

Susquehanna Valley Ministry Center offers:

## Pathways for Effective Leadership, Part I

March 25-26 and April 29-30, 2022

ZOOM INTENSIVE (2 weekends)

Register [ONLINE](#) or use form on back

### Course Description and Objectives



Randy Yoder

With national unrest, isolation born from a pandemic, and separation within the church, it has never been more important to develop the technical understanding and skills needed for good ministerial leadership.

Topics included in this course will be the character and calling of a leader, recognizing servant leadership as incarnational ministry, reading a congregation and its missional context, conflict management, and nonviolent communication skills. All aspects of this course will be relevant for both full-time and multi-vocational ministers.

This course will be in two parts. The first will deal with the more technical skills for nurturing strong and relevant congregations. The second will occur in the spring of 2023 and will focus on understandings and practices for transformational leadership that contribute to healthy and vital missional congregations.

Each course can be taken separately for full credit. However, the value of taking both courses will be to have a deeper understanding of leadership and skills that create a pathway for effective leadership with the 21<sup>st</sup> century body of Christ known as the Church of the Brethren.

The course syllabus will be emailed to participants upon registration.

#### ***This course is available to:***

- *TRIM/EFSM students- fulfills one M/S Unit*
- *Those seeking Continuing Education Units(2.0 CEU)*
- *Anyone seeking personal and spiritual enrichment*

*Essentially, this course is open to ALL!*

Course fee \$300.00

Registration deadline:  
February 25, 2022

### Instructor: Randy Yoder

Randy Yoder has served as a pastor, District Executive in Middle PA, and church coach. He also has served on the General Board (prior to it being known as the Ministry and Mission Board) and was an independent staff person for Brethren Benefit Trust as a specialist in long-term care insurance. He has served as Interim District Executive for Atlantic Northeast District, Interim Pastor at Oakton Church of the Brethren in Mid-Atlantic District, and is currently serving as Interim District Executive for Western Plains District. He has taught classes for TRIM and seminary-level students in the areas of leadership and polity and practice. He earned a D.Min. from McCormick Seminary in the area of not-for-profit organization and development.

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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 SVMC

### To earn CEU credit, participant will:

- Meet the attendance requirement
- Complete the assigned reading
- Engage in the course through participation
- Complete reduced assignments as outlined in the syllabus

## Required Texts

Boers, Arthur. *Servants and Fools*, Abingdon Press, 2015. ISBN 978-1-4267-9978-5

Heuser, Roger and Norman Shawchuck. *Leading the Congregation*. Abingdon Press, 2010. ISBN 978-1-4267-1139-8

Rosenberg, Marshall B. *Nonviolent Communication*, Puddle Dancer press, 2015. ISBN 978-1-892005-28-1

## Schedule

The course will be held on March 25 & 26, and April 29 & 30, 2022. Classes run from 4:00 p.m. – 9 p.m. each Friday and 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. EST each Saturday.

## Expectations

Distance learning, especially during intensives, requires students to be disciplined in their time management. Students are expected to do all preparatory work and assignments as listed in the syllabus. Syllabus will be emailed to students upon registration.

Students will need basic computer skills, an e-mail account, access to the internet with up-to-date web browser (Firefox, Explorer, Chrome, etc.), and Zoom. While broadband is preferred, dial-up internet can be used for course work, though video and audio resources may be difficult to use.

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[Register online](#) or fill out the following information and return, along with payment to:  
Susquehanna Valley Ministry Center, One Alpha Drive, Elizabethtown PA 17022

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Best contact phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Course Fee: \$300 payable to Susquehanna Valley Ministry Center**

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