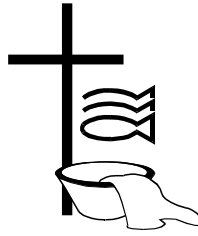


SUSQUEHANNA VALLEY MINISTRY CENTER



**A Church of the Brethren
Ministry Education Partnership of
Atlantic Northeast District,
Middle Pennsylvania District,
Mid-Atlantic District,
Southern District of Pennsylvania,
Western Pennsylvania District,
Brethren Academy for Ministerial Leadership,
and
Bethany Theological Seminary**

Bethany Theological Seminary and Brethren Academy for Ministerial Leadership Course Offerings 2011-2012

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MISSION STATEMENT

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.

INTRODUCTION

Developed in 1993, the Susquehanna Valley Ministry Center is a ministry partnership of the Atlantic Northeast, Southern PA, Middle PA, Western PA, and Mid-Atlantic 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, shepherding skills, peace and justice perspectives, theology, evangelism, and a host of subjects that help persons prepare for ministry in the church today. Ministry training occurs at both the graduate and academy levels.

The graduate courses are offered by Bethany Theological Seminary of Richmond, Indiana, which 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). Courses for Training in Ministry (TRIM) and Academy Certified Training System (ACTS) are certified by the Brethren Academy for Ministerial Leadership.

Bethany Theological Seminary graduate courses offered at the Susquehanna Valley Ministry Center (SVMC) provide a Brethren context for theological education. Students interested in a Master of Divinity degree (MDiv), continuing education, or a specific course to meet district ordination requirements are served by Bethany through the Ministry Center. Those seeking a Master of Divinity degree who are unable to relocate to Richmond, Indiana, can take courses on-line through Bethany's *Connections* program or off-site, including at SVMC and at several nearby ATS accredited seminaries. See page 7 for details.



An Academy Certified Training System (ACTS) certificate will be granted by the Brethren Academy for Ministerial Leadership to non-degree students who take ACTS level programs offered in the partner districts. Training in Ministry (TRIM) and Education for Shared Ministry (EFSM) students are welcome in all ACTS level courses. Graduate courses are occasionally open to TRIM students.

Enrollment for ACTS and TRIM courses is processed at the Susquehanna Valley Ministry Center office in coordination with the Brethren Academy for Ministerial Leadership. Enrollment for graduate courses is processed through Bethany Theological Seminary.

Helpful links:

Susquehanna Valley Ministry Center
www.etown.edu/svmc

Bethany Theological Seminary
www.bethanyseminary.edu

Brethren Academy for Ministerial Leadership
<http://www.bethanyseminary.edu/brethren-academy-ministerial-leadership>



Donna Rhodes and Amy Milligan

**STAFF and
PARTNER LEADERSHIP**

Donna M. Rhodes, Executive Director of Susquehanna Valley Ministry Center, attended Messiah College and graduated from Juniata College. She is a graduate of the TRIM program, and occasional student with Bethany Theological Seminary, and a graduate of the Spiritual Direction program through Oasis Ministries. She previously served as Director of Certificate Training at SVMC and as Pastor of Nurture at Stone Church of the Brethren in Huntingdon, Pennsylvania. She has authored the *Little Stories* trilogy through Herald Press.

Amy Milligan, Program Coordinator/Registrar, is a 2004 graduate of Elizabethtown College and a 2007 graduate of Duke University with a master's degree in Theological Studies. Amy was a Fulbright Scholar at Philipps University in Marburg, Germany during the 2004—2005 academic year. She currently is pursuing her doctorate through Penn State Harrisburg. She also serves on the governing board of the Elizabethtown College Alumni Peace Fellowship.

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Application for Graduate Admission

Bethany graduate courses offered at the Susquehanna Valley Ministry Center (SVMC) provide a Brethren context for theological education. Students interested in continuing education, a specific route to meet district ordination requirements, a Master of Divinity degree (MDiv), or a Master of Arts degree (MA), are served by Bethany through SVMC.

To receive credit for graduate courses, a person must be enrolled as a Bethany Theological Seminary student. Application forms may be secured through BTS's website (www.bethanyseminary.edu). There is a \$50.00 application fee.

Tuition and Fees

Each graduate course taught by Bethany at SVMC carries three-semester-hours credit. The tuition cost is \$1,260 for each three-credit-hour course. The fee for auditing a course is \$350. For the refund policy and other information related to graduate courses, see the Student Handbook on BTS's website. The handbook link is found at the bottom of the Student Services page. 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. See Bethany's website (www.bethanyseminary.edu) for further details. The "Quicklinks" box contains a link to the financial aid page.

