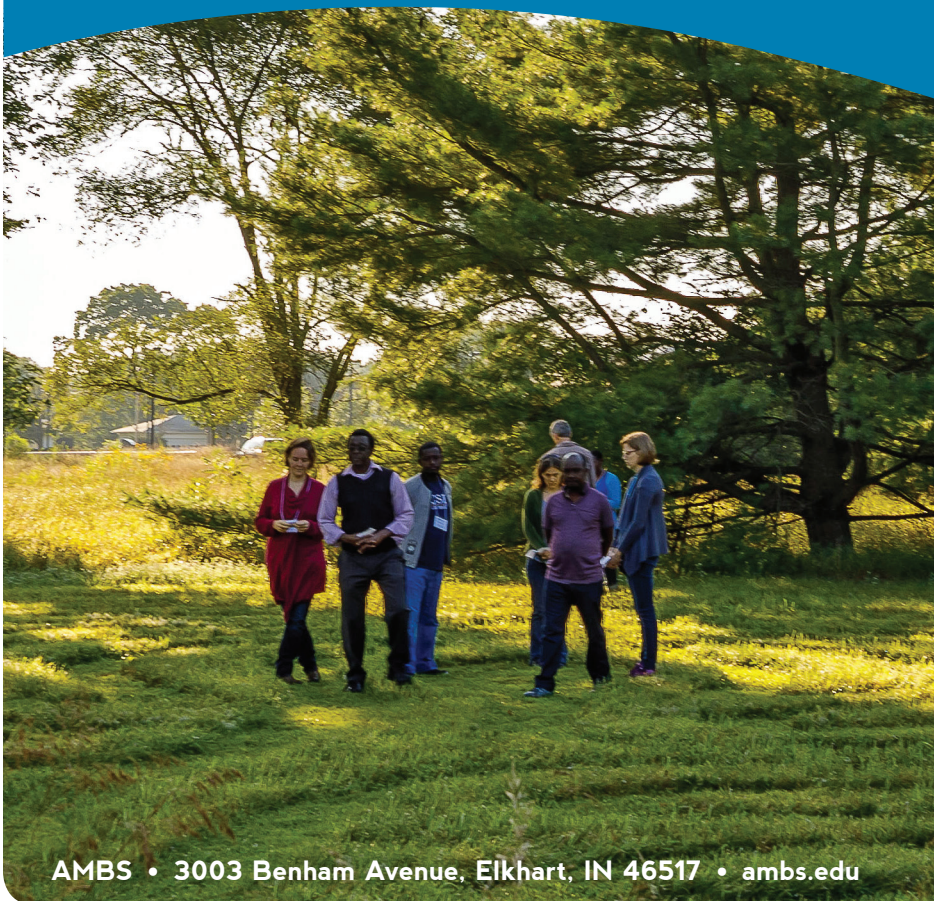




**ANNOUNCING THE  
PRESIDENTIAL SEARCH  
AT ANABAPTIST MENNONITE BIBLICAL SEMINARY**



**OUR MISSION**

**Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary** 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 VISION**

AMBS will become an Anabaptist learning community that makes theological education accessible to and welcoming of Christians of increasingly diverse traditions, ethnicities and races to reflect more fully God's purposes of unity and justice.

**Rooted in the Word, Growing in Christ**



# PRESIDENTIAL SEARCH AT AMBS

The **Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary** Board of Directors, affiliated with Mennonite Church Canada and Mennonite Church USA, has launched an international search for the institution's next president. The AMBS Presidential Search Committee invites applications, nominations, and expressions of interest.



## ABOUT AMBS

AMBS, a theological school of **Mennonite Church USA** and **Mennonite Church Canada**, nurtures the whole learner through excellent academics, practice-based learning, and deep spiritual formation. AMBS educates emergent leaders for the church, faith-based and non-profit organizations, peace and justice work, international development, and academic communities.

