

## Susquehanna Valley Ministry Center – Continuing Education Offerings

Here are the current continuing education offerings from the Susquehanna Valley Ministry Center, open to everyone. More events are in the planning stages, so please stay tuned.



### **\*\*Important Notes\*\***

- The first two events, "Durnbaugh Events on March 20-21" and "Early Anabaptism in Global Perspectives on July 22-24," are sponsored by The Young Center. The Susquehanna Valley Ministry Center (SVMC) ONLY provides Continuing Education Units (CEUs) for these events. To register for these YC events, please visit <https://www.ETOWN.EDU/centers/young-center/events.aspx>, or call The Young Center at 717-361-1470. To obtain CEUs for these events, pick up a CEU request form at the registration table, or email [KarenHodges@SVMCcob.org](mailto:KarenHodges@SVMCcob.org).
- The last two events, "Supporting Congregational Members Following Divorce" and "Caring for Congregational Members at the End of Life," are sponsored by SVMC, and registration payments are processed through SVMC. To register, either 1) click on the event title (only one event at a time); 2) visit [www.ETOWN.EDU/svmc](http://www.ETOWN.EDU/svmc) and select "Continuing Education"; 3) email [KarenHodges@SVMCcob.org](mailto:KarenHodges@SVMCcob.org); or 4) call 717-361-1450.

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

#### **Durnbaugh Events focusing on the Anabaptist Community Bible**

March 20 & 21, 2025

Leader, John Roth

- 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)
- 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.

## Events Sponsored by SVMC

### **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.*

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### **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.*

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