

Brethren Academy for Ministerial Leadership proudly offers:

# Death and Dying

SEPTEMBER 4 – OCTOBER 29, 2019

8-WEEK ONLINE COURSE

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## Course Description and Objectives



Church communities play a central role in death and dying. Providing an understanding of death, easing anxiety, bringing peace, and helping people make meaning of dying and death is crucial to effective pastoral ministry.

This course will explore how pastors can teach and model a faith that informs dying, including ways to attend to God in suffering, grief and end-of-life care. Practical considerations addressed include: funerals, memorials, and graveside services; preaching, praying, providing pastoral care; and encouraging spiritual growth with those who are dying and grieving death. Consideration will be given to difficult situations such as suicide, homicide, sudden death, dysfunctional family dynamics, infant mortality and child death. Current issues with regard to death and dying will be broached including:

- the “death positive” movement
- “death with dignity” legislation
- palliative care
- hospice
- alternatives for after-death (e.g. cremation, green burials, body donation)

This course is available to:

- TRIM/EFSM students- fulfills one MS unit
- Those seeking Continuing Education Units (2.0 CEU)
- Anyone seeking personal and spiritual enrichment

Essentially, this course is open to ALL!

Course fee \$295.00

**Registration deadline:**

**July 31, 2019**

## Instructor: Debbie Eisenbise

Debbie has been in ministry for over 20 years, working as a congregational pastor and spiritual director. She worked with the Church of the Brethren’s Congregational Life Ministries from 2015 - 2017 as director of Intergenerational Ministries. Most recently she served as the Interim Pastor at Living Peace Church in Michigan District. She has also provided pastoral leadership and spiritual direction through the years.

Debbie provides practical and emotional support for end of life transitions through her ministry, *Through the Threshold: End of Life Doula Services*. This ministry provides assistance in advance care planning and opportunities to celebrate life. She provides help, hope, and healing that engenders confidence and peace.

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**Course Withdrawal Refund  
Policy**

100% of course fee prior  
to registration deadline  
50% from the registration  
deadline to the first day of  
class

No refunds will be given  
once the class has begun  
*Exceptions require the  
approval of the Director of  
the Brethren Academy*

**To earn CEU credit**

Participant will  
- Meet the attendance  
requirement  
- Complete the assigned  
reading  
- Engage in the course through  
participation

A CE or PE student is not  
required to complete any  
assigned papers or exams.

**Required Texts**

Butler, Katy. **The Art of Dying Well: A Practical Guide to a Good End of Life.** ISBN 9781501135477. 212pp.

Long, Thomas G. and Lynch, Thomas. **The Good Funeral: Death, Grief, and the Community of Care.** ISBN 978-0-664-23853-7. 239pp.

Swinton, John and Payne, Richard, editors. **Living Well and Dying Faithfully: Christian Practices for End-of-Life Care** (1st Edition). ISBN 978-0-8028-6339-3. 287pp. [students will read and present on selected chapters]

**Pre-course assignments** – Watch and take notes on 2 videos with an eye toward pastoral care for those dying, accompanying the dying, and those grieving.

\*Atul Gawande. "On Being Mortal"

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CGoGD\\_VYsEc](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CGoGD_VYsEc)

\*Jane Whitlock: "What I Learned about Life from Death"

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BZ-Ll68xS8g>

**Expectations**

Online learning requires students to be disciplined in their time management. Students are expected to spend 10 hours per week in course-related work

For online learning, students will need basic computer skills and access to the internet. If your computer is four years old or less, you should have the capabilities for this class. These capabilities include:

- Modem: Minimum 56 kbps speed is slow but adequate. A speed of 100 kbps (300 recommended) is needed for podcasts and 300 kbps (500 recommended) for videos
- An email account
- An up-to-date web browser; such as Firefox, Internet Explorer or Google Chrome

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[Register online](#) or fill out following information and return, along with payment to:  
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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Best contact phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

I will be taking this course for: \_\_\_ TRIM credit \_\_\_ EFSM credit \_\_\_ CEUs (2) \_\_\_ Personal Enrichment  
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