

# Planting the Seeds for Ministry

**SVMC encourages everyone to plant seeds for ministry.**

## **IN WHOM DO YOU SEE THESE GIFTS?**

*Devoted follower of Jesus*

*Passion for people*

*Willingness to serve*

*Non-anxious presence*

*Desire to learn*

*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 right direction*

*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*

## **Our Mission:**

Susquehanna Valley Ministry Center's mission is to equip leaders for ministry in a Christ-centered, culturally relevant context in ways that bear witness to the beliefs, heritage, and practices of the Church of the Brethren

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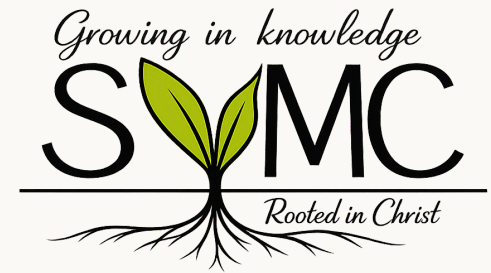
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## **SUSQUEHANNA VALLEY MINISTRY CENTER**

A CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN  
THEOLOGICAL PROGRAM IN  
MINISTRY AND LEADERSHIP

In partnership with:

Atlantic Northeast District

Middle Pennsylvania District

Mid-Atlantic District

Southern Pennsylvania District

Western Pennsylvania District

Bethany Theological Seminary

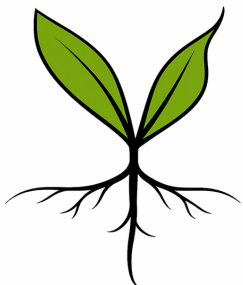
Brethren Academy for Ministerial Leadership

*This partnership affords students in our own region opportunities to learn the art of ministry from a distinctly Church of the Brethren perspective.*

## About SVMC

Susquehanna Valley Ministry Center (SVMC) supports and resources congregations and leaders for ministry in the Church of the Brethren. SVMC lives into this mission by providing educational opportunities through the Academy Certified Training Systems (or ACTS), continuing education events, and training and resources for congregations. While our courses and continuing education events are a part of the credentialing and recredentialing process for ordination, they are also available to anyone.

Since most of our students are working adults, courses are scheduled for the evenings or on weekends. Continuing education opportunities take place at a variety of times to meet a variety of needs. Topics for courses, continuing education, and training/resources for congregations range from biblical studies, theology, church history, and ministry. These topics are grounded in the Anabaptist and Pietist roots of the Church of the Brethren.



## Academy Certified Training System (ACTS)

ACTS is open to licensed ministers seeking to fulfill ordination requirements in the Church of the Brethren, to laypersons seeking leadership training, and to credentialed ministers pursuing continuing education (1.5 CEUs available upon completion of the course). All ACTS courses are hybrid.



ACTS requirements include 12 biblical, historical/theological, and ministry courses, plus additional experiences, including participation in Ministry Formation, Supervised Ministry, Annual Conference, District Conference, and an ecumenical, interfaith, or intercultural experience.

To enroll in ACTS, contact the SVMC Office after discussing your calling with your district. Then complete an application, along with an essay of 2-3 pages describing your call to ministry. Once you have been accepted, you can begin courses. If you are interested in taking a course as a layperson or for CEUs, contact SVMC.

## Continuing Education and Laity Training



SVMC offers a robust schedule of Continuing Education opportunities. Topics cover a variety of ministry topics and are open to anyone. To see our upcoming events, please visit our website.

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