



Continuing EDUCATION EVENTS

Below are **Susquehanna Valley Ministry Center's** current continuing education events open to everyone. For more information and to register, please do one of the following:

- Click on the title of each event and follow the links to register. (You can only register for one event at a time).
- Visit www.etown.edu/svmc and follow links for "Continuing Education"
- Email KarenHodges@SVMCcob.org, or call SVMC at 717-361-1450

Identifying and Responding to Suicide Risk

Tuesday, January 28, 2025 • 9:30 AM – 12:30 PM • Zoom Only

Leader: Julie Guistwite

Fee: \$35.00 for .3 CEUs or \$25.00 for no CEUs

Individuals considering harming themselves often seek guidance from spiritual care professionals over mental health providers. This interactive and engaging workshop discusses suicide risk factors and warning signs across generations and provides clergy guidance in responding. Engaging with an individual considering suicide forms the basis of a small group role-play activity. Attendees will gain practical knowledge and skills relevant across settings.

Supporting Congregational Members Following Divorce

Tuesday, June 3, 2025 • 9:30 AM – 12:30 PM • Zoom Only

Leader: Julie Guistwite

Fee: \$35.00 for .3 CEUs or \$25.00 for no CEUs

Divorce is a life-altering loss experience that a rising number of congregational members confront. The encounter profoundly affects their biopsychosocial-spiritual well-being and often leads to disenfranchised grief. This interactive workshop examines three types of spiritual struggles that often occur in connection with three spiritual coping methods that can facilitate healthy adjustment. Attendees will gain skills in applying the methods to supporting congregational members navigating loss and grief using a case study.

Caring for Congregational Members at the End-of-Life

Tuesday, October 7, 2025 • 9:30 AM – 12:30 PM • Zoom Only

Leader: Julie Guistwite

Fee: \$35.00 for .3 CEUs or \$25.00 for no CEUs

Nearing death is as much a part of life as living. Drawing on a trifold model of terminally-ill ministry, this interactive workshop explores strategies for empowering adult congregational members at the end-of-life. Consideration of best practices in managing core ethical dilemmas persons navigate during this final lifespan stage will interweave across the discussion. A small group role-play activity provides the opportunity to apply the methods to assisting dying persons from the home to healthcare setting.

More SVMC events are in the planning stages for 2025. Stay tuned!

Events Sponsored by The Young Center (CEUs from SVMC):

The following events are sponsored by the Young Center at Elizabethtown College, NOT SVMC.

To register for these two events, please go to <https://www.etown.edu/centers/young-center/events.aspx> or call 717-361-1470. **Important: SVMC is only providing CEUs which may be obtained by contacting Karen Hodges at KarenHodges@SVMCcob.org or 717-361-1450.**

- **Durnbaugh Events:** March 20 & 21, 2025 – Leader, John Roth
 1. *Durnbaugh Lecture: Thursday, March 20, 2025 • 7:00 PM • Susquehanna Room, Elizabethtown College*
Topic: “The Bible as a Source of Renewal (and Conflict) in Anabaptism and Pietism”
(.175 CEUs, \$10 payable to SVMC)
 2. *Durnbaugh Seminar: Friday, March 21, 2025 • 9:30 AM – 12:00 Noon • Susquehanna Room, Elizabethtown College. Topic: Introducing (and Reading!) the Anabaptist Community Bible: An Interactive Seminar*
(.25 CEUs, \$10 payable to SVMC)

If requesting CEUs for both Thursday and Friday events, the cost will be a total of \$10 (not \$20).

- **Early Anabaptism in Global Perspective -- Past, Present, and Future at 500 Years**
July 22-24, 2025

This conference marking the 500th anniversary of the birth of the Anabaptist movement will revisit early Anabaptism and give special attention to the global context in which it emerged and spread. Speakers will also consider how Anabaptist history has been received by churches and academics in more recent times and in varying contexts around the world. With more than three dozen plenary sessions, papers, seminars, and roundtables by presenters from ten countries, the conference will examine such varied themes as migration, diplomacy, the arts, colonialism, peacemaking, and theological identity. Explorations of the connections between Anabaptism and Baptist, Hutterite, Liberation Theology, Quaker, Mennonite, and Radical Pietist traditions are also on the program. Roundtable sessions and seminars include a discussion of approaches to teaching early Anabaptism and a workshop on reading early Anabaptist sources in community. Optional pre- and post-conference field trips will visit area libraries and archives and the 1719 Museum.