

### What Do You Know About Our Seminary?

**Bethany Theological Seminary was founded in 1905** and is the graduate school and academy for theological education for the **Church of the Brethren**. Bethany is accredited by the Association of Theological Schools in the United States and Canada and the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools. The Church of the Brethren is an Anabaptist denomination. It is an historic peace church, conscientiously opposed to all war, and intentional about working with peacemaking and reconciliation concerns.



Bethany Theological Seminary has a **new logo**. This is the first design change since 1963, when the previous logo was created to mark the Seminary's move to its former Oak Brook, Illinois location.

Consistent with Bethany's mission to educate witnesses to the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the cross is prominent at the center, arising from baptismal waters and rehearsed in the practice of foot washing, both important worship practices in the Church of the Brethren. The bottom perimeter of the symbol suggests a circle, not closed but open to Light from above and new voices from beyond. It represents a symbol of community and is expressive of Bethany's educational process, which grounds theological education in spiritual formation with the life and ministry of communities of faith. At the bottom of the waters is a fish, the symbol early Christians used to express their commitment to Jesus Christ, the son of God.

Atop the waters is a form which lends itself to several symbolic possibilities. As a book, it denotes both Bethany's biblical foundation and striving for academic excellence. As a dove, the lines lift up both the dove of divine presence at baptism and the dove of peace, representing one of the living testimonies of the Church of the Brethren. - taken from Bethany's website: [http://www.brethren.org/bethany/?page=about\\_logo](http://www.brethren.org/bethany/?page=about_logo)

### **CHURCH OF THE COVERED DISH** by Thom Tapp



**"I told Bro. Eli I went fishing last Sunday. He said I shouldn't give in to 'PIER' pressure."**