**Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary
Bulletin announcements: October 2021**

*Please consider using these AMBS announcements for one or more Sundays in your bulletins, newsletters and/or on social media, as you see fit. Thank you!*

**Oct. 3**

**Rooted and Grounded: A Conference on Land and Christian Discipleship: Oct. 14–16**. **Attend in person or virtually!** This conference on “**Land: Loss, Connection and Imagination”** will be offered in a hybrid format, with some elements available only in person at AMBS in Elkhart, Indiana, and some available via livestream. Keynote speakers: Laura Meitzner Yoder, PhD, and Timothy R. Eberhart, MDiv, PhD. [ambs.edu/rootedandgrounded](https://www.ambs.edu/news-events/rooted-and-grounded)

**Retirement Integrity Circles.** This AMBS program is for any retired or soon-to-retire pastor aged 60–75 who desires to meet with other retired pastors to explore questions of spirituality, calling, wellbeing and more in this season of life. Each cohort will be made up of six pastors and will be led by Dan Schrock, DMin. The first meeting will be held Nov. 9–10 at AMBS; subsequent meetings will be held once a month via Zoom (Dec – June). Register by Oct. 15. [ambs.edu/retirement](https://www.ambs.edu/lifelong-learning/retirement-integrity-circles)

**Oct. 10**

**Knowing Your Narrative: Unpacking Our Stories of Masculinity and Equity: Oct. 26, Nov. 6, Nov. 16.** This series of two webinars and one in-person event (also accessible online) is sponsored by Mennonite Men and Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary. It seeks to unpack narratives around masculinity, faith and equity to help participants articulate their own personal narratives, identify how they’ve been shaped by masculine messaging, and reframe their own masculine identity so it is more inclusive and holistic. [ambs.edu/narrative](https://www.ambs.edu/lifelong-learning/knowing-your-narrative)

**A Worship Leader’s Introduction to *Voices Together*:** **Oct. 27 – Dec. 14.** Join Katie Graber, PhD, and Anneli Loepp Thiessen, MM, to explore how your worship can grow in vitality through understanding the new *Voices Together* hymnal within the unique culture of your church community. This online AMBS short course lasts six weeks. No grades, no papers! CEUs available. Sign up by Oct. 20. [ambs.edu/worshipleaders](https://www.ambs.edu/lifelong-learning/worship-leader-introduction-voices-together-short-course)

**Visit Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary!** Schedule a personal visit (either in person or virtually) to learn about how our affordable campus and distance-friendly programs can prepare you to lead effectively and live faithfully — wherever God calls you. Contact us to learn more about the AMBS experience! [ambs.edu/visit](http://www.ambs.edu/admissions/visit)

**Oct. 17**

**Exploring Anabaptist History and Theology: Oct. 27 – Dec. 14.** In this six-week online AMBS short course, Jamie Pitts, PhD, will lead you in examining theological topics the early Anabaptists held most dear: Jesus, the Holy Spirit and discipleship. Students will be challenged to draw connections between the 16th century and their own life and ministry. No grades, no papers! CEUs available. Sign up by Oct. 20. [ambs.edu/shortcourses](https://www.ambs.edu/lifelong-learning/exploring-anabaptist-history-theology-short-course)

**Take a seminary course this spring!** AMBS’s distance-friendly options include Church and Race; Islam and Christian-Muslim Relations; Spiritual Practices: Play and Rest; Biblical Foundations for Peace and Justice; Sexuality and Colonialism; Job and Wisdom; Power and Process: Mennonite Polity Colloquium; and more. In-person courses are also available. Nonadmitted students get 50% off their first course for credit. Classes begin Jan. 11; check out our offerings! [ambs.edu/onecourse](https://www.ambs.edu/academics/one-course-options)

**Oct. 24**

**New *Vision* issue on “Reading the Bible as if our lives depend on it” available for free online.** The Fall 2021 issue of *Vision: A Journal for Church and Theology* is guest edited by AMBS alumni Michelle Christian Curtis and Scott Litwiller and is dedicated to AMBS Professor Emerita of New Testament Mary Schertz, PhD. Contributors share about practices of engaging Scripture and encountering God in new ways. [ambs.edu/ims/vision](https://www.ambs.edu/ims/vision)

**!Explore: A Theological Program for High School Youth:** Participants in !Explore 2022 will attend Mennonite World Conference in Indonesia with nine Indonesian youth, explore theological questions and lived faith together, and visit parts of beautiful Java Island. The AMBS program — which is open to students in grades 10–12 — also includes a congregational internship. Generous financial support is available for the MWC expenses, and participants receive a $1,000 stipend. Tap a shoulder! [ambs.edu/explore](http://www.ambs.edu/center-for-faith-formation/explore)

**Oct. 31**

**Journey: A Missional Leadership Development Program.** AMBS’s distance-friendly nondegree Journey program supports learners as they explore spiritual leadership in their local churches and communities and deepen their understanding of Anabaptist theology and ministry with a dedicated mentor. Sign up for Winter 2022 (January) by Dec. 14 and save $100! [ambs.edu/journey](https://www.ambs.edu/lifelong-learning/journey-missional-leadership-development)

**Gain peacebuilding skills at AMBS.** Do you have a burning theological question, or is there a particular ministry you’d like to pursue? Through AMBS’s MA: Theology and Peace Studies program, you can explore and engage a topic of your choice from multiple angles and design a peacebuilding internship in your area of interest. [ambs.edu/matps](https://www.ambs.edu/academics/ma-peace-studies)

—Questions? Email *marketing@ambs.edu*.