



# **Susquehanna Valley Ministry Center 2016-2017 CATALOG**

## **ACTS, TRIM, & GRADUATE COURSES**

SVMC is a Church of the Brethren ministry education partnership of the Atlantic Northeast, Mid-Atlantic, Middle Pennsylvania, Southern Pennsylvania, and Western Pennsylvania Districts, the Brethren Academy for Ministerial Leadership, and Bethany Theological Seminary.

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## **SVMC'S MISSION**

*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.*

## **BACKGROUND**

Developed in 1993, the Susquehanna Valley Ministry Center (SVMC) is a ministry partner with the Atlantic Northeast, Mid-Atlantic, Middle PA, Southern PA, and Western PA districts along with the Brethren Academy for Ministerial Leadership and Bethany Theological Seminary. SVMC provides training in regionally based settings for persons exploring the call to ministry and/or lay leadership. Working from a solid commitment to core Anabaptist and Pietist understandings within the Church of the Brethren heritage, we provide training in biblical studies, ministry skills, peace and justice perspectives, theology, church vitality, and other subjects that help students prepare for ministry, making classes available at both the graduate and academy levels.



## A RANGE OF EDUCATIONAL OPTIONS

Through its unique partnerships, SVMC offers ministry training options adapted to students' varying life circumstances. Bethany Theological Seminary continues to provide full-time residential programs in a community of Brethren students and faculty at its Richmond, Indiana campus. It also offers a number of distance options through its *Connections* program. SVMC provides students in our own region the opportunity to experience Brethren graduate education by hosting Bethany intensives at Elizabethtown and Juniata Colleges in Pennsylvania. SVMC-hosted Bethany courses may be taken as part of a Bethany degree program or to earn credit at other regional seminaries (see p. 6). Bethany is accredited by the Association of Theological Schools in the United States and Canada (ATS) and the Higher Learning Commission (HLC). Enrollment for all classes is processed by Bethany.

For students unable to enroll in seminary, SVMC also offers classes in two certificate programs overseen by the Brethren Academy for Ministerial Leadership. The Training in Ministry Program (TRIM) and Academy Certified Training System (ACTS) programs allow students with different levels of academic preparation to answer a call to ministry. SVMC offers TRIM courses both within the region and online. SVMC organizes ACTS courses in collaboration with the five partnering districts. Each district hosts three to four classes per year in district churches and offices. Many ACTS and TRIM students continue to work full-time, so the courses are scheduled for evenings and Saturdays, as weekend intensives, or online. SVMC processes ACTS and TRIM enrollment; the final certificates are conferred by Brethren Academy and recognized by all five partner districts as preparation for commissioned and ordained ministry.

SVMC also considers continuing education opportunities for clergy and lay persons an integral component of its ministry. Facilitated by leaders who are scholars on the topics, continuing education events are held at various locations within our partner districts.

## SVMC STAFF

**Donna M. Rhodes**, Executive Director of Susquehanna Valley Ministry Center, holds an M.A. in Nonprofit Leadership and a B.S. in education from Juniata College. She is also a graduate of the TRIM program and the Spiritual Direction program of Oasis Ministries, and completed a certificate in Christian Nonprofit Leadership through the Christian Leadership Alliance. Donna attends Stone Church of the Brethren (Middle PA District) and enjoys playing the piano, walking, and knitting prayer shawls.

**Karen Hodges**, Program Coordinator, is a graduate of Elizabethtown College where she earned a B.S. degree in Business Administration. She grew up in the Monte Vista Church of the Brethren in the Virlina District, and is now a member of the Elizabethtown Church of the Brethren. She enjoys participating in learning/service trips around the world that are intended to build positive relationships with our global neighbors.

**Raymond Flagg**, Treasurer, has a B.S. degree in Mathematics from the University of LaVerne, CA, and a M.S. degree in Mathematics from Texas A&M University. He is currently teaching Mathematics and Business Mathematics at Harrisburg Area Community College, Lancaster campus. Raymond and his wife, Mary, moved to Pennsylvania from Kansas in 2006 to be near their two married children and four grandsons.