## HISTORY

In 1958, Mennonite Biblical Seminary and Goshen Biblical Seminary began a cooperative partnership so they could together offer theological education for church leaders in the General Conference Mennonite Church and the Mennonite Church. For several decades each school retained its denominational culture, governance structures, and president. The name Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminaries described the nature of this cooperation, which over time grew into a partnership with a shared campus, administration, and degree programs. In 1993, the two founding seminaries were incorporated to

form AMBS as a single seminary. In 2002 the Mennonite Church and the General Conference Mennonite Church joined their individual polities into one, forming Mennonite Church USA and Mennonite Church Canada. AMBS remains a seminary of both denominations, and in 2011 the name was changed to Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary.

## PREPARING TOMORROW'S CHRISTIAN LEADERS

AMBS is home to innovative graduate education, lifelong learning programs and ongoing research. These include the **Church Leadership Center (CLC)**, a resource for pastors and leaders, and the **Center for Faith Formation and Culture**, which oversees **!Explore**, a theological study program for high school students. The **Institute of Mennonite Studies** fosters research and writing on church history, theology, scripture, and mission from the AMBS faculty and a wide network of scholars.

The AMBS graduate programs are organized within three academic departments: Bible; Church and Ministry; and History, Theology, and Ethics. The **Master of Divinity**

degree has majors in Pastoral Ministry, Chaplaincy, Christian Faith Formation, and Theological Studies. In 2013 AMBS began offering the **MDiv Connect** distance-learning program in response to needs of emerging church leaders. The **MA in Christian Formation** is a professional degree designed to prepare leaders for collaborative ministry, and the **MA: Theology and Peace Studies** is an academic degree with concentrations in Conflict Transformation, Environmental Sustainability Leadership, and International Development Administration.

AMBS has the oldest Peace Studies program in the United States. Peace and Justice Studies courses throughout the curriculum support AMBS's founding identity within a historic peace church.

As a binational Mennonite seminary with a long history of collaboration, AMBS partners with a widening circle of new and global Anabaptists and other kindred spirits from various denominations, cultures, and social locations. In 2017 AMBS launched its Global Anabaptist Education initiative to equip



Christian leaders around the world through a series of distance programs.

## ENROLLMENT

In September 2018, AMBS reported an incoming class of 23 degree-seeking students — a 28-percent increase over the previous year’s incoming class of 18 — for a total of 98 students. The graduate student body includes 21 international students, six Canadian students and 71 students from the United States. The **Journey Missional Leadership Development Program** — a two-and-a-half-year undergraduate-level nondegree program of AMBS’s Church Leadership Center — has 17 participants enrolled. Forty AMBS students are studying online, representing 15 states and six countries on three continents. AMBS has affordable on-campus housing options for single students, married couples, and families. Currently, campus housing is full, with students from every inhabited continent living on campus.

## ANABAPTIST LEARNING COMMUNITY

All AMBS full-time teaching faculty members have a doctoral degree in a theological discipline. In addition to being committed to teaching excellence, these dynamic scholars and practitioners offer mentorship to students, connecting them with research opportunities and lived theology experiences.

As a learning community grounded in Anabaptist theology, AMBS is attuned to global perspectives and

contexts. Faculty, staff, and students commit to these key practices: worshipping God in community every day, immersion in biblical studies, recovering theology as the work of the people, living as missional leaders to share the peace of Jesus Christ, witnessing to the reconciling power of the Spirit, nurturing relationships of integrity, and forming communities of shalom. To better live out these practices, AMBS seeks to create learning environments where all voices and experiences are valued. AMBS requires all new students, faculty and staff to complete the **Intercultural Development Inventory® (IDI®)** as a primary tool in guiding our intercultural growth as individuals and in community.

## CREATION CARE

AMBS’s commitment to creation care is rooted in Christian discipleship and broadly impacts institutional decision-making, curricular design, facilities, and grounds. Six acres of our 42-acre campus are restored to native prairie, and we have the largest solar array in the city of Elkhart. AMBS has the first theological library, completed in 2007, to earn Gold Certification in the LEED program.

