

SVMC provides Church of the Brethren ministry education

Graduate and certificate-level classes are offered locally—all grounded in the principles and practices of Brethren tradition. Most who complete their training apply for ordination and minister within our geographic area.

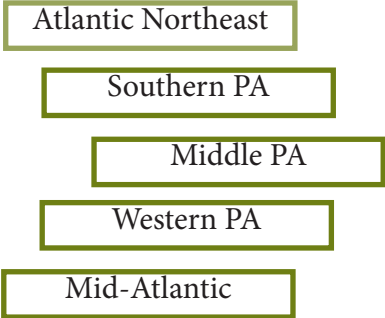
Between 25% and 50% of the clergy in our partner districts received some or all of their ministry training through SVMC!

SVMC offers lifelong learning

Continuing education events offer growth opportunities for pastors, but anyone is welcome to attend. Topics range from history and Bible to church growth.

SVMC is a partnership for ministry education between...

- **five Church of the Brethren districts:** Atlantic Northeast, Mid-Atlantic, Middle PA, Southern PA, and Western PA;
- **Brethren Academy of Ministerial Leadership,** and
- **Bethany Theological Seminary.**



SVMC needs you...

- ...to identify and call forth leaders for ministry service.
- ...to support these efforts with prayer.
- ...to undergird the work with your gifts.

Tuition covers only 25% of SVMC's operating expenses. Your individual and congregational support helps to keep costs affordable for students. Please support the education of Church of the Brethren leadership. No gift is too small!

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Growing in knowledge. Rooted in Christ.



Mission Statement:

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.

SVMC students speak:

ACTS Certificate Program:

“Completing the requirements for ACTS has left me with a renewed love for learning. With the denominations CEU requirements, I will have the opportunity to take additional course work that continues to scratch my itching curiosity. I do hope to continue taking courses, not merely to cultivate that love of learning, but to learn more about the loving heart of God and to emulate that same heart in ministry.”

--Jerry Underkoffler, ACTS '16, Shippensburg Church of the Brethren



TRIM Certificate Courses:

“The classes I have taken through SVMC have had excellent teachers and have offered face-to-face learning experiences, which I so enjoy. Learning Brethren history in the setting of the Bucher Meetinghouse was especially meaningful for me. 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, Mid Atlantic District

Bethany Graduate Courses:

“Susquehanna Valley Ministry Center 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. Connections, Middle PA District



Continuing Education Events:

“I really appreciate SVMC’s Continuing Education offerings, as they are affordable, solid, and high quality. Most recently I participated in classes on the Gospel of Mark and Chronicles. I have a pretty conservative point of view regarding scripture, so I was very pleased that a range of perspectives was represented and that all were treated respectfully. The seminars were challenging and genuinely inspiring.”

--Christian Elliott, Pastor of Knobsville CoB, Southern PA District