Brethren Academy for Ministerial Leadership

There are limited "sit-in" spaces offered through the Brethren Academy at \$300 per course. These spaces allow students to participate in a graduate level course without meeting some of the graduate admission requirements. Sit-in spaces are assigned according to the following priority: TRIM students, persons enrolled in district training programs, alumni/ae, Brethren pastors taking courses for continuing education, other members of the Church of the Brethren, all others.

Library Privileges

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

Bethany Theological Seminary
Connections Courses
Susquehanna Valley Ministry Center

CONNECTIONS—MDIV and MA Opportunity

Bethany Theological Seminary collaborates with SVMC to offer graduate-level work in Biblical studies, ministry, and theology through their distance education program called *Connections*. While for many years Bethany has offered a *Connections* MDiv track, the *Connections* program has been expanded. Students may now pursue any graduate level program from an occasional course or two or the six course Certificate of Achievement in Theological Studies (CATS), up to a fully accredited MDiv degree or a fully accredited MA degree—all available to where you are through a combination of course strategies, without the need to relocate. SVMC has a special relationship to the *Connections* program, as SVMC hosts face-to-face graduate-level courses from Bethany here in Pennsylvania through this unique partnership. So if you have already obtained your undergraduate degree, and are ready for more studies, *Connections* is the link that can allow you to pursue graduate-level work from any location... *Connections* and SVMC can make it possible. Contact us for more information.

Continuing Education Units

Susquehanna Valley Ministry Center works in collaboration with partnering districts to provide Continuing Education. SVMC issues Continuing Education Awards on behalf of its partnering district agencies who wish to offer CEU events. 1.0 CEU is equal to ten contact hours of instruction. For all partnering districts the Continuing Education offerings are listed on the SVMC website at:

www.etown.edu/svmc

Upcoming opportunities known at press time
of this publication are on Page 12.

BETHANY THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY
Courses
SUSQUEHANNA VALLEY MINISTRY CENTER
2011-2012 GRADUATE-LEVEL COURSE OFFERINGS

Introduction to the Old Testament

	NEW STUDENTS	CONTINUING STUDENTS
Admission Deadline:	07/15/11	
Registration Deadline:	07/15/11	05/15/11

Instructor: Gene Roop, Ph.D.

Dates: August 27-28, Sept. 23-24, Nov. 4-5, Dec. 2-3, 2011

Time: Friday 6:00 - 9:30 PM; Saturday 8:30-12:00, 1:00-4:30

Location: Elizabethtown College, Young Center

Credit: 3 hours of seminary credit

The goal of this course is to provide the student with an introduction to the history and literature of ancient Israel. The student will read an introduction to the Hebrew Bible and the history of ancient Israel. The class periods will focus on issues and data not easily available in the reading.

Introduction to the New Testament

	NEW STUDENTS	CONTINUING STUDENTS
Admission Deadline:	12/01/11	
Registration Deadline:	12/01/11	11/11/11

Instructor: John David Bowman, Ph.D.

Dates: Jan. 27-28, Feb. 10-11, March 2-3, April 20-21, 2012

Time: Friday 6:00 - 9:30 PM; Saturday 8:30-12:00, 1:00-4:30

Location: Elizabethtown College, Young Center

Credit: 3 hours of seminary credit

This course offers a survey of the 27 writings that compose the New Testament canon. We will study each of these writings with attention to their literary form and content, their origins in the life of early Christian communities, and their meanings for readers today.

BETHANY THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY
Courses
SUSQUEHANNA VALLEY MINISTRY CENTER
2011-2012 GRADUATE-LEVEL COURSE OFFERINGS

Introduction to Pastoral Care

	NEW STUDENTS	CONTINUING STUDENTS
Admission Deadline:	12/01/11	
Registration Deadline:	12/01/11	11/11/11

Instructor: David Witkovsky, M.Div.

Dates: Feb. 3-4, Feb.17-18, March 16-17, 30-31, 2012

Time: Friday 6:00 - 9:30 PM; Saturday 8:30-12:00, 1:00-4:30

Location: Juniata College

Credit: 3 hours of seminary credit

The purpose of this course is to give a broad overview of caregiving in the life of the congregation and of the pastor's role within the caregiving process. The course will also help students define the theological foundation of their approach to pastoral care.



