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*Our mission is 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.*

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## Susquehanna Valley Ministry Center Upcoming Continuing Education Events

Dear Friends of Susquehanna Valley Ministry Center: Below are our current continuing education events that are open to all. To register, please follow the links provided or contact SVMC at [svmc@etown.edu](mailto:svmc@etown.edu).

### Brethren and Race

Thursday, November 4, 2021 -- Zoom  
Leader: Denise Kettering-Lane

*With the rise of the Black Lives Matter movement and concerns about racial inequity in recent years, Brethren have been asking many questions about our past history with slavery, segregation, and racial inequality in America. We will examine common Brethren narratives around rejecting slavery and working towards Civil Rights in light of current concerns, take into account the influence of Brethren German-ethnic identity, and consider significant Annual Conference statements related to race. Finally, we will consider how Brethren history might inform more recent conversations in our congregations, communities, and countries related to race.*

[Registration Link](#)

### Kingdom Building in Worship

Saturday, April 2, 2022  
Stone Church of the Brethren  
Leaders: Cindy Laprade Lattimer, Marty Keeney and Loren Rhodes

*Sundays are relentless. Worship happens every...single...week. It is a spiritual, cognitive, emotional, and sensory experience. But without careful planning, worship can easily become stale, unimaginative, and bland. This seminar is designed for anyone who has a role in planning worship: pastors, music leaders, lay ministers. We will use both presentations and workshop components to support attendees in developing a process for planning worship that is meaningful, Christ-centered, cohesive, thoughtful, and sensitive.*

[Registration Link](#)

More events are in the planning stages . . .