

## REGISTRATION FORM

### Rituals, Ordinances and Worship

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**I will be taking this course for:**

**TRiM Credit** \_\_\_\_ **Cont. Ed. Credit** \_\_\_\_

**Course fee: \$250.00.** Make check  
payable to: *Brethren Academy.*

**Registration deadline: April 9, 2010**

MAIL REGISTRATION FORM AND FEE TO:

Brethren Academy  
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Brethren Academy at 765-983-1824, or  
[academy@bethanyseminary.edu](mailto:academy@bethanyseminary.edu).

## PARTICIPANTS

A TRIM student will earn one unit of Academy level or CEQ credit in Ministry skills. TRIM students may also report this course as their required Bethany Theological Seminary Experience. Pastors will receive two CEU credits for participation which includes doing the pre-course reading but not the post-course project.

Class size is limited to 20 students.

As an attendee of this event, you may be included in still photos, video taped footage, news articles, informational brochures or other media used to interpret the mission and purpose of Bethany Theological Seminary, the Church of the Brethren , and the Brethren Academy.

Refunds:

100% of course fee prior to the registration deadline

50% between the registration deadline and 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.



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# RITUALS, ORDINANCES, AND WORSHIP

## COURSE DESCRIPTION

Why do we practice baptism, Love Feast, and anointing in the ways we do? With particular attention given to the values and practices of the Church of the Brethren, this course will explore the biblical, theological, anthropological, and practical bases of various rituals and ordinances (e.g., baptism, communion, anointing, weddings, funerals). Learn to prepare rituals and services that convey God's gracious and transformative power for the church and world.

## OBJECTIVES

Upon successful completion of this course, students will learn to:

- Understand the biblical, theological, anthropological, and practical bases of several church ordinances.
- Integrate faith and practice, stories and rituals, into the practice of Christian worship.
- Explore the transformative potential of religious rituals as they relate to significant life passages and needs (e.g., birth, illness, reconciliation, marriage, death).
- Design rituals that convey God's love and justice for ourselves and others.
- Create a service of public worship that includes one of the church's ordinances.

## INSTRUCTOR



### Dawn Ottoni Wilhelm

Dawn is ordained in the Church of the Brethren and has served as a hospital chaplain in NJ and PA, and also as pastor of two churches in PA. Having completed her doctoral work in Practical Theology at Princeton Theological Seminary in 2004 (focusing on homiletics and biblical studies), she currently serves as Associate Professor of Preaching and Worship at Bethany Theological Seminary. She is the author of *Preaching the Gospel of Mark: Proclaiming the Power of God* (Westminster John Knox Press, 2008) and co-author of *Believing in Preaching: What Listeners Hear in Sermons* (Chalice Press, 2005). Dawn, her husband and three children are members of the Richmond, IN Church of the Brethren.

## REQUIRED TEXTS

Before the beginning of the course, read the following two texts:

1) Herbert Anderson and Edward Foley, *Mighty Stories, Dangerous Rituals: Weaving Together the Human and the Divine*. San Francisco, CA: Jossey-Bass, 2001.

2) Elaine Ramshaw, *Ritual and Pastoral Care*. Philadelphia, PA: Fortress Press, 1987.

Bring the texts above as well as these two texts to class:

3) *For All Who Minister*. Elgin, IL: Brethren Press, 1993.

4) James F. White, *The Sacraments in Protestant Practice and Faith*. Nashville, TN: Abingdon Press, 1999.

## SCHEDULE, TRAVEL AND LODGING

Students are responsible for their own transportation, lodging and meals. The most convenient airports to Bethany Theological Seminary are Indianapolis, Indiana and Dayton, Ohio.

The Brethren Academy office can provide assistance with lodging by suggesting economical options in Richmond, Indiana.