

## 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. Our programs integrate academics, spiritual formation and practice. Join us — whether in person or at a distance — and deepen your understanding of Scripture, faith and Anabaptist theology!

- **Study at a distance**
  - **Master of Divinity Connect** (online and hybrid courses)
  - **Master of Arts: Theology and Global Anabaptism** (fully or partially online)
  - **Graduate Certificate in Theological Studies** (fully or partially online; customizable)
- **Study on campus**
  - **Master of Divinity Campus**
  - **Master of Arts in Christian Formation**
  - **Master of Arts: Theology and Peace Studies**
  - **Graduate Certificate in Theological Studies**  
[ambs.edu/degrees-and-programs](https://ambs.edu/degrees-and-programs)
- **Yes, you *can* afford seminary!** We offer generous need-based financial aid, matching grants and scholarships for both full- and part-time students. [ambs.edu/tuition](https://ambs.edu/tuition)
- **Want to explore seminary study?** Take an online, campus or blended class, even if you're not yet admitted to AMBS, and your first three credit hours are 50% off! Check out our offerings: [ambs.edu/upcoming-courses](https://ambs.edu/upcoming-courses)
- **Experience AMBS:** Talk with students, faculty and staff and learn what AMBS has to offer! [ambs.edu/visit](https://ambs.edu/visit)

### *Center for Faith Formation and Culture*

- **!Explore: A Theological Program for High School Youth:** Students in grades 10–12 can explore ministry and theology, grow in spiritual practices and listen for God's call through a summer congregational internship and a Group Experience. Participants receive a \$1,000 stipend. Tap a shoulder! [ambs.edu/explore](https://ambs.edu/explore)

### **AMBS students from CDC congregations**

- **Master of Divinity:** Debbie Bledsoe (Raleigh, Keller Park), Alaina Dobkowski (Grand Rapids), Billy Funk (Silverwood), Kajsja Herrstrom (First – Champaign-Urbana), Melika Kauffman Hershberger (Normal), Kristen Swartley (Assembly)
- **MA in Christian Formation:** Jon Zirkle (Assembly)
- **Grad Certificate:** Carrie Mast (First – Bluffton)
- **Journey participant/mentor:** Charles Baraka (Madison) / Lavon Welty (Eighth St)

**AMBS Board member:** John Daniels (Covenant)

**AMBS statistics:** In 2021–22, 127 graduate students were enrolled at AMBS; 11 of them were guest students. Sixty-four were from the U.S., nine were Canadian, and 54 were international students. The Journey program had 18 students in the U.S., Canada, Southeast Asia and Uganda.

### *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:** Join the forum discussions in these six-week online courses:
  - Exploring Peace and Justice in the Bible
  - Exploring Anabaptist History and Theology
  - Understanding Anabaptist Approaches to Scripture: What's Different and Why?
  - Transforming Congregational Conflict and Communication
  - The Bible and Christian Nationalism: Faithful Leadership in a World of Political Idolatry[ambs.edu/online-short-courses](https://ambs.edu/online-short-courses)
- **Pastors & Leaders 2023:** Feb. 13–16  
[ambs.edu/pastors-and-leaders](https://ambs.edu/pastors-and-leaders)
- **Journey: A Missional Leadership Development Program:** This two-and-a-half-year nondegree program offers mentor-mentee partnerships, distance-learning opportunities and community support. [ambs.edu/journey](https://ambs.edu/journey)
- **Spiritual Direction Seminars:** Cultivate your ministry of spiritual direction. [ambs.edu/seminars](https://ambs.edu/seminars)
- **Invite AMBS!** Faculty are available to speak on trauma-informed caregiving, undoing racism, intercultural competence, improvisational leadership, and more. Ask about virtual visits!  
[ambs.edu/invite](https://ambs.edu/invite)