Pictured above: Donna Rhodes, Ray Flagg, Karen Hodges

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## TAKING GRADUATE COURSES

Bethany graduate courses offered through the Susquehanna Valley Ministry Center (SVMC) provide a Brethren context for theological education. Bethany courses may be taken for credit toward a Master of Divinity (MDiv) or Master of Arts (MA) degree, or one of Bethany's graduate certificates, or audited for continuing education units (CEUs). All students are required to apply for admission and enroll before taking a class. This can be completed through Bethany's website ([www.bethanyseminary.edu](http://www.bethanyseminary.edu)) from the "Prospective Students" page. Students who do not plan to enroll in one of Bethany's full-time degree or certificate programs should apply as Occasional Students. Auditors have a simpler admissions process and should contact the Admissions Team at 800-287-7722 or [admissions@bethanyseminary.edu](mailto:admissions@bethanyseminary.edu).

### Registration Deadlines (new students and auditors)

Fall 2016 courses:	July 15, 2016
Spring 2017 courses:	December 1, 2016

### Tuition and Fees

Each graduate course taught by Bethany at SVMC carries three credit-hours. The tuition cost is \$1,440 for each three-credit-hour course. Students may audit a course for \$350 and receive 3.0 CEUs. Limited spaces for auditing graduate courses are available for TRIM students, persons enrolled in district training programs, alumni/ae, Brethren pastors taking courses for continuing education, members of the Church of the Brethren, and other individuals. Students not already enrolled as a Bethany student (whether as a degree, occasional, or graduate certificate student) must pay a \$50.00 fee for application processing. Students requesting CEU also pay a \$10.00 documentation fee.

Financial aid is available to Bethany degree and certificate-seeking students who meet certain criteria. Scholarships are available for such things as academic excellence, commitment to serve the church, and financial need. The refund policy and other information regarding graduate study appear in the Bethany Student Handbook. The Handbook, as well as financial aid information and application links, can be found in the "Prospective Students" portion of the Bethany website ([www.bethanyseminary.edu/links-prospective](http://www.bethanyseminary.edu/links-prospective)).

### Library Privileges

Students enrolled in graduate courses hosted by SVMC are able to use library services at the Lilly Library (which serves Bethany, Earlham School of Religion, and Earlham College), Lancaster Theological Seminary, Evangelical Theological Seminary, Lutheran Seminary at Gettysburg, Elizabethtown College, and Juniata College.

### CONNECTIONS:

#### DISTANCE OPTIONS FOR BETHANY EDUCATION

Bethany Theological Seminary collaborates with SVMC to offer graduate-level work in biblical studies, ministry, and theology through their distance education program *Connections*. While Bethany has offered a *Connections* M.Div. track for many years, the online and short-term intensive course offerings have recently been expanded. Students may now pursue any graduate level program—from an occasional course or two, to the graduate certificates, up to a fully accredited MDiv or MA degree—all without the need to relocate. While online work is part of distance learning, SVMC's special partnership with Bethany offers students the experience of face-to-face, graduate-level courses taught by Bethany professors right here in the SVMC region. If you have already obtained your undergraduate degree and are ready for further study, the *Connections* program could be your next step. Contact Bethany or SVMC for more details.

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Brethren Academy for Ministerial Leadership

[www.bethanyseminary.edu/academy](http://www.bethanyseminary.edu/academy)

## **BETHANY THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY COURSES\***

### **HOSTED BY SVMC**

*\*Seminary courses may also be audited for 3.0 Continuing Education Units*

**FALL 2016**

#### **Introduction to Preaching**

Instructor: Dawn Ottoni-Wilhelm, Ph.D.

Dates: September 23-24, October 14-15, November 11-12,  
2016

Times: Fridays 2:00 - 10:00 p.m.; Saturdays 8:30 a.m. - 4:30;  
one-hour breaks for meals.

Location: Stone Church of the Brethren (Huntingdon, PA)

Credit: 3 hours of seminary credit

This course introduces students to a basic understanding of the value and methods of preaching in ministry. Attention will be given to the application of biblical exegesis in the preparation of sermons, and students will be instructed and given opportunity to apply homiletical theory and skills necessary in preparing, presenting, and constructively criticizing different types of sermons.







## SPRING 2017

### Church of the Brethren Polity and Practice

Instructor: Jim Beckwith

Dates: February 17-18, March 24-25, April 28-29, 2017

Times: Fridays 2:00 - 10:00 p.m.; Saturdays 8:30 a.m. - 4:30;  
one-hour breaks for meals.

