



Bartimaeus
Institute
Online

2016-17 “Feminary” BIO Cohort
Sept 2016 - April 2017
Syllabus
Bartimaeus Cooperative Ministries

Summary: Our second BCM BIO cohort will be a “hybrid” course that engages the theology and ethics of Elaine Enns and Ched Myers. It consists of two in-person Institutes (Oct 2016 in Saskatoon, SK and Feb 2017 in Oak View, CA), five online classes (BIO-A01 thru A04 and BIO-B01), and monthly online conversations. Participation requires an average of 3-4 hours per week of study and discussion, and includes a final project (we estimate that course material is equivalent to six units of seminary curriculum). Tuition is \$750, and seminary credit is available through St. Andrews College, Saskatoon Theological Union (for an additional fee). Limit ten participants.

Tentative Syllabus and Schedule:

Week of Sept 6, 2016: **Initial online conversation.** Introduce ourselves, discuss class expectations and logistics for online work and Institutes, schedule monthly calls.

September: **BIO-A01, Intro to Radical Discipleship.** Presents a critical, constructive and practical alternative to the prevailing paradigms of Christian faith and practice in the First World context. Class includes Bible studies and overviews key practices of contemporary RD communities.

Oct 3 or 4: **A01 conversation online.** This is the first of Elaine and Ched’s two hour discussions with the cohort after each four week class is completed.

October: **BIO-A02, Intro to Restorative Justice.** Explains principles and theory of RJ, and explores their application to various situations of personal and political violation; highlights the testimony and witness of diverse contemporary practitioners; explores analytical models of power and privilege; investigates historic violation and healing.

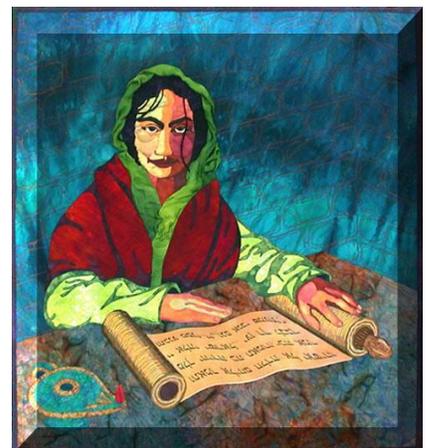
Oct 13-16: **Bartimaeus Institute on the Road, Saskatoon, SK.**

Theme: “Settler-Indigenous Relations: A Theology and Practices of Restorative Solidarity for Treaty Christians.” Schedule:

(Below: *The Prophet Huldah*; www.lovingjustwise.com)

- *Thu 5-9 pm:* **Cohort Colloquium I:** Dinner: get to know each other, share our discipleship journeys, discuss BIO-A02.
- *Fri 9 am-noon:* Meet with Saskatoon Theological Union students enrolled in the Institute and class on the theme.
- *Fri 2 -9 pm:* Institute (plenary presentations, workshops, discussion, worship)
- *Sat 9 am – 9 pm:* Institute (plenary presentations, workshops, discussion, worship)
- *Sun 8 am - 2 pm:* Closing ceremony, worship at local churches

Tuition covers Institute fee, home or church hospitality, meals and transport in Saskatoon from Oct 13-16 (details to be discussed); *you must get yourself to and from Saskatoon.*



*November: **BIO-A03, Intro to Sabbath Economics:*** Outlines the ecological and social rationale for why economics is a matter of Christian faith and practice; explores a hermeneutic that “reads the Bible economically and the economy biblically”; traces footprints of Sabbath Economics through both Testaments; critiques dominant economic cosmology; overviews Household Covenanting.

*Week of Dec 5: **BIO-A03 conversation online.***

*December: **BIO-A04, Intro to Biography as Theology.*** Outlines framework for exploring embodied narratives as theological “texts,” including our own, drawing on the work of James McClendon; promotes literacy in traditional & non-traditional “saints”; profiles exemplary disciples past & present.

*Week of Jan 9, 2017: **BIO-A04 conversation online.***

*January, 2017: **BIO-B01, Watershed Discipleship: Reinhabiting Bioregional Faith and Practice.*** This advanced class explores the interlocking ecological and social crises of the Anthropocene through presentations from contributors to a just-published anthology on Watershed Discipleship.

*Feb 19-24: **Bartimaeus Kinsler Institute,** Oak View, CA. Theme: tbd.*

- *Sun 4 pm-Mon 4 pm. **Cohort Colloquium II:*** Dinner, sharing, discussion of BIO-B01, assignments for final project work (see below).
- *Mon 5 pm - Fri noon.* Institute (plenary presentations, workshops, discussion, worship)

Tuition covers Institute fee, lodging, meals and transport in Oak View from Feb 19-24 (details to be discussed); *you must get yourself to and from Ventura, CA.*

*March: **Women’s Breviary Project.*** Cohort will continue project begun by first Feminary cohort of compiling testimonies of women whose lives have been witnesses to radical discipleship, to be shaped into a “breviary.” Assignments due by end of April, with possible editing call in May.

*Week of April 3: **Final online conversation.*** Debrief of Institute, evaluation of whole course, check progress on Breviary.

Credit/Certificate: In addition to a BCM “Certificate of Completion” we can work with students who want to obtain academic credit (you will need to do this either through your academic or ecclesial institution or with St. Andrews College Saskatoon).

Below: Hulda, maryloudriedger2.wordpress.com

Fees/Payment Schedule:

- Registration and first payment due *Aug 15th, 2016*
- Tuition = \$750 (U.S. dollars)
 - \$300 due August 15th, 2016
 - \$250 due October 10th, 2016
 - \$200 due January 9th, 2017

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