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## Report to

## Western District Conference

**Resources for faith formation and leadership development**

***Academic programs***

AMBS 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 programs integrate academics, spiritual formation   
and practice. Join us — whether in person or at a distance — and deepen your understanding of Scripture, faith and Anabaptist theology!

* **Study at a distance**
* **Master of Divinity Connect** (online and hybrid courses)
* **Master of Arts: Theology and Global Anabaptism**(fully online)
* **Graduate Certificate in Theological Studies**(fully or partially online; customizable)
* **Study on campus**
* **Master of Divinity Campus**
* **Master of Arts: Theology and Peace Studies**
* **Master of Arts in Christian Formation**
* **Graduate Certificate in Theological Studies**

[**ambs.edu/academics**](http://www.ambs.edu/academics)

* **Financial aid:** AMBS offers generous need-based financial aid, grants and scholarships to help make your education affordable. [**ambs.edu/financialaid**](https://www.ambs.edu/admissions/financial-aid)
* **Want to explore seminary study?** Take an online, campus or hybrid class, even if you’re not yet admitted to AMBS, and your first class is 50 percent off! Check out our upcoming offerings:[**ambs.edu/onecourse**](http://www.ambs.edu/academics/one-course-options)
* **Experience AMBS:** Visit our campus to learn more   
  about all that AMBS has to offer.[**ambs.edu/visit**](http://www.ambs.edu/admissions/visit)

***Lifelong learning***

AMBS’s Church Leadership Center offers various non-degree options for you to continue your education and strengthen your leadership skills:

* **Online short courses (2019–20):**   
  *Exploring Anabaptist History and Theology; Understanding Anabaptist Approaches to Scripture; Exploring Peace and Justice in the Bible; Transforming Congregational Conflict and Communication*

[**ambs.edu/shortcourses**](http://www.ambs.edu/lifelong-learning/anabaptist-short-courses)

* **Pastors and Leaders 2020** (March 2–5)
* **Leadership Clinics** (March 2, 2020)

[**ambs.edu/pastorsandleaders**](http://www.ambs.edu/lifelong-learning/pastors-and-leaders)

**WDC connections**

* In 2018–19, eight WDC members were part of AMBS’s 98-member graduate student body, which included 71 U.S. students, six Canadian students and 21 international students:  
  **Melissa Atchison** (Manhattan), **Renee Epp Reimer** (Rainbow, Bethel College), **Dianne Schmidt** (Eden), **Angie Smith** (Lorraine Ave),   
  **Ben Parker Sutter** (Rainbow), **Henry Unruh** (First – Hillsboro), **Michael Unruh** (Tabor/ Hope), **Jennie Wintermote** (First – Newton)
* Three WDC members graduated in May 2019: **Barbara Krehbiel Gehring** (Manhattan),   
  **Renee Epp Reimer** (Rainbow, Bethel College), **Joel Schroeder** (First – Newton)
* WDC members on the AMBS Board of Directors are **Sara Dick** (Bethel College) and **Byron Pellecer** (Comunidad de Esperanza).
* **Lois Barrett** (Servant) is Retired Professor of Theology and Anabaptist Studies.

*We thank God for your support and ask for your prayers as we prepare leaders for the church!*

* **Journey: A Missional Leadership Development Program:** This nondegree program offers mentor-mentee partnerships, distance-learning opportu-nities and community support. Open to all who are exploring ministry! [**ambs.edu/journey**](http://www.ambs.edu/journey)
* **Host a speaker!** Bible teacher **Bryan Moyer Suderman**, MTS,is available to lead **“Reading   
  the Bible with Jesus” workshops** in English or Spanish. **David B. Miller**, DMin, speaks on holistic witness, Christian leadership, healthy boundaries, and the missional church. [**ambs.edu/workshops**](http://www.ambs.edu/lifelong-learning/workshops)
* **Spiritual Direction Seminars:** Cultivate your ministry of spiritual direction through this supervised program. [**ambs.edu/seminars**](http://www.ambs.edu/lifelong-learning/seminars)
* **!Explore: A Theological Program for High School Youth:** Students (grades 10–12) can explore ministry and develop their leadership gifts.   
  Tap a shoulder for 2020![**ambs.edu/explore**](http://www.ambs.edu/center-for-faith-formation/explore)

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