

## Report to Western District Conference

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 — in person or at a distance, full time or part time — and deepen your understanding of Scripture, faith and Anabaptist theology!

### Degrees and programs (\* = distance-friendly program)

- Master of Divinity\*
- Master of Arts in Christian Formation\*
- Master of Arts: Theology and Global Anabaptism\*
- Master of Arts: Theology and Peace Studies
- Doctor of Ministry in Leadership\*
- Graduate Certificate in Ecotheology\*
- Graduate Certificate in Spiritual Direction\*
- Graduate Certificate in Theological Studies\* (choose your own