

Brethren Academy for Ministerial Leadership proudly offers: Cultivating an Everyday Faith

APRIL 17-JUNE 11, 2024

8-WEEK ONLINE COURSE

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Course Description and Objectives



This course is available to:

- TRIM/EFSM students-fulfills:
 - ✓ 1 Ministry Studies
 - ✓ Curricular Requirement
- Those seeking Continuing Education Units (2.0 CEU)
- Anyone seeking personal and spiritual enrichment

Essentially, this course is open to ALL!

Course fee \$300.00

Registration deadline:

March 13, 2024

Course Description:

Pastors and church educators have long been inspired by the imagery of Deuteronomy 6:7, which instructs us to recite God's words to our children and talk about them at home and when we are out and about. We desire to help children, youth, and adults cultivate a way of life, to help them link stories from the Bible to everyday living, and to encourage them to live out Jesus' teachings in their neighborhoods and communities. But for far too long, we've attempted to do that in age-defined classrooms on Sunday mornings.

In this course, students will explore ways to break out of the Sunday school box and nurture an everyday faith in church, home, and community. We will look at recent research on the pivotal role of families in the faith formation of children and how churches can empower them to fulfill that role. And we will discuss ways to build relationships across generations, helping people of all ages make connections that spark their moral imagination for how God and the Holy Spirit are working in their lives and the world.

Course Objectives:

Upon completion of this course, students will be able to:

- 1) Articulate an understanding of recent research on the spirituality of children and youth.
- 2) Articulate an understanding of the crucial role of families in the faith formation of children and youth.
- 3) Demonstrate an understanding of the role of the congregation in helping parents and caregivers share their faith and values with their children and youth.
- 4) Identify and shape Christian practices that nurture children and youth's relationships with God.
- 5) Demonstrate practical skills in resource development and leadership related to building relationships across generations.

Instructor: Joan Daggett

Joan Daggett is an ordained minister in the Church of the Brethren, serving previously as a pastor, an associate district executive in the Shenandoah District, and as the executive director of the Brethren and Mennonite Heritage Center in Harrisonburg, VA. She was a writer for *Jubilee* and a trainer for *Gather 'Round*, curriculum co-published by Brethren Press and MennoMedia. She joined the staff of *Shine: Living in God's Light* as project director in 2016, where she continues to use her passion for Christian education and discipleship formation.

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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

- Complete reduced
assignments as outlined in the
syllabus

Required Text

- Miller, Lisa. *The Spiritual Child: The New Science on Parenting for Health and Lifelong Thriving*. New York, NY: St. Martin's Press, 2015.
- Roberto, John. *Lifelong Faith: Formation for All Ages and Generations*. New York, NY: Church Publishing, 2022.
- Short articles, book excerpts, or videos may be added and posted online.

Coursework will include readings, discussion, interviews, and 12 pages of writing.

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 an email account, a laptop or desktop, basic computer skills, and access to the internet using an updated web browser, such as Microsoft Internet Explorer or Edge, Google Chrome, or Mozilla Firefox. Some courses may also require Zoom or Skype. If your computer is four years old or less, you should have the capabilities for this course. If you have questions about specifics, please contact the Brethren Academy.

During a Brethren Academy course or event, you may be included in photographs or sound /video recording. Such photos and recordings, including quotes from you, may be included and identified in news articles, informational brochures, or social media on behalf of the Brethren Academy and/or Bethany Theological Seminary. If you wish to be excluded from such publications, please contact the Brethren Academy in writing by the start date of the course or event.

Cultivating an Everyday Faith, April 17-June 11, 2024

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Name: _____

Address: _____

Best contact phone: _____

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

Course Fee: \$300 payable to Brethren Academy Registration March 13, 2024