Location: Atlantic Northeast District Office

Credit: 3 hours of seminary credit

This course is designed to enable a student to study and understand the ecclesiology, history, and polity of the Church of the Brethren. During this course, students will explore the ecclesiology in the Anabaptist and Pietist traditions in general and in the Church of the Brethren in particular. In addition, students will examine the changing nature of organization and polity in the Church of the Brethren while gaining an understanding of the relationship of congregation, district, and denomination. Included in this course will be the study of the relationship between cultural context and organizational patterns of congregations.

**SUSQUEHANNA VALLEY MINISTRY CENTER  
& BETHANY THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY  
ACADEMIC CALENDAR 2016-2017**

**2016**

July 1	BTS Session One Begins
July 4	Independence Day—offices closed
July 15	New Student Admission and Financial Aid Deadline (Fall Semester)
September 5	Labor Day—offices closed
November 24-25	Thanksgiving Break—offices closed
December 1	New Student Admission and Financial Aid Deadline (Spring Semester)
December 23 - January 2	Christmas Break—SVMC Office Closed

**2017**

January 13	Bethany Session One Ends
January 14	Bethany Session Two Begins
January 16	Martin Luther King Day—offices closed
Apr 14-16	Easter Break—SVMC Office Closed
May 6	Bethany Theological Seminary Commencement
May 28	Memorial Day—offices closed

## **PROJECTED GRADUATE COURSE OFFERINGS**

### **2017-2018**

<b>Theological Understandings of Jesus</b>	<b>Fall 2017</b>
Nate Inglis	Juniata College

<b>Youth and Mission</b>	<b>Spring 2018</b>
Russell Haitch	Elizabethtown College

### **2018-2019**

<b>Gospel of Peace</b>	<b>Fall 2018</b>
Dan Ulrich	Juniata College

<b>History of Church of the Brethren</b>	<b>Spring 2019</b>
Jeff Bach	Elizabethtown College

### **2019-2020**

<b>Just Peace</b>	<b>Fall 2019</b>
Scott Holland	Juniata College

<b>Missional Church/Evangelism</b>	<b>Spring 2020</b>
Tara Hornbacker	Elizabethtown College

## TRIM PROGRAM

Training in Ministry (TRIM) is an Annual Conference approved educational track for persons seeking to be commissioned or ordained in the Church of the Brethren. The TRIM program primarily serves individuals for whom full-time participation in a college or seminary degree program is not feasible.

The educational framework of TRIM allows students to utilize local colleges, universities, and seminaries, as well as independent study, ministry formation, and supervised ministry in meeting their requirements. This educational track leads to a Certificate of Training for Set-Apart Ministry issued by the Brethren Academy for Ministerial Leadership, a ministry training partnership of the Church of the Brethren and Bethany Theological Seminary. Entrance into the TRIM program is subject to district nomination and approval. SVMC works with Brethren Academy in course planning.

SVMC provides TRIM courses that satisfy Brethren Academy requirements. Tuition for TRIM courses is \$285.00 for students enrolled in the TRIM and ACTS programs. The courses found below are open to TRIM, EFSM, and ACTS students, ordained pastors for continuing education



# TRIM COURSES

FALL 2016

## Neighboring Faiths: A Christian-Muslim Encounter in the U.S.

Instructor: George Pickens

Dates: August 8-13    Location: Mechanicsburg Church of the Brethren

Description: Islam is the fastest growing religion in the US. This course will focus on understanding and experiencing Islam as a local faith practiced by our American neighbors rather than a distant, foreign religion. After introducing the basics of Islam and reviewing Muslims in the US, participants will have opportunities to interact with Muslims in the Harrisburg, PA region. Through a blend of presentations, discussions, and visits to local mosques and Muslim communities, the course will develop basic skills for building positive relationships and Christian witness among Muslims in the US.

## Church of the Brethren Polity & Practice

Instructor: Randy Yoder                      Location: Elizabethtown College

Dates: September 30-October 1, and October 28 & 29, 2016

Description: This course is designed to help students understand power as discerned 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.

