

## Report to Indiana-Michigan Mennonite Conference

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 — in person or at a distance, full time or part time — and deepen your understanding of Scripture, faith and Anabaptist theology!

### Degrees and programs (\* = distance-friendly program)

- Master of Divinity\*
- Master of Arts in Christian Formation
- Master of Arts: Theology and Peace Studies
- Master of Arts: Theology and Global Anabaptism\*
- Doctor of Ministry in Leadership\*
- Graduate Certificate in Spiritual Direction\*
- Graduate Certificate in Theological Studies\* (fully customizable)
- Mennonite Education Agency Hispanic Ministries – AMBS Graduate Certificate in Theology\* (in Spanish)
- Journey Missional Leadership Development Program\* (undergraduate-level, nondegree)

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We offer generous need-based financial aid, scholarships and matching grants for both full- and part-time graduate students. You *can* afford seminary!

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### Leadership and enrichment

Grow your ministry skills and gain Anabaptist approaches to today's leadership challenges through our nondegree offerings. (\* = distance-friendly program)

#### Short-term options

- Practical Leadership Training modules\*
- Online Short Courses\*: six weeks, discussion-based, noncredit (no grades, no papers!)
- Invite AMBS\*: request a speaker (in person or online)
- Pastors & Leaders conference\*: Feb. 17–20, 2025

#### Yearlong offerings

- Spiritual Direction Seminars\*
- Transition to Leadership: program for new pastors
- Integrity Circles\*: reflect theologically on leadership within a group

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### IN-MI Conference connections

**Graduate students** (\* denotes 2024 graduate)

- **Belmont:** Isaiah Friesen\*, Melika Kauffman Hershberger
- **Berkey Avenue:** Billy Funk\*, Clare Krabill, Jen Helmuth Shenk, Stephanie Wieand
- **College:** Gisselle Guity\*, Madeline Maldonado, Alicia Maldonado-Zahra, Talashia Keim Yoder\*
- **East Goshen:** Teresa Thompson Sherrill
- **Prairie Street:** Micheline Ilonga, Teresa Martin
- **Shalom:** Peter Wigginton

#### Journey participants/mentors

- **Piedra Viva:** Rebeca Benavides, Mariela Sanchez/ Deb Byler (Central District Conference)
- **Walnut Hill:** Shane O'Leary (Illinois Conference)/ Ben Bouwman
- **Waterford:** Ursula Hess (2023 graduate)/Mary Hochstedler

#### Board members

- **Belmont:** Mandy Yoder
- **College:** Sue Neeb, Patrick Vendrely

### AMBS statistics

- In 2023–24, 149 graduate students were enrolled at AMBS: 65 from the U.S., 11 from Canada and 73 international students. In April 2024, 13 women and nine men from four countries graduated from AMBS. The Journey program has 40 participants in Canada, the Philippines, Southeast Asia, Uganda and the U.S.

### Want to try out seminary?

- Sign up for an Online Short Course:
  - 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
  - Resisting Christian Nationalism with the Gospel of Peace

[ambs.edu/online-short-courses](https://ambs.edu/online-short-courses)

- Take a graduate-level course — online or on campus. Nonadmitted students get 50% off tuition for their first three credit hours! [ambs.edu/upcoming-courses](https://ambs.edu/upcoming-courses)
- Schedule a virtual or in-person visit and learn what AMBS has to offer! [ambs.edu/visit](https://ambs.edu/visit)
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