



AMBS

Report to Allegheny Mennonite Conference

Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary; Sara Wenger Shenk, president

New name: AMBS became **Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary** on August 28, replacing “Associated” with a signal that we are ready to collaborate with new and global Anabaptists.

Faculty and administrator notes: AMBS welcomed three new faculty members last fall: **Rachel Miller Jacobs**, Christian spirituality and congregational formation; **Jamie Pitts**, Anabaptist studies; and **Andy Brubacher Kaethler**, faith formation and culture. **Gerald Shenk** is a new development officer connecting donors in the northeast US with the seminary.

Students: Students from the conference studying at AMBS this year are **Trina Siegrist and Naomi Tice**. In the Pastoral Studies Distance Education program, **Wade Dorsey Jr.** is a student. **Andrea Opel** graduated in May 2012.

Courses and degrees: In fall, we anticipate launching Master of Divinity Campus, which will foster greater community life as part of the campus-based program, and Master of Divinity Connect, which will serve students who cannot move to Elkhart: www.ambs.edu/academics/New-Master-of-Divinity.cfm.

People exploring seminary study can receive a **50 percent discount on tuition when they take a first online course** if they are not enrolled in a graduate theological program. See www.ambs.edu/academics/Online-Courses.cfm for more information.

Sara Wenger Shenk blog: Join Sara Wenger Shenk in asking questions and engaging issues in the church. In her blog, Sara will “pose questions, test assumptions, resist labels, play with possibilities, experiment with integration, practice wholeness”: www.ambs.edu/practicingreconciliation/

Resources for all in the church

Anabaptist Short Courses, online and non-credit, for people wanting to explore topics of Anabaptist faith and theology. Courses for 2013-2014 are announced on the AMBS website: www.ambs.edu, select *Lifelong Learning*.

Webinars and workshops: www.ambs.edu/churchleadershipcenter/index.cfm

Journey and Pastoral Studies Distance Education for people without bachelor’s degrees who are exploring ministry and wish to study while in their own congregations.

Vision: A Journal for Church and Theology, copublished with Canadian Mennonite University: Fall 2012 focuses on Rethinking Discipleship. Read selected articles at www.mennovision.org.

New books from the **Institute of Mennonite Studies** (www.ambs.edu/IMS) include:

- ***The Jesus Tribe: Grace Stories of Congo’s Mennonites*** marks the centennial of Mennonite witness in the Democratic Republic of Congo with stories by Congolese and former missionaries about people who became witnesses to God’s grace in their lives.
- ***According to the Grace Given to Her: The Ministry of Emma Sommers Richards***, edited by James E. Horsch, John D. Rempel and Eldon D. Nafziger, tells of early influences on the ministry of Emma Richards, the process leading to her ordination and its impact on the church.

We thank God for your support and ask for your prayers as we continue to prepare leaders for mission, peacemaking and spiritual vitality in the church of Jesus Christ.