## UPCOMING 2017 TRIM COURSES:

### Paul's Thought and the Pauline tradition in the NT (Online)

Instructor: Bob Cleveland

### Women in the Bible (Online)

Instructor: Erika Fitz

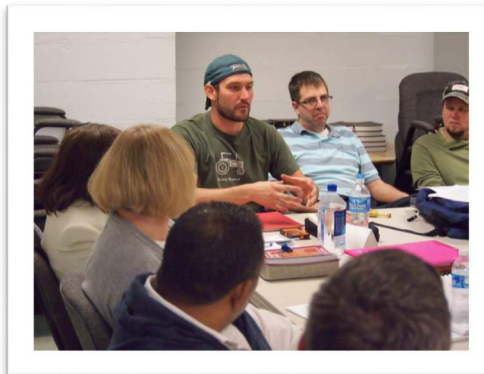
## ACTS PROGRAM

The **Academy Certified Training System (ACTS)** is certified by the Brethren Academy for Ministerial Leadership. ACTS is intended for lay people who want to learn more about the faith and calling of Christian community, licensed ministers who are part of the certificate training program to fulfill minimal educational requirements to be commissioned or ordained, and ministers seeking continuing education.

Each district provides a **Ministry Formation** group for ACTS students. Becoming an effective minister requires people and relational skills that can be acquired and developed in a setting where students share with one another their unique experiences, questions, un-certainties, problems, di-lemmas, successes, and failures. Students explore various topics and practical issues related to ministry.



Students also participate in a **Supervised Ministry Experience** in which they are paired with an experienced minister. The students are given opportunities to explore and experience the daily needs and challenges of doing ministry. This takes place about halfway through the student's participation in ACTS.



Within an approximately four-year cycle, students are asked to complete the following courses listed in the three categories (in boldface).

- ***Biblical:*** Introduction to the Old Testament, Introduction to the New Testament, Interpreting the Bible.
- ***Historical/Theological:*** Theology, History of the Church, Church of the Brethren History.
- ***Ministry Skills:*** (six of the following) Preaching, Worship, Church Leadership and Administration (required), Introduction to Pastoral Care, Teaching and Learning in the Church, Church Vitality and Evangelism, and Communication Skills for Pastoral Ministry.

## ACTS COURSES

ACTS courses are offered in our five partner districts; students may cross district boundaries to attend courses. Tuition for ACTS courses is \$225.00 for students enrolled in the ACTS program. Audit fees are \$75.00 per course. For CEU awards, an additional fee of \$10.00 will be charged. Each district has its own scholarship provisions for its ministry training program, see pages 19-20. Refund Policy: No refund of tuition will be granted once the first class has been attended, unless approved by the Executive Director of SVMC.

### ALL DISTRICTS:

#### Communication Skills for Pastoral Ministry

This course, designed to strengthen communications skills for ministry, is offered annually and taught in one location by Kenneth Gible. It requires two class meetings plus individual discussions with the instructor via email or phone. Students will work on writing and speaking skills and produce several kinds of communication pieces. The required sessions for 2016-17 will be held on Saturdays, February 25 and March 25, 2017, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm at Carlisle Church of the Brethren. Please call the SVMC office to indicate your interest. Registration due by January 29.

## **ATLANTIC NORTHEAST DISTRICT**

### **Introduction to Old Testament**

Instructor: Galen Hackman  
Dates & Time: Tuesdays: September 6, 20, October 18, November 1, 2016;  
6:30 to 9:30 pm  
Location: ANE Office

### **Church of the Brethren History**

Instructor: Ken Kreider  
Dates & Time: Mondays, January 9, 23, February 6, 20, 27, 2017 (March 6  
makeup); 6:30 to 9:30 pm  
Location: ANE Office

### **Teaching and Learning in the Church**

Instructor: Joe Detrick  
Dates & Time: Thursdays March 23, April 6, 20, May 4, 18, 2017  
6:30 to 9:30 pm  
Location: Mountville Church of the Brethren

## **MID-ATLANTIC DISTRICT**

### **Introduction to Old Testament**

Instructor: Calvin Park  
Dates & Time: Tuesdays, September 6, 20, October 18, November 1, 2016;  
6:30 to 9:30 pm  
Location: Frederick Church of the Brethren

### **Church of the Brethren History**

Instructor: Jim Benedict  
Dates & Time: Mondays, January 9, 23, February 6, 20, March 6, 2017,  
(March 13 makeup); 6:30 to 9:30 pm  
Location: Union Bridge Church of the Brethren