Projected Graduate Course Offerings:

Church of the Brethren History	Fall 2012
Church of the Brethren Polity and Practice	Spring 2013
Administration, Leadership, and Authority	Spring 2013
Ecology and Ministry	Fall 2013
Youth/Young Adult Ministry	Spring 2014

Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE)

CPE is open to Seminary, TRIM, ACTS students, & Laity

Clinical Pastoral Education (F-400-1)

Location: M.S. Hershey Medical Center

Credit: 3 hours seminary credit

M.S. Hershey Medical Center is a tertiary medical center, regional trauma center, and home of the College of Medicine of Penn State University. CPE is only one of many professional education programs offered. CPE students have opportunities to learn from peers in other professions as each seeks to discover the unique perspective of their own orientation. Learning from clinical practice is a way of life at the medical center. Highly trained staff doctors are also teachers in the Medical School as well as the CPE program.

For inquiries or applications, contact: Rev. Paul Derrickson, Dept. of Pastoral Services, Room H118, Penn State Hershey Medical Center, Hershey PA 17033 or by calling 717-531-8177.

Website: www.hmc.psu.edu/chaplain

**BETHANY THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY
SUSQUEHANNA VALLEY MINISTRY CENTER
Academic Calendar for 2011-2012**

2011

July 1	Session One Begins
July 4-5	Independence Day—SVMC Office Closed
July 15	New Student Admission and Financial Aid Deadline
September 5	Labor Day -SVMC Office Closed
November 23-25	Thanksgiving Break - SVMC Office Closed
December 1	New Student Admission and Financial Aid Deadline—Spring Semester
December 23 -	January 2, 2010 - Christmas Break - SVMC Office Closed

2012

January 17	Martin Luther King Day - SVMC Office Closed
January 21	Session One Ends
January 24	Session Two Begins
April 13	Registration deadline for Fall Semester Graduate Courses
April 6-9	Easter Break -SVMC Office Closed
May 5	Bethany Theological Seminary Commencement
May 28	Memorial Day—SVMC Office Closed

Continuing Education Events

Worship God's way: Planning and Practicing Transformative Worship

This workshop, taking place on August 27, 2011, will focus on planning and practicing transformative worship. In addition to learning, comprehensive worship experiences will be modeled and reviewed. There will be time for questions and reflection, and printed resources will be distributed for future reference and to share with home congregations. This event will take place at Carlisle Church of the Brethren.

Alternative Stories in the Bible

Bob Neff will speak at this event at Elizabethtown College on September 20, 2011. He will explore alternative histories within the canon by a comparison of the Deuteronomic History and the Chronicler's history. In addition, the course will consider two abbreviated alternative stories in Matthew 1 and Hebrews 11.

The Witness of the Hebrew Bible for the New Testament Church

This event will take place at Elizabethtown College on November 7, 2011. A 2010 Brethren Press publication titled *The Witness of the Hebrew Bible for a New Testament Church* questions "What relevance is the Old Testament for Christians today?" Speakers at this event include Bob Neff, Jeff Bach, John David Bowman, Christina Bucher, David Leiter, and Frank Ramirez.

Renovare Essentials Conference

The ANE District Spiritual Renewal Team is sponsoring the Renovare Essentials Conference with Kris Webb and Richard Foster providing leadership on April 21, 2012. The goal of this event is to provide opportunity and leadership for spiritual growth both personally and corporately.

Growing in Christian Spiritual Vitality: Personally and Corporately

In this follow-up day to the Renovare Essentials Conference, participants will review the nature and purpose of the spiritual disciplines and develop next steps in spiritual growth. Attention will also be given to practical ways to develop a vital spiritual life for a congregation. This event will take place on May 5, 2012.

SUSQUEHANNA VALLEY MINISTRY CENTER
Academy Certified Courses
from the
BRETHREN ACADEMY FOR
MINISTERIAL LEADERSHIP

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

Students will also participate in a **Supervised Ministry Experience**. The students will be paired with an experienced minister. The students will be given opportunities to explore and experience the daily needs and challenges of doing ministry. This will take place at approximately the third year of the student's participation in ACTS.

