

Our students are rooted in local communities. That's why SVMC brings ministry training to them.

By partnering with Bethany Theological Seminary, Brethren Academy for Ministerial Leadership, and five districts, SVMC affords students in our own region opportunities to learn the art of ministry from a distinctly Church of the Brethren perspective.



Frank Ramirez and Bob Neff, presenters for SVMC's Continuing Education Event, "Ten Plus Reasons to Love Leviticus."



## SUSQUEHANNA VALLEY MINISTRY CENTER

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# SUSQUEHANNA VALLEY MINISTRY CENTER

A Church of the Brethren theological program in ministry and leadership

The Susquehanna Valley Ministry Center (SVMC) trains Brethren ministers answering the call in many seasons of life. Courses range from graduate to certificate levels, accommodating different levels of academic preparation. Since most SVMC students are working adults, we schedule courses for weekday evenings and Saturdays and hold them in regionally-based locations. Laity are also welcome to enroll in courses. We also sponsor continuing education events. All students receive individualized attention and quality instruction at highly affordable rates.



Joe Detrick (left), instructs ACTS students in “Teaching and Learning in the Church.”

SVMC courses cover typical ministry subjects such as biblical studies, theology, church history, and ministry skills, but approach these from a perspective grounded in the Anabaptist and Pietist roots of the Church of the Brethren.

## Graduate Education

Bethany Theological Seminary courses are offered as three-weekend intensives at Elizabethtown and Juniata Colleges. They can apply toward a graduate degree or be audited for continuing education units.

*“SVMC gives opportunities for face-to-face ministry education without the need to travel far. Without the ability to attend classes in person by way of SVMC’s intensive course offerings, I would not have made the decision to engage Bethany Theological Seminary’s program for distance learning. High level education made available for the working adult.”*

—Duane Crumrine, Bethany M.Div. student

## TRIM

(Training in Ministry)

Courses that count toward the Brethren Academy’s Training in Ministry certificate serve individuals for whom full-time participation in a college or seminary program is not feasible. Courses are taught at Elizabethtown College, Juniata College, at local churches, or online.

*“The classes I have taken through SVMC have had excellent teachers and have offered face-to-face learning experiences, which I so enjoy. The support and personal guidance I have received from SVMC staff and teachers have been truly wonderful and an unexpected bonus to my TRIM studies.”*

—Charlotte Bear, TRIM student

## ACTS

(Academy Certified Training System)

ACTS is a basic certificate program that satisfies ordination requirements. Classes meet on weeknights or Saturdays and are held in all five partner districts.

*“The ACTS program is a wonderful way to grow, not only as church leaders, but spiritually and personally, as I work with like-minded people in Christ.”*

—Bill Wink, ACTS student

## Continuing Education

One-day courses ranging from Brethren history and biblical scholarship to ministry skills and current topics can be taken for re-credentialing (CEUs) or general interest.

*“I enjoyed the different perspectives of understanding that were presented.”*

—2017 CE event evaluation