### **Teaching & Learning in the Church**

Instructor: Audrey Hollenberg-Duffy  
Dates & Times: Saturdays, March 25, April 8, 29, 2017; 9 am—3:30 pm  
Location: Union Bridge Church of the Brethren



## **MIDDLE PENNSYLVANIA DISTRICT**

### **Introduction to Old Testament**

Instructor: David Banszak  
Dates & Time: Tuesdays, August 2, 16, 30; September 6, 20, 2016; 6:30 to 9:30 pm  
Location: Middle PA District Office

### **Church of the Brethren History**

Instructor: Craig Gandy  
Dates & Time: Tuesdays, January 10, 24, February 7, 21, March 7, 2017, (March 14 makeup) 6:30 to 9:30 pm  
Location: Middle PA District Office

### **Teaching & Learning in the Church**

Instructor: Jan King  
Dates & Time: Saturdays, April 1, 22, May 6, 2017  
9 am—3:30 pm  
Location: Middle PA District Office

## **SOUTHERN PENNSYLVANIA DISTRICT**

### **Introduction to the Old Testament**

Instructor: John Hess  
Dates & Time: Tuesdays, September 13, 27, October 11, 25, November 8, 2016; 6:30 to 9:30 PM  
Location: Carlisle Church of the Brethren

### **Church of the Brethren History**

Instructor: George Pickens  
Dates & Time: Mondays, January 9, 23, February 6, 20, March 4, 2017 (March 6 makeup); 6:30 to 9:30 PM  
Location: Mechanicsburg Church of the Brethren

### **Teaching & Learning in the Church To Be Announced**

## WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA DISTRICT

### Teaching & Learning in the Church

Instructor: Dottie Kunselman  
Dates & Time: Saturdays, August 13, 27, September 10, 2016  
9:00 am - 3:30 pm  
Location: District Office

### Introduction to Old Testament

Instructor: Bill Wenger  
Dates & Time: Saturdays October 1, 22 and November 12, 2016  
9:00 am - 3:30 pm  
Location: Moxham Church of the Brethren

### Church Vitality and Evangelism

Instructor: Vince Cable  
Dates & Time: Saturdays February 18, March 4, 18, 2017  
9:00 am - 3:30 pm  
Location: District Office

### Interpreting the Bible

Instructor: Bill Wenger  
Dates & Time: Saturdays, April 8, 22, May 6, 2017, 9 am—3:30 pm  
Location: Moxham Church of the Brethren





## DISTRICT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

### Atlantic Northeast District

*Seminary courses* — Funding for licensed ministers enrolled in the M.Div. and Occasional Student graduate program will receive \$300.00 per 3-credit-hour course with a maximum of \$1,200.00 per academic year. Students wishing to receive district financial assistance for graduate level courses should contact the District Office in writing. A copy of registration information and an invoice from the billing institution should accompany the request. Additional information should include whether payment is to be made directly to the student's account or reimbursed to the student directly.

*TRIM courses* — The district will cover \$150 of the student enrollment fee. It pays \$220/year of the program participation fee (students pay \$200/year), for up to six years. After the sixth year, the district participation fee becomes the student's responsibility. Additional assistance is available for course tuition upon request. For more information, please contact the district office and request the "Financial Aid Plan for Licensed Ministers."

*ACTS courses* — Course work through SVMC is underwritten as follows: \$75.00 per course will be paid by the district for all licensed ministers in good standing. The home congregation is encouraged to pay half of the remaining amount, and the licensed minister the other half (\$75.00 each). The student will pay \$150.00 if congregational support is not forthcoming. Any questions concerning ANE's "Financial Aid Plan for Licensed Ministers" should be directed to the District Executive.

### **Mid-Atlantic District**

Financial assistance for licensed ministers enrolled in the M.Div., TRIM, ACTS, and EFSM programs will be based on the guidelines of the Don Rowe Student Endowment Fund administered by the Calling and Credentialing Ministry Team. Assistance may vary in amount, depending on the number of classes in which a student is enrolled and the amount of funds available for a given year. Any questions concerning Mid-Atlantic's Financial Assistance Plan for Licensed Ministers should be directed to the District Executive Minister. Exceptions to this policy will be approved by the District Calling and Credentialing Ministry Team.

