

## Brethren Leadership Institute

BLI is an Academy Certified Training System of the Brethren Academy of Ministerial Leadership.

You may be exploring ministry, answering a call to ministry, and/or seeking further education. We will prayerfully support you on this journey.

The 3-year program consists of 12 courses, 3 Practice of Ministry Days, completion of a portfolio, etc.

There are no prerequisites to these courses. Anyone may enroll, one course at a time.

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## Introduction to Pastoral Care

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*A Brethren Leadership Institute  
Course*

### **Instructor: Tim Waits**

Tim is a retired pastor in the Northern Indiana District. He has served in hospital ministry for 5 years as a student and supervisor in Clinical Pastoral Education at both Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne, IN and Bronson Hospital in Kalamazoo, MI, as well as serving congregations in Sheldon, IA, North Webster, IN and most recently 19 years at Rock Run CoB in Goshen, IN. He graduated with a BS in agriculture from Berea College in Kentucky, as well as a degree from Bethany Seminary. He lives in rural Northern Indiana with his wife of 38 years, Delia.

## **INTRODUCTION TO PASTORAL CARE**

Class Organizational Meeting:  
**Tuesday, January 24, 2023**  
**7:00 pm via Zoom**

**This is a hybrid format class**  
**A combination of in-person**  
**and Zoom sessions**  
**-- a total of 16 class hours**  
**(1.6 CEUs)**

*Class schedule will be established  
at the organizational meeting.*

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To register for this course or for questions, contact the District Office (260) 274-0396, scindcob@gmail.com.  
**Please register by January 19.**

Classes are open to all: You may be exploring ministry, answering a call to ministry, and/or seeking further education. CEUs are available.

### Course fees:

\$38 – BLI program student,  
\$25 - CEUs,  
\$20 - Audit, no credit

*Fees for this course are set at a reduced rate due to the generous support of Liberty Mills CoB.*

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

1. Articulate a beginning understanding of pastoral care in the congregation and define the care-giving roles of both the pastor and the laity.
2. Identify basic characteristics of his/her personality and how these bear on the caregiving ministry.
3. Be familiar with several basic types of pastoral care and the values and limitation associated with each.
4. Describe some of the critical points in family life and personal development for which ministries of care and counseling are often needed.
5. Be able to distinguish between problems appropriately dealt with by pastoral and lay counselors and those that call for referral for professional help.
6. Define components or characteristics of a positive counseling role for a pastor or lay leader.
7. Demonstrate skills in pastoral conversations with church members.