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Greensboro, NC
Ministers' Association Pre-Annual Conference

July 1-2, 2025
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Audrey
Hollenberg-Duffey

Directed Independent Study Unit (DISU)

This course is
available to:
TRIM/EFSM students:
Fulfills **1 MS Unit**
and **CoB** experience
CEU credit:
2 Units
Personal Enrichment

Course Fee \$115.00
Must also register
for the Minister's
Association Pre-
Annual Conference
Event at an
additional cost.

Registration
deadline:
May 20, 2025

Directed Independent Study Unit (DISU) Description and Objectives

When we prioritize the needs and gifts of people with disabilities in the life of the church, we find that the whole church benefits. There is biblical precedent for this work. We are all made in the image of God (Gen 1:26). We are one body, with a variety of gifts to offer the church (1 Cor 12). Jesus paid attention to the needs and the gifts of people with all sorts of physical and mental ailments (too many scriptures to reference). In this course, we will discuss the biblical foundation for ministry for and with people with disabilities as well as consider practical tools for how our congregations might become more accessible to all.

At the end of this course, students will be able to:

- Articulate the biblical foundation for inclusive ministry with people with disabilities.
- Better understand the practical needs of people with a variety of disabilities and their support persons.
- Learn how to assess and celebrate the unique gifts and needs of individuals in a congregation.
- Consider how to make congregational life more accessible to all.

This is a **two-step registration and payment process:**

1. DISU Registration and Payment:

Complete the attached registration form and submit a payment of \$115 to the Brethren Academy for the DISU credit. Alternatively, you can register online by [clicking here](#) and selecting "Directed Independent Study."

2. Pre-Annual Conference Registration and payment:

Once you have registered for the DISU, [click here](#) to register for the Brethren Ministers' Association Pre-Annual Conference Continuing Education Event:

- \$55 EFSM/TRIM fee (\$80 at the door)
- \$55 if first time attendee
- \$95 for individual (\$135 at the door)

Speaker: Jeanne Davies

Jeanne Davies serves as the Executive Director for the Anabaptist Disabilities Network. Jeanne has a Master of Divinity degree from Bethany Theological Seminary, a Graduate Certificate in Disability and Ministry from Western Theological Seminary in Holland, Michigan, and a Graduate Certificate in Homiletic Peer Coaching from Vanderbilt University Divinity School. Jeanne is the author of *Believing and Belonging: An Accessible Anabaptist Membership Curriculum*, an illustrated curriculum of 26 lessons for youth and adults written at a third-grade reading level.

Over 25% of U.S. adults and 8.5% of children have disabilities, with higher rates in rural areas. Many face barriers to church inclusion. Jesus welcomed all—how can we ensure our congregations do the same?

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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 syllabus

Instructor: Audrey Hollenberg-Duffey

Audrey Hollenberg-Duffey is the Director of the Susquehanna Valley Ministry Center, a ministry training and continuing education partner of the Brethren Academy for Ministerial Leadership housed at Elizabethtown College. She is a graduate of Bridgewater College (BA), Bethany Theological Seminary (MDiv), and Wesley Theological Seminary (DMin).

Course Reading Resources

- *Everybody Belongs, Serving Together: Inclusive church ministry with people with disabilities.* ISBN 9780916466206. (A free version is available online at <https://www.faithward.org/everybody-belongs-serving-together/#toc>)
- *Hardwick, Lamar. Disability and the Church: A Vision for Diversity and Inclusion.* ISBN: 9780830841608
- *McKinney Fox, Bethany. Disability and the Way of Jesus: Holistic Healing in the Gospels and the Church.* ISBN: 9780830852390
- Additional handouts, videos, and papers (provided on MoodleX)

Schedule

- Prior to Ministers' Association Event complete: Zoom meeting (date/time tbd)
- July 1: 5:00-5:45 pm – Dinner provided by Ministers' Association (recommended)
6:00-9:00 pm – Attend Ministers' Association event
- July 2: 9:00-11:45 am, 1:15-4:00 pm – Attend Ministers' Association event
- Post Ministers' Association Pre-Conference Event complete: Zoom meeting (date/time tbd)
- Annual Conference Experience reflection paper due no later than October 1 (if applicable).

Other Expenses

Registration for the event, transportation, lodging, and meals are the participants' responsibility. Please note that this is a **two part registration** with \$115 due to Brethren Academy for Ministerial Leadership (BAML) and varying fees and registration due to Church of the Brethren Minister's Association. You **cannot** participate in the DISU course without participating in the Pre-Annual Conference event.

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

Brethren Academy * 615 National Road West * Richmond, IN * 47374

Name: _____

Address: _____

Best contact phone: _____

E-mail: _____

I will be taking this course for: _____ TRIM credit _____ EFSM credit _____ CEU credit _____ PE

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