## OPERATIONS

AMBS receives strong financial support with the endowment at \$19.6 million (as of June 30, 2018) and \$1.7 million raised for the Annual Fund in 2017. The 2017–18 annual operating budget was \$3.4 million, with the physical plant valued at



\$7.5 million. The **AMBS Library** holds the world’s largest collections of Mennonite and Anabaptist-related materials for ministry. Electronic resources and partnerships with other library networks offer access to a rich array of learning and discovery.

For more key statistics, please see our 2017–18 Annual Report: [ambseu.org/annual-report](https://www.ambseu.org/annual-report)



## OUR VALUES

- Disciplined study of Scripture, theology, and ministry
- Practices of worship, community, and Christian discipleship
- Effective and visionary leadership for the church
- Anabaptist theology in conversation with the wider church
- Mission that integrates service, evangelism, and peacemaking





## THE NEXT PRESIDENT

The ideal candidate will be energized by the call to lead the institution toward a thriving future in a changing, complex, and competitive higher education environment.

The next president will give innovative, strategic leadership to the seminary's vision to become an Anabaptist learning community that makes theological education accessible to and welcoming of Christians of increasingly diverse traditions, ethnicities and races to reflect more fully God's purposes of unity and justice.

Committed to the Anabaptist Christian faith, the next president of AMBS will embody the core values of the seminary, and will have substantial experience in the following qualifications:

**Faith.** Devoted follower of Jesus Christ, committed Anabaptist and actively engaged in a local congregation.

**Theological Educator.** Theological depth with ability and passion for theological education and pastoral formation that includes new models of church, ministry and pedagogy.

**Passion.** Embrace and promote the mission and core values of AMBS in a diverse theological, denominational and faith context.

**Executive Leadership.** Creative, entrepreneurial, visionary leadership with ability to implement strategic priorities of the institution.

**Collaboration.** Exercise collaborative leadership within AMBS and with

other partners across the church in the development of leadership and theological training.

**Administration.** Adept at managing organizational dynamics and able to deal effectively with conflict.

**Diversity.** Demonstrated intercultural competency and attentiveness to the church in a global context.

**Communication.** Communicate effectively, listening to the constituency, and articulating the mission of AMBS as speaker and preacher in the church and beyond.

**Advancement.** Ability to attract substantial support, including both financial and human resources, and to steward those resources.

**Church.** Understand and be committed to the mission of Mennonite Church Canada and Mennonite Church USA.

## PREFERRED ATTRIBUTES

- Terminal degree
- Experience in pastoral, church leadership and/or administration
- Record of thought leadership offered to the wider church

## EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP

The AMBS president reports to the 14-member Board of Directors. The president provides leadership for the Administrative Cabinet, which includes the Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, the Vice President and Academic Dean, Dean of Lifelong Learning, Director of Enrollment and Financial Aid, and the Director of Advancement.

## ELKHART, INDIANA

The campus of AMBS is located on the south-side of Elkhart, where it's been since 1958. Located 110 miles east of Chicago and 150 miles north of Indianapolis, the city of Elkhart is home to nearly 51,000 residents. Known as "the city with a heart," Elkhart maintains a community feel despite its growing size. Elkhart offers over 30 parks, a world-famous Jazz Festival, and diverse employment sectors.

## SEARCH PROCESS

Nominations and/or letters of application with CV or resume may be submitted to the AMBS Presidential Search Committee at **AMBSPresSearch@MennoniteEducation.org**, or through postal mail to: AMBS Presidential Search Committee, Mennonite Education Agency, 3145 Benham Avenue, Suite #2, Elkhart, IN 46517.

The search committee will begin reviewing applications in **March 2019** and continue until the position is filled. The new president is expected to assume office between **July 1, 2019** and **September 1, 2019**. Candidates from a diversity of backgrounds are encouraged to apply. AMBS is committed to Christian values and beliefs as interpreted by Mennonite Church USA.