### **Middle Pennsylvania District**

*Seminary & TRIM courses* — Financial assistance is given to students based on need and available funds. Students should be in contact with the Ministers' Education and Support Team to share educational plans and financial needs.

*ACTS courses* — Grants of one-third the cost of tuition for ACTS students is available through the Middle PA District budget.

### **Southern Pennsylvania District**

*Seminary courses* — A loan/grant for up to \$500.00 per semester for students attending an accredited seminary can be obtained by applying to the District Ministry Commission. SVMC students should contact the SPD office to apply.

*ACTS courses* — Course work through SVMC is underwritten as follows: \$60.00 per course will be paid for by the district for all Licensed Ministers in good standing.

### **Western Pennsylvania District**

*Seminary courses* — A loan/grant for licensed or ordained ministers enrolled in Bethany Theological Seminary courses can be obtained by applying to the Pastor and Parish Ministry Team. Grants are given based on need and available funds.

*ACTS courses* — A loan/grant for licensed or ordained ministers enrolled in SVMC coursework is available by application to the Pastor and Parish Ministry Team. The goal is to help cover tuition costs for licensed ministers in ACTS work.

## CONTINUING EDUCATION

SVMC and its education partners prepare ministers for credentialing, and offer continuing education opportunities to those already commissioned or ordained.

**Any of the courses listed in this catalog can be taken for continuing education units (CEUs).** Students who attend all classes receive 1.5 CEUs for ACTS courses, 2.0 CEUs for TRIM courses, and 3.0 CEUs for graduate courses.



**SVMC plans one-day workshops** on a variety of topics of interest to Brethren clergy. Information about this year's SVMC events appear on the next two pages.

**SVMC issues CEU certificates** for events sponsored by our partnering agencies, as well as for events and courses offered elsewhere. Certificate requests are considered on a case-by-case basis. One-tenth of a unit (0.1 CEU) is granted for each hour of instruction. A fee of \$10 per certificate is assessed for processing.



## CONTINUING EDUCATION EVENTS

### Memory Care—Life with Purpose

Date: Monday, July 25, 2016  
Time: 9:00 am - 3:00 pm  
Led by: Jennifer Holcomb  
Location: The Brethren Home, New Oxford, PA  
(Nicarry Meetinghouse)  
Cost: \$60  
Cost includes lunch & documentation for 0.5CEUs

Students in this course will learn how to integrate those individuals with a neurocognitive disorder into the faith community. This course will explore the value of engaging in friendships, the importance of faith for those that have dementia, practical tips on how to be present with the person, and how to care for the caregiver.

### Reimagining Art for Worship

Date : Saturday, September 10, 2016  
Time: 9:00 am - 4:00 pm  
Led by: Diane Brandt  
Location: Lititz Church of the Brethren  
Cost: \$65  
Cost includes lunch & documentation for 0.6 CEUs

Like the choral anthem, the message, the prayers, and rituals, liturgical art enhances the worship experience. Each element is meant to awaken us and open our hearts to God. The spiritual disciplines that go into sermon writing—prayer, meditation, study, and reflection— can also be used to create liturgical art. This kind of art-marking can be called “co-creation,” for one creates in partnership with The Creator, in a process that is itself an act of worship. This workshop will explore fresh possibilities for art in liturgical spaces and lead participants through a process for “co-creating” art themselves.

### **Preaching the Reign of God: Prophets, Poets, and Conversations**

Date : Thursday, November 10, 2016

Time: 9 AM—4 PM

Led by: Dawn Ottoni-Wilhelm

Location: Juniata College

Cost: \$60

Cost includes lunch & documentation for 0.6 CEUs

Continuing the prophetic legacy of ancient Israel, the preaching of Jesus Christ is permeated with references to the kingdom (or "reign") of God. Where is this "reign of God" to be found in the church's relationship to the most difficult problems of our time—to terrorism, income inequality, climate change, and human sexuality? This preaching symposium will examine what Jesus preached about the reign of God, as well as how he did it. It will share new developments in the art and craft of preaching, in particular that of "conversational homiletics." Through lecture, worship, small group discussion, and workshop time, participants will explore how their own preaching may proclaim God's life-giving reign among us.

#### **NEW EVENTS MAY BE PLANNED AFTER THIS PRINTING.**

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