

Why TRIM?

In the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus calls the first disciples to follow him so that he can teach them to be "fishers of people." The narrator tells us that upon hearing the call they *immediately* leave their nets and boats to follow him. For the next few years, Jesus taught and trained these individuals to be faithful followers and leaders. Their lives were forever changed when they answered the summons, and they would go on to change the lives of many in Jesus's name.

Those who heed the summons of Christ to enter a season of learning and training through TRIM are invited to leave behind their own versions of nets and boats in order to begin the journey of discipleship. And in doing so, join others who will go on the journey together, learning and training to "fish for people" in Jesus's name.

Will you come and follow me
If I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know
And never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown,
Will you let my name be known,
Will you let my life be grown
In you and you in me?

Program Overview

What is TRIM?

TRIM is administered by the Brethren Academy for Ministerial leadership in partnership with Bethany Theological Seminary, Church of the Brethren, Inc., and the 24 districts of the Church of the Brethren. TRIM consists of studies in bible, church history, theology, and practical ministry. Through coursework and a series of engagements with the life of the church, students gain knowledge and experience for ministry.