

AMBS 2021 COMMENCEMENT

May 1 • 3 p.m.

Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary
Elkhart, Indiana



COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM

Prelude

All Glory and Praise be to God J. S. Bach
Blessed Jesus, We are Here
Be Thou my Vision Dale Wood
In Thee is Gladness
How Firm a Foundation

Processional

Christ is Made the Sure Foundation David Cherwien

» Call to Worship and Invocation

David Boshart, President

Scripture Reading

Acts 10:1-17b, 24-29

Introduction of Speaker

David Boshart

Address: “The world is changing fast. Assume nothing!”

Cyneatha Millsaps, MDiv 2008
Executive Director, Mennonite Women USA
Co-Pastor, Prairie Street Mennonite Church, Elkhart, Indiana

Musical Interlude

Presentation of 2021 Candidates

Beverly Lapp, Vice President and Academic Dean

Conferring of Degrees

David Boshart

Distribution of Diplomas and Certificates

Beverly Lapp

Charge to the Candidates

Jamie Pitts, Associate Professor of Anabaptist Studies

Candidates' Response

» *Where indicated, please stand — in body or in spirit.*

Prayer of Blessing

Rachel Miller Jacobs, Associate Professor of Congregational Formation

Musical Interlude

» Benediction

David Boshart

» Recessional

God of Grace and God of Glory

David Cherwien

Postlude

Tocatta on OLD HUNDREDTH

Robert Lau



We request that guests do not use flash photography before the distribution of diplomas and certificates.

A reception will follow the service in the AMBS courtyard.

With appreciation

Organist: Shirley Sprunger King

Scripture readers: Mary Ann Jacobs (English), Henok Mekonin (Amharic), Salomé Haldemann (French)

Technical director: Brent Graber

Caterer: Linda Metzler

Marketing and Communications Team: Annette Brill Bergstresser, Rachel Denlinger, Ben Parker Sutter, Melissa Troyer (director)

Commencement Planning Committee: Brent Graber, Scott Janzen, Janeen Bertsche Johnson, Beverly Lapp (chair), Karen Stoltzfus, Melissa Troyer

Graduates receive small brass bells that are replicas of the bell that rings on the seminary campus. That bell originally hung in the tower of the Wadsworth (Ohio) Institute, the first Mennonite institution of higher learning in North America, which prepared pastors and teachers for the church. AMBS inherited that bell in 2002. The bells are crafted by friends of the seminary, Ervin and Erma Steinmann, and Riverside Brass of New Hamburg, Ontario.

2021 CANDIDATES FOR GRADUATION

Graduate Certificate in Theological Studies

Danae King
Andrew L. Oliver

Master of Arts in Christian Formation

Endalkachew Daba Degefu
Amy Amanda Chupp Kratzer

Master of Arts: Theology and Peace Studies

Salomé Haldemann
Henok T. Mekonin

Master of Divinity

Marcos Gabriel Acosta
Pratik Bagh
Quinn Brenneke
Tyler Brinkman
Meredith Katherine Caldwell
Perry Alexander Feldman
Rebecca M. Helmuth
Mary Ann Jacobs
Joshua David Janzen
Catherine G. Stoner
Luis Marcos Tapia Rubio
Matthew Wayne Troyer-Miller
Henry Duvanel Unruh
Michael C. Unruh
Amy Lynn Whitehead



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