

EMS Welcomes New Dean

EMS welcomed its new dean on July 1, 2022, Rev. Dr. Daniel Ott. Dan was formerly associate dean for academic initiatives and professor of religious studies at Monmouth College, IL. An ordained Presbyterian minister and peace theologian, Ott says his new role at EMS “brings together my deepest passions and my life’s work.” He is a strong advocate of Anabaptist theological education.

Graduate Certificate in Faith-Based Peacebuilding Launches

“What peacebuilding is, to me, has to be and is undergirded by my faith,” affirmed Keren Kandel, one of the first three graduates of EMS’s new certificate program. She described how she both learned about principles *and* put them into practice in community. Students in the 18-credit program take courses on campus or online, with flexibility built into the degree so students can choose relevant courses in theology, biblical studies, racial justice, conflict analysis and peacebuilding.

EMS Receives \$1 Million for Conflict Transformation Training

In July 2022, Lilly Endowment Inc. awarded EMS \$998,606 to develop interdisciplinary leadership workshops and trainings that integrate personal spiritual formation, biblical and theological frameworks, and conflict transformation skills. Director Dr. Jacob Cook works with leaders at EMS and EMU’s Center for Justice and Peacebuilding to equip pastors and lay leaders in conflict transformation and trauma resilience through digital content, online courses, regional on-site trainings and on-campus workshops.



L to R: Daniel Ott, EMS Dean; Sarah Bixler, EMS Associate Dean; Jacob Cook, Pathways Program Director; Jacqueline Font-Guzmán, Center for Justice and Peacebuilding Strategic Visioning Director

EMS Celebrates 2023 Graduates

On May 7, EMS celebrated its largest graduating class since before the pandemic in 2019. Nineteen graduates earned master’s degrees in Christian leadership, divinity, and religion; and certificates in Christian studies, general theology, and faith-based peacebuilding. 2022-23 seminary enrollment was strong, with a 14% increase over the previous year.

Study at EMS from Wherever You Live!

EMS is more accessible than ever! All courses are now available to attend from a distance. Students can join the EMS learning community from their own location through Zoom technology and our online learning management system. Plus, thanks to forward-thinking donors, Mennonite students receive up to 100% tuition scholarships for EMS degree programs. Apply now or recommend our programs to someone you know! Visit <https://emu.edu/seminary/courses/> for information about upcoming 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

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Conflict Transformation and Trauma Resilience Workshops

Equipping pastors and lay leaders on campus and online beginning spring 2023

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