

REGISTRATION FORM

Church of the Brethren Polity & Practice

September 28-29 and
October 26-27, 2018

Name: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____

District: _____

Course fee: \$295.00

I will be taking this course for:

- ☐ One TRIM Credit
- ☐ One EFSM Learning Unit
- ☐ Two Cont. Ed. Units*
(*ordained pastors)
- ☐ Personal Enrichment

Mail this registration form with payment
by **August 31, 2018** to:

Susquehanna Valley Ministry Center
One Alpha Drive
Elizabethtown PA 17022

TRIM INFORMATION

This Training in Ministry (TRIM) course is offered in cooperation with Brethren Academy for Ministerial Leadership. It completes one unit in the area of Ministry Skills.

REGISTRATION

To register, clip Registration Form at left and mail with a check payable to SVMC.

Course fee: \$295.00

Refund policy:

- 100% of course fee if class has filled or if student withdraws prior to registration deadline.
- 50% for withdrawal between the registration deadline and the first day of class.
- No refunds will be given once the class has begun. Exceptions for extraordinary circumstances require the approval of the SVMC Executive Director.

QUESTIONS?

Feel free to contact us at:

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Elizabethtown, PA 17022
(717) 361-1450
svmc@etown.edu

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Elizabethtown College

Instructor:
Randy Yoder

☞ A TRIM Course ☞

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COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course is designed to help students understand power and authority as discerned, covenanted and practiced by the Church of the Brethren for fulfilling meaningful missional ministry at all levels of the Church. Through reading, research, and class input and sharing, students will be enabled to understand the ecclesiology, history, and polity of the Church of the Brethren. Included in this course will be the study of the relationship between the cultural context and organizational patterns of congregations and how polity is established to guide leadership and congregations in being true to their Pietist and Anabaptist traditions while striving to be relevant for contemporary times.

REQUIRED TEXTS

Church of the Brethren Manual of Organization and Polity, 2017. (Print from the Church of the Brethren web page.)

Durnbaugh, Donald F. *Church of the Brethren: Yesterday and Today*. ISBN: 08717801514.

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

Redekop, Benjamin W. *Power and Authority in the Anabaptist Tradition*. ISBN: 0801866057.

INSTRUCTOR



Randy Yoder, D.Min.

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 its being the Ministry and Mission Board) and is an independent staff person for Brethren Benefit Trust as a specialist in long-term care insurance. In 2017 was interim District Executive for Atlantic Northeast District, and now serves as Interim Pastor with Oakton Church of the Brethren in Vienna, VA. 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.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

After successfully completing this course, the student will be able to:

1. Understand how we in the Church of the Brethren covenant and practice power and authority from an Anabaptist perspective and how that is represented in our polity and practice.
2. Articulate an understanding of ecclesiology in the Anabaptist and Pietist traditions in general and the Church of the Brethren in particular.
3. Identify and understand the changing nature of organization and polity in the Church of the Brethren based on cultural context and organizational patterns of congregations that are true to the values of our tradition and will continue to give purpose and relevance to our existence.
4. Be open to congregational and ministerial leadership roles that are consistent with Church of the Brethren Polity and Practice.

SCHEDULE

The course will be held September 28-29, and October 26-27, 2018 at Elizabethtown College. Classes run from 4:00 p.m.- 9:00 p.m. each Friday and 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. each Saturday. Students should also budget time for a significant reading assignment before the first class.