

PLANTING SEEDS FOR MINISTRY

*Do you see ministry gifts in individuals?
How can you plant the seeds for ministry?
Where should one turn if considering ministry?
Do you sense a call to ministry?*

In whom do you see these gifts?

- ◆ Devoted follower of Jesus
- ◆ Passion for People
- ◆ Willingness to Serve
- ◆ Non-anxious Presence
- ◆ Desire to Learn
- ◆ A Willing Heart
- ◆ Many other Gifts and Graces



How can you plant the seeds for ministry?

- ◆ Identify gifts
- ◆ Ask if they sense a call from God to ministry
- ◆ Encourage them to consider how their skills can be developed and used in ministry
- ◆ Offer your prayerful support to them as they explore the call to ministry training, and credentialing

Where should one turn if considering ministry?

- ◆ Share your sense of call with someone who can point you in the direction for credentialing and education
- ◆ Talk to your pastor
- ◆ Talk to your district executive
- ◆ Contact Susquehanna Valley Ministry Center, Brethren Academy for Ministerial Leadership, Bethany Theological Seminary, or Office of Ministry

CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN MINISTRY EDUCATION OPTIONS:

SUSQUEHANNA VALLEY MINISTRY CENTER

717-361-1450

Email: SVMC@SVMCcob.org

Website: <https://etown.edu/svmc>

- ACTS (Academy Certified Training System)
- TRIM (Training in Ministry)

BRETHREN ACADEMY FOR MINISTERIAL

LEADERSHIP

765-983-1810

Email: academy@bethanyseminary.edu

Website: <https://bethanyseminary.edu/brethren-academy>

- TRIM (Training in Ministry)
- EFSM (Education for a Shared Ministry)
- SeBAH –CoB (Spanish-language training program)

BETHANY THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

800-287-8822

Email: contactus@bethanyseminary.edu

Website: <https://bethanyseminary.edu>

- Master of Divinity
- Graduate and Certificate options

OFFICE OF MINISTRY

800-323-8039

Email: officeofministry@brethren.org

Website: <https://www.brethren.org/ministryoffice>

**I planted,
Apollos watered,
But God made it grow.
1 Cor. 3:6 (CEB)**

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