

### Retirement and New Dean

Sue Cockley is retiring from EMU on June 30, 2022, after 26 years of service at EMU. During that time she directed the Adult Degree program, the MA in Organizational Leadership and served as Graduate Dean with the last three years as Dean of the school of Theology, Humanities and the Performing Arts, which includes Eastern Mennonite Seminary. Sue will be replaced by Dr. Daniel Ott, who is currently Associate Dean for Academic Initiatives at Monmouth College. He earned an MDiv from Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary and a PhD in Philosophy of Religion and Theology from Claremont Graduate University. He is ordained as a Teaching Elder in the Presbyterian Church (USA). Dr. Ott begins his service to EMS on July 1, 2022.

### Spring Graduation

The 2022 graduating class of EMS included 10 students, with five receiving the Master of Arts in Christian Leadership degree, four receiving the Master of Divinity degree and one received a Theological Certificate. As part of the graduation requirement each MDiv candidate presented a capstone presentation. Seminary Baccalaureate was held on Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup> with the theme “Finding Your Voice” and the scripture focus of Ephesians 4:11-13. Speakers included Dorothy Jean Weaver, professor emeritus; Lonnie Yoder, professor emeritus; and David Evans, associate professor of history and mission. Commencement took place May 7<sup>th</sup> on the EMU front lawn with speaker, Bryan Stevenson, founder and Executive Director of the Equal Justice Initiative, a human rights organization in Montgomery, Alabama. Mr. Stevenson has dedicated his career to helping the poor, the incarcerated, and the condemned. He is the author of the critically acclaimed New York Times bestseller, *Just Mercy*.

### New Graduate Certificate

We are offering a New Graduate Certificate in Faith Based Peacebuilding. This certificate is designed for faith community leaders who want to more effectively respond to social conflicts as they arise in their community and those who seek faith-informed social engagement in the complex justice issues of their communities. Overall requirements are 9-10 SH from the Seminary and 8-9 SH from Center for Justice and Peacebuilding, for a total of 18 credits.

### Seminary Options

Consider pursuing seminary studies. You no longer have to relocate to campus to complete your degree because you can join classes via Zoom. Many students are pastoring while completing their degree. We offer the following degrees: Master of Divinity, Master of Arts in Religion, and Master of Arts in Christian Leadership. Substantial scholarships are available for degree seeking students. Attending EMS is more affordable than you think!

Visit <https://emu.edu/seminary/courses/> for more information about classes

### Statement of Purpose

*Eastern Mennonite Seminary prepares servants of Christ to minister together locally and globally. In response to God's gracious call, we invite students to embody and bear witness to the gospel of Jesus Christ in the power of God's Spirit as wise interpreters, mature practitioners, discerning communicators, and transformational leaders.*

- ▶ **Susan Schultz Huxman**, president
- ▶ **Daniel Ott**, seminary dean
- ▶ **Sarah Ann Bixler**, associate dean
- ▶ **Veva Mumaw**, director of seminary student services & church relations

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