

Brethren Academy for Ministerial Leadership proudly offers: Elements of Preaching

JANUARY 11-15 & 18 2021

ZOOM INTENSIVE

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This course is available to:

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

Essentially, this course is open to ALL!

This course is limited to 8 participants with preference given to TRIM and EFSM students.

Course fee \$300

Registration deadline:

December 7, 2020

Course Description and Objectives

Sermon preparation and preaching are major components of the life of ministry – not only pastors, but for all who offer themselves in public service, speaking of God with and for others. Study, prayer, writing, and the presentation of our insights and stories are all part of an integrative process that can enrich our spirits and enliven others. They are also practices that may be learned (for the novice) and honed (for the more seasoned preacher/speaker). Through readings, lectures, discussions, and assignments, students will learn the art and practice of preparing and presenting sermons for diverse settings and ministries.

To successfully complete this course, students will demonstrate competency in preparing and presenting sermons that are:

- clearly focused and communicated
- informed by Scripture, stories, images, and poetics
- theologically integrated
- authentic to the preacher
- dynamically related to their intended listeners/congregation/cultural context, including social concerns/interests

In addition to bringing a sample section of a sermon or a story (see expectations) students will prepare and present two sermon manuscripts and sermons.

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Born and reared in Detroit, Michigan, Professor Ottoni-Wilhelm was ordained in the Church of the Brethren in 1987. After serving for three years as a hospital chaplain and nine as a pastor, she completed her doctoral work in Practical Theology at Princeton Theological Seminary (focusing on Homiletics and Biblical Studies). She is the Brightbill Professor of Preaching and Worship at Bethany Theological Seminary, the author or editor of several books (including *Preaching God's Transforming Justice*), and is an active member of the North American Academy of Homiletics as well as Societas Homiletica (the international association of homiletics).

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**Course Withdrawal
Refund Policy**

100% of course fee prior
to registration

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

Reading List (to be read prior to course)

Allen, Ronald J., ed. *Patterns of Preaching: A Sermon Sampler*. St. Louis, MO: Chalice Press, 1998. (Select and read any 4 chs. each from Parts I, 2, 3, and 4: 16 chs. total). ISBN 0-8272-2953-4

Brown, Sally A. *Sunday's Sermon for Monday's World: Preaching to Shape Daring Witness* (Grand Rapids, MI: Wm. Eerdmans Pub. Co., 2020. ISBN 978-0-8028-7112-1

Childers, Jana, ed. *Birthing the Sermon: Women Preachers and the Creative Process*. St. Louis, MO: Chalice Press, 2001. (Select and read any 6 chs.)

Powery, Luke A. *Dem Dry Bones: Preaching, Death, and Hope*. Minneapolis, MN: Fortress Press, 2012. ISBN 978-0-8006-9822-5

Expectations

Distance learning, especially during intensives, requires students to be disciplined in their time management. Along with the following preparatory assignments, students will be doing take-home work during the week of class.

Students are expected to read all of the above required texts **before** the first day of class on January 11.

Students will also bring a 4-5 minute portion of a sermon they have recently preached OR a story they would like to include in a future sermon (details of all preparatory and other assignments will be provided in the syllabus)

Schedule:

Monday-Thursday (Jan 11-14): 10 a.m.-3 p.m. EST (one-hour lunch break)

Friday (Jan. 15): 10 a.m. – noon EST

Monday Jan. 18: 10 a.m. – 3pm EST (one-hour lunch break)

*This final day of class will be focused on presentations

For distance learning, students will need basic computer skills, an e-mail account, access to the internet with up-to-date web browser (Firefox, Explore, Chrome, etc), and Zoom. While broadband is preferred, dial-up internet can be used for course work, though video and audio resources may be difficult to use.

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BAML * 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 ____CEUs (2) ____Personal Enrichment
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