

Report to Central District Conference of Mennonite Church USA

Resources for faith formation and leadership development

Academic programs

AMBS serves the church as a learning community with an Anabaptist vision, educating followers of Jesus Christ to be leaders for God's reconciling mission in the world.

- Deepen your understanding of Scripture, Anabaptist theology and faith: Our programs integrate academics, spiritual formation and practice, equipping students to read the Bible with an Anabaptist lens, apply critical thinking skills, lead compassionately and live faithfully wherever God may call them to serve.
 - Master of Divinity
 - Master of Arts in Christian Formation
 - Master of Arts: Theology and Global Anabaptism
 - Master of Arts: Theology and Peace Studies
 - Graduate Certificate in Theological Studies ambs.edu/academics
- Distance education options include the MDiv Connect program (with online and hybrid courses), the fully online MA: Theology and Global Anabaptism and the customizable Graduate Certificate in Theological Studies (fully or partially online). ambs.edu/academics
- Financial aid: AMBS offers generous need-based financial aid, grants and scholarships to help make your education affordable. For example, MDiv Connect students taking at least 12 credit hours per academic year are eligible to receive the full amount of needbased tuition aid from AMBS. ambs.edu/financialaid
- Want to explore seminary study? Take an online, campus or hybrid class, even if you're not yet admitted to AMBS, and your first class is 50 percent off! Check out our upcoming offerings: ambs.edu/onecourse
- Experience AMBS: Visit our campus to learn more about all that AMBS has to offer. ambs.edu/visit

Center for Faith Formation and Culture

• !Explore: A Theological Program for High School Youth:
Students (grades 10–12) can explore ministry, develop
their leadership gifts and listen for God's call through a
100-hour Congregational Experience and a 16-day Group
Experience in this summer program. Encourage someone you know to apply for 2020! ambs.edu/explore

Conference connections

AMBS students

- Master of Divinity: Kajsa Herrstrom (First Urbana), Randall Jacobs (Faith), Eric Frey Martin and Renee Reimer (Silverwood)
- MA: Theology and Peace Studies: Perdian Tumanan (Hively)
- Certificate in Christian Spiritual Formation:
 Deanna Risser (Assembly)
- Journey participants/mentors: Jan Croyle/ Marilyn Rossiter (First – Wadsworth), Dennis Miller/John Heyerly (Silverwood), Janet (JP) Schumacher/Gloria Hernandez Bucher (First – Bluffton)

Lifelong learning

AMBS's Church Leadership Center offers various nondegree options for you to continue your education and strengthen your leadership skills:

- Online short courses (2019–20): Exploring
 Anabaptist History and Theology; Understanding
 Anabaptist Approaches to Scripture; Exploring
 Peace and Justice in the Bible; Transforming
 Congregational Conflict and Communication
- Pastors and Leaders 2020 (March 2-5)
- Leadership Clinics (March 2, 2020)
 ambs.edu/lifelong-learning
- Journey: A Missional Leadership Development
 Program: Explore your call to ministry in this
 2-1/2-year distance-friendly nondegree program
 that features a five-unit online curriculum,
 biweekly mentor-mentee meetings and two visits
 to the AMBS region per year. ambs.edu/journey
- Host a speaker! Bible teacher Bryan Moyer
 Suderman, MTS, is available to lead "Reading
 the Bible with Jesus" workshops in English or
 Spanish. (First Bluffton and Grace Pandora
 received a CDC Reign of God grant to host
 Bryan!) David B. Miller, DMin, speaks on holistic
 witness, Christian leadership, healthy boundaries,
 and the missional church. ambs.edu/workshops
- Spiritual Guidance Seminars: Prepare to offer spiritual direction through this two-part program led by Dan Schrock, DMin. ambs.edu/seminars