

EMS Welcomes New Seminary Dean, Dan Ott

EMS honored 2022 retirees Dr. Sue Cockley (dean) and Dr. Nancy Heisey (professor of biblical studies and church history). Rev. Dr. Daniel Ott is the new seminary dean, formerly associate dean for academic initiatives and professor of religious studies at Monmouth College, IL. An ordained Presbyterian minister and peace theologian, Ott says his new role at EMS “brings together my deepest passions and my life’s work.”

New Graduate Certificate in Faith-Based Peacebuilding

In fall 2022, EMS launched a certificate to help faith leaders respond effectively to conflict. Students in the 18-credit program take half of their coursework in the seminary and half in the Center for Justice and Peacebuilding. Flexibility is built into the degree so students can choose relevant courses – in person or online – in theology, biblical studies, racial justice, conflict analysis and peacebuilding.

EMS Receives \$1 Million for Conflict Transformation Training

Lilly Endowment Inc. awarded EMS \$998,606 to develop interdisciplinary leadership workshops and trainings that integrate personal spiritual formation, biblical and theological frameworks, and conflict transformation skills. Director Dr. Jacob Cook works with leaders at EMS and EMU’s Center for Justice and Peacebuilding to equip pastors and lay leaders in conflict transformation and trauma resilience through digital content, online courses, regional on-site trainings and on-campus workshops.



L to R: Daniel Ott, EMS Dean; Sarah Bixler, EMS Associate Dean; Jacob Cook, Pathways Program Director; Jacqueline Font-Guzmán, Center for Justice and Peacebuilding Strategic Visioning Director

Spring 2022 Graduation

EMS awarded five Master of Arts in Christian Leadership, four Master of Divinity degrees, and one Theological Certificate to the graduating class of 2022. Students presented senior capstone projects on teaching the Bible, faith and human bodies, healing racial trauma, disability, and recovery ministries. 2022-23 seminary enrollment is strong, with a 14% increase over 2021-22.

NEW: Study at EMS from Wherever You Live!

EMS is more accessible than ever! All courses are now available to take from a distance. Students can join the EMS learning community from their own location through Zoom technology and our online learning management system. Plus, thanks to forward-thinking donors, Mennonite students receive generous aid toward degree programs at EMS. Half- to full-tuition scholarships are available. Apply now or recommend our programs to someone you know! Visit <https://emu.edu/seminary/courses/> for information about upcoming classes.

Statement of Purpose

Eastern Mennonite Seminary prepares servants of Christ to minister together locally and globally. In response to God’s gracious call, we invite students to embody and bear witness to the gospel of Jesus Christ in the power of God’s Spirit as wise interpreters, mature practitioners, discerning communicators, and transformational leaders.

- ▶ **Susan Schultz Huxman**, president
- ▶ **Daniel Ott**, seminary dean
- ▶ **Sarah Ann Bixler**, associate dean

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Conflict Transformation and Trauma Resilience Workshops

Equipping pastors and lay leaders on campus and online beginning
May 2023

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