

Brethren Academy for Ministerial Leadership proudly offers:

# *How to Think Theologically*

MARCH 13 – MAY 7, 2019

8-WEEK ONLINE COURSE

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## Course Description and Objectives



Students will learn how to think theologically as a practice of creative and critical reflection on God, Jesus, humanity, and the world in dialogue with challenges Christian communities face today. By connecting the theological tradition with current social issues, we will consider ways to respond to them from a Christian peacemaking perspective.

In this course students will develop the foundational skills necessary for thinking theologically by:

1. Building a vocabulary of important theological terms and an understanding of the central themes in theological studies.
2. Demonstrating an ability to distinguish between the different traditions, theories, and communities of discourse that inform the theological perspectives we read.
3. Clearly articulating ideas and arguments in a learning community characterized by attentive respect for difference, a willingness to reconsider one's position in light of another's experience or insight, and a commitment to learning together.
4. Writing reflectively and analytically about issues raised in the course in order to find your own theological voice, connect your own beliefs, practices, and commitments with the larger theological conversations from the course, and reflecting on how to put these values into action in the service of others.

This course is available to:

- TRIM/EFSM students- fulfills one B/T unit and BTS experience
- Those seeking Continuing Education Units (2.0 CEU)
- Anyone seeking personal and spiritual enrichment

Essentially, this course is open to ALL!

Course fee \$295.00

**Registration deadline:**

**February 6, 2019**

## Instructor: Nathanael Inglis

Professor Nate Inglis has worked at Bethany Theological Seminary since 2015. Before starting at Bethany he lived and worked for two years in rural Guatemala as a solidarity worker with Brethren Volunteer Service. Nate is a member of the Church of the Brethren, and his teaching and scholarly interests include ecological theology and environmental ethics, the intersections of theology and science, contemporary social justice issues, and the theological imagination. His current research interests include the changing role of tradition in society and theology, the relationship between human and ecological communities, and the intersection between Anabaptist and liberation theologies.

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**Course Withdrawal Refund  
Policy**

100% of course fee prior to  
registration  
50% from the registration  
deadline to the first day

No refunds will be given  
once the class has begun

Exceptions require the  
approval of the Director of  
the Brethren Academy

**To earn CEU credit**

Participant will

- Meet the attendance  
requirement
- Complete the assigned  
reading
- Engage in the course through  
participation

A CE or PE student is not  
required to complete any  
assigned papers or exams.

## Required Texts

- Eric D. Barreto. *Thinking Theologically*. Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 2015.
- Elizabeth A. Johnson. *Quest for the Living God: Mapping Frontiers in the Theology of God*. New York: Continuum, 2007.
- Albert Nolan. *Jesus Before Christianity*. Orbis Books, 2001.
- Howard W. Stone and James O. Duke. *How to Think Theologically*, 3<sup>rd</sup> ed. Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 2013.

All other reading assignments will be made available on the course Moodle page.

**Recommended Text:**

Donald K. McKim. *The Westminster Dictionary of Theological Terms*, second edition. Louisville: Westminster John Knox Press, 2014.

## Expectations

Online learning requires students to be disciplined in their time management. Students are expected to spend 10 hours per week in course-related work

For online learning, students will need basic computer skills and access to the internet. If your computer is four years old or less, you should have the capabilities for this class. These capabilities include:

- Modem: Minimum 56 kbps speed is slow but adequate. A speed of 100 kbps (300 recommended) is needed for podcasts and 300 kbps (500 recommended) for videos
- An email account
- An up-to-date web browser; such as Firefox, Internet Explorer or Google Chrome

### How to Think Theologically, March 13 – May 7, 2019

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I will be taking this course for: \_\_\_\_TRIM credit \_\_\_\_EFSM credit \_\_\_\_CEUs (2) \_\_\_\_Personal Enrichment  
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