

## *SVMC provides Church of the Brethren ministry education*

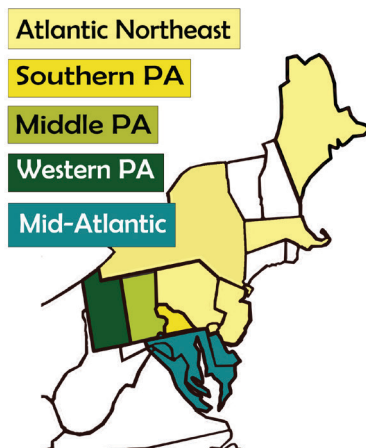
Graduate and certificate-level classes are offered locally—all grounded in the principles and practices of Brethren tradition. Most who complete their training apply for ordination and minister within our geographic area. *Between 25% and 50% of the clergy in our partner districts received some or all 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!

## Susquehanna Valley Ministry Center

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# Susquehanna Valley Ministry Center



*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

“I was called to the ministry while working full time as a teacher and a farmer. Enrolling in a traditional seminary program was not an option for me. Through the ACTS program, I was able to receive hands-on, practical training which allowed me to fulfill my ordination requirements. While completing the program, I was able to take valuable insights learned and apply them right away in my home church.”

*--Mac Miller, ACTS '14, Pastor of Pleasant Ridge CoB, Mid-Atlantic District*



## TRIM Certificate Courses

“The [TRIM] instructors were regular people and inspiring role models; they were currently serving in ministry and could speak from their knowledge, experience, and expertise. I am currently working on the ordination process in the area of Older Adult Ministry. My entire ministry education journey could not have been possible except for the creative offerings, nurturing, and support of SVMC.”

*--Kim Witkovsky, TRIM '12, Middle PA District*

## Bethany Graduate Courses:

“As an MDiv student in the Bethany Connections program, I spent most of my time in front of a computer screen. The Bethany courses hosted by SVMC gave me the opportunity to experience community, and to take classes that would not have translated easily to the screen—like “Rituals and Reflection,” where we baptized and anointed one another, and “Pastoral Care,” where we learned to notice body language. Access to these classes 5-6 hours closer to home greatly reduced the time and cost of transportation, and made a significant contribution to my quality of life during a busy and challenging time! I’m extremely grateful for the opportunity to complete my degree with the support of SVMC.”



*--Angela Finet, Bethany MDiv. '16, Pastor of Nokesville CoB, Mid-Atlantic 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 a class on the Gospel of Mark. 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 seminar was challenging and genuinely inspiring.”



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