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*Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary  
Report to Allegheny Mennonite Conference*

**New name, programs, faculty:** AMBS will become **Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary** on August 28, replacing the historical “Associated” with a signal that we are ready to collaborate with a widening circle of new and global Anabaptists. Several developments support this new name: short, online, non-credit Anabaptist studies courses from the AMBS Church Leadership Center, and beginning redesign of the Master of Divinity program.

**Faculty and administrator notes:** AMBS welcomed two new faculty members last fall: **Safwat Marzouk**, teaching Old Testament and **Allan Rudy-Froese**, teaching Christian proclamation. **Scott Janzen**, a 2011 AMBS graduate, is the new registrar, replacing Irene Koop who retired. New members joining the faculty this fall will be **Rachel Miller Jacobs**, **Andy Brubacher Kaethler** and **Jamie Pitts**.

Two faculty members will retire this summer: **John Rempel**, professor of theology and Anabaptist studies; and **Walter Sawatsky**, professor of church history and mission.

**AMBS students and graduates:** **Andrea Opel** from Accident, Md., is one of the 2012 AMBS graduates. She will continue study toward a Master of Social Work degree in a program that combines the Master of Divinity with an MSW. A new student from the conference last fall was **Trina Siegrist**.

In the Pastoral Studies Distance Education program, **Wade Dorsey Jr.** is a student.

**Course information:** A new financial aid benefit allows students to receive a **50 percent discount for tuition for online courses** if they are taking a first online course and are not enrolled in a graduate theological program. See [www.ambs.edu](http://www.ambs.edu) for more information.

**Resources for the life of the church:** AMBS offered nine webinars and five workshops through the past year, along with Pastors Week and Leadership Clinics in January. In the upcoming year the Church Leadership Center will again offer a wide range of workshops and webinars. Pastors Week will focus on Jubilee living with Dr. Kim Tan of the United Kingdom. More information at [www.ambs.edu/churchleadershipcenter](http://www.ambs.edu/churchleadershipcenter)

**Resources for you from AMBS:**

- The AMBS library serves more than just seminary students. See [www.ambs.edu/library](http://www.ambs.edu/library) for resources to which you have access.
- *Vision: A Journal for Church and Theology* spring 2012 issue focuses on the Holy Spirit in Christian life. Read selected articles online at [www.mennovision.org](http://www.mennovision.org).
- New books from the Institute of Mennonite Studies ([www.ambs.edu/IMS](http://www.ambs.edu/IMS)):
  - *Reformers, Radicals, Revolutionaries: Anabaptism in the context of the Reformation conflict*, by Abraham Friesen, professor emeritus of the University of California at Santa Barbara.
- The Mennonite Cooperative Bookstore at AMBS serves anyone interested in books about Anabaptist-Mennonite faith and ministry. See more at [www.ambs.edu/bookstore](http://www.ambs.edu/bookstore).

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