

## Registration Form

**What Brethren Believe  
April 12-15, 2018  
McPherson College**

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Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**I will be taking this course for:**

**TRIM Credit** \_\_\_\_

**EFSM Credit** \_\_\_\_

**Two Cont. Ed. Units** \_\_\_\_

**Personal Enrichment** \_\_\_\_

**Course fee: \$295.00.**

payable to: **Brethren Academy or**

Register online at

<https://bethanyseminary.edu/brethren-academy/brethren-academy-course-listings/>

**Registration deadline: March 5, 2018**

Please note: Enrollment numbers on the date of the registration deadline will determine whether the course will be held.

MAIL REGISTRATION FORM AND FEE TO:

Brethren Academy  
for Ministerial Leadership  
615 National Road West  
Richmond, IN 47374

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

## Participants

This course is offered at the Academy-level and is open to Brethren Academy students (TRIM and EFSM), lay persons and clergy. For TRIM students, successful completion of this course will earn one Academy level unit in **Bible/Theology** and **Bethany Experience** and complete the requirement for the **Brethren College Experience**. Clergy will earn two continuing education units.

Class size is limited to 20 students.

As an attendee of this event, you may be included in still photos, videotaped footage, news articles, informational brochures or other media used to interpret the mission and purpose of Bethany Theological Seminary, the Church of the Brethren, and the Brethren Academy.

### Course Withdrawal Refund Policy:

- 100% of course fee prior to the registration deadline
- 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.*

For more information contact:

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Richmond, IN 47374  
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## *Course Description*

What do Brethren believe? How do these beliefs translate into practice? This course will answer these questions and others by exploring Brethren beliefs related to a variety of issues, including Scripture, the person of Jesus Christ, the Holy Spirit, the nature of the church, original sin, and the end times. We will discuss how these beliefs shape our understanding of Brethren ordinances, such as baptism, Love Feast, anointing, nonresistance, and nonconformity. Particular attention will be paid to the Pietist and Anabaptist origins of Brethren beliefs. The course will also examine how these beliefs and practices have changed over time and consider the diversity of beliefs found among Brethren today.

## *Course Goals*

- Students will consider Brethren ways of constructing theology.
- Students will read about unique Brethren beliefs and practices as well as consider how Brethren have interpreted beliefs and practices shared with other Christian traditions. Students will learn to identify the works and contributions of significant Brethren writers on these topics.
- Students will become aware of the range of habits and beliefs in the Brethren tradition as well as the diversity of their interpretation and use in the Church of the Brethren today.
- Students will reflect theologically on at least one belief or practice found within the Brethren tradition.

## *Instructor*



**Denise Kettering-Lane**

Denise Kettering-Lane is Associate Professor of Brethren Studies at Bethany Theological Seminary. After earning an undergraduate degree in Religion from Ashland University, Denise earned an MTS from Candler School of Theology at Emory University and a PhD from The University of Iowa. She has formerly served as the archival assistant at the Brethren Historical Library and Archives in Elgin, Illinois. She is particularly interested in women's history, Pietism, and Christian devotional practices. She is the editor of the journal *Brethren Life and Thought*. Denise lives in Dayton, Ohio with her husband Calvin, and her children, Daniel and Elizabeth.

## *Reading List*

Dale Brown, *Another Way of Believing: A Brethren Theology* (Elgin, Ill.: Brethren Press, 2005).

Graydon Snyder and Kenneth M. Shaffer Jr., *Texts in Transit II* (Elgin, Ill.: Brethren Press, 1991).

In addition, students will be expected to access *Brethren Life & Thought* articles online and other resources through their local libraries.

## *Schedule*

**Location** – Miller Library 105, McPherson College

**Suggested Schedule** (times may be adjusted during the weekend as long as a 6:00pm start time and a total of 20 hours is maintained)

Thursday:	6-9pm (3hrs)
Friday:	8:30-12 (3.5 hrs) 12-1:30 – Break 1:30-5:00 (3.5 hrs)
Saturday:	8:30-12 (3.5hrs) 12-1:30 – Break 1:30-5:00 (3.5 hrs)
Sunday:	9:00-12 (3hrs)

## *Travel and Lodging*

Transportation, lodging and meals are the participant's responsibility. The Brethren Academy office will be glad to provide contact information for area lodging.