In an approximate four-year cycle, students are asked to complete the following courses listed in the three highlighted categories. **Biblical:** Introduction to the Old Testament, Introduction to the New Testament, Interpreting the Bible. **Historical / Theological:** Theology, History of the Church, Brethren Life & Thought. **Ministry Skills:** Preaching, Worship, Church Leadership and Administration, Introduction to Pastoral Care, Teaching and Learning in the Church, Church Vitality and Evangelism, and Communication Skills for Pastoral Ministry.

**ACADEMY CERTIFIED TRAINING SYSTEM (ACTS)
OFFERINGS 2011-2012
SUSQUEHANNA VALLEY MINISTRY CENTER**

ACTS courses are offered in five 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 will be \$105.00 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 22 and 23. Refund Policy: No refund of tuition will be granted once the first class has been attended, unless approved by the Executive Director of SVMC.

Communication Skills for Pastoral Ministry

This course is designed to strengthen communications skills for ministry. Two class meetings plus on-line work and individual discussions with the instructor will take place. Goals are to develop effective writing and speaking skills and produce several kinds of communication pieces. Kenneth Gibble will be the instructor with date, location, and times to be announced. Please call the SVMC office to indicate your interest.



Atlantic Northeast District:

Church Leadership and Administration

Instructor: Geoff Davis and Del Keeney
Dates & Time: September 29, October 6, 20, November 3,
17, 2011
6:30 to 9:30 PM
Location: The Young Center, Elizabethtown College

History of the Church

Instructor: Alan Miller
Dates & Time: January 16, 30, February 6, 20, 27, 2012
6:30 to 9:30 PM
Location: Conestoga Church of the Brethren

Introduction to Pastoral Care

Instructors: Bill Cave
Dates & Time: March 15, 22, April 12, 19, 26, 2012
6:30 to 9:30 PM
Location: The Young Center, Elizabethtown College

Mid-Atlantic District:

Church Leadership and Administration

Instructor: Glenn McCrickard
Dates & Time: September 12, October 3, 24, November 7,
21, 2011
6:30 to 9:30 PM
Location: Westminster Church of the Brethren

History of the Church

Instructor: Eddie Edmonds
Dates & Time: January 9, 16, 23, February 6, 20, 2012
6:30 to 9:30 PM
Location: Hagerstown Church of the Brethren

Introduction to Pastoral Care

Instructor: Ruth Aukerman
Dates & Time: April 14, 28, May 12, 2012
9:00-3:00
Location: Union Bridge Church of the Brethren

Middle Pennsylvania District:

Church Leadership and Administration

Instructor: David Banaszak
Dates & Time: September 13, 20, 27, October 11,
18, 2011
6:30 to 9:30 PM
Location: District Center

History of the Church

Instructor: Connie Maclay
Dates & Time: January 17, 31, February 14, 28, March
6, 2012
6:30 to 9:30 PM
Location: District Center

Introduction to Pastoral Care

Instructor: Joel Nogle
Dates & Time: March 26, April 9, 23, May 7, 21, 2012
6:30 to 9:30 PM
Location: District Center

Southern Pennsylvania District:

Church Leadership and Administration

Instructor: Geoff Davis and Del Keeney
Dates & Time: September 29, October 6, 20, November
3, 17, 2011
6:30 to 9:30 PM
Location: The Young Center, Elizabethtown College

History of the Church

Instructor: George Pickens
Dates & Time: February 6, 20, March 5, 12, 26, 2012
6:30 to 9:30 PM
Location: Mechanicsburg Church of the Brethren

Introduction to Pastoral Care

Instructor: Jan Custer
Dates & Time: April 16, 23, May 7, 14, 21, 2012
6:30 to 9:30 PM
Location: Carlisle Church of the Brethren

Western Pennsylvania District:

Introduction to the New Testament

Instructor: Bill Waugh
Dates & Time: August 20, September 10, 24, 2011
9:00—3:30
Location: Moxham Church of the Brethren

Introduction to Theology

Instructor: Phil King
Dates & Time: October 8, 29, November 12, 2011
9:00—3:30
Location: Pleasant Hill Church of the Brethren

Worship

Instructor: Rober Forry
Dates & Time: March 3, 17, 30, 2012
9:00—3:30
Location: District Office

Preaching

Instructor: Ruby Mader
Dates & Time: April 14, 28, May 12, 2012
9:00—3:30
Location: Rummel Church of the Brethren



TRIM Program

Training in Ministry (TRIM) is an Annual Conference approved educational tract 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, spiritual formation, and supervised ministry in meeting their requirements. This educational tract leads to a Certificate of Training for Set-Apart Ministry issued by the Brethren Academy for Ministerial Leadership, a ministry training partner of the Church of the Brethren and Bethany Theological Seminary. Entrance into the TRIM program is subject to District nomination and approval. The Susquehanna Valley Ministry Center offers courses that are compatible with the TRIM program.

SVMC will provide TRIM Academy Level (TAL) courses as a method of education to complete Brethren Academy TRIM requirements. Tuition for TAL courses is \$250.00 for students enrolled in the TRIM and ACTS programs. Audit fees will be \$125.00 per course. For CEU documentation, an additional fee of \$10.00 will be charged. The courses found below are offered at the Academy level and are open to TRIM, EFSM, and ACTS students, ordained pastors and lay persons.

On-Line TRIM Academy Level Courses

SVMC provides on-line courses as a method of education to complete the ACTS and TRIM requirements. These courses will be conducted online using "Moodle" online courseware. Students will need access to a high-speed Internet connection for an hour or more, several times per week throughout the course. Students should plan on a total of 12-15 hours every week for the 6 weeks of the course for reading, online discussion and offline study. The on-line courses will be instructed by Susan Jeffers.

On-Line TRIM Academy Level Courses

Jesus and the Law

September 19—October 28, 2011

The first five books of the Old Testament are known as Torah, or the Law. In this course we will study the concept of the Law in the Old Testament/Hebrew Bible, and how this concept is used in the New Testament, particularly with respect to Jesus. The course is organized into three parts, each two weeks long: (1) Law in the Old Testament; (2) Law in the New Testament and (3) Jesus and the Law and the Church. Students will be expected to read and think about assigned biblical and other texts and to participate in online class discussion. Students will also complete a project to demonstrate understanding of the concepts under discussion, effective use of resources such as Bible dictionaries and commentaries, and ability to use the Bible in ministry.

For more information, please visit:

<http://www.read-the-bible.org/SVMC-Jesus-And-The-Law.html>



The Book of Matthew and the Church of the Brethren February 13—March 23, 2012

In this course we will study the New Testament gospel of Matthew, and look particularly at the way the Church of the Brethren has used this book in faith and practice. We will try to read Matthew "as if for the first time," paying close attention to what the biblical text actually says and what it might mean. We will consult commentaries and other resources for information about the ancient world and what the Church, particularly the Church of the Brethren, has thought about this book of the Bible, in an effort to become better equipped for biblically grounded ministry. Students will be expected to read and think about assigned biblical and other texts, to participate in online class discussion, and to learn a bit of the biblical Greek language relevant to our study. Students will complete a group project exploring a particular application of the book of Matthew to the faith and practice of the Church of the Brethren.

For more information, please visit:
<http://www.read-the-bible.org/SVMC-matthew-and-the-brethren.htm>



TRIM Level Academy Courses (TAL)



Church of the Brethren Polity and Practice

Warren Eshbach

Randy Yoder

Young Center, Elizabethtown College

July 20-21, August 3-4, 2012

This course is designed to enable a student to study and understand the ecclesiology, history, and polity of the Church of the Brethren. During this course, students will explore the ecclesiology in the Anabaptist and Pietist traditions in general, and the Church of the Brethren in particular.

In addition, students will examine the changing nature of organization and polity in the Church of the Brethren, while gaining an understanding of the relationship of congregation, district, and denomination. Included in this course will be the study of the relationship between the cultural context and organizational patterns of congregations.

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 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 \$100 of the student enrollment fee. Students will be charged a yearly \$50 District Administrative Fee. Additional assistance is available for course tuition. For more information on this, please contact the district office and request a copy of the Financial Aid Plan for Licensed Ministers.

ACTS courses — Course work through SVMC is underwritten as follows: \$70.00 per course will be paid for by the district for all Licensed Ministers in good standing. The home congregation is encouraged to pay \$70.00 per course. The Licensed Minister is expected to contribute \$70.00 per course (\$140.00 per course, if the home congregation's 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. Exceptions to this policy will be approved by the District Calling and Credentialing Ministry Team.

DISTRICT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Middle Pennsylvania District

Seminary 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. Grants are given to TRIM students based on need and available funds.

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.

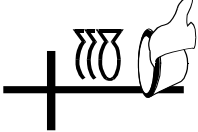
Western Pennsylvania District

Seminary courses — A loan/grant for licensed ministers or ordained 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 ministers or ordained enrolled in SVMC course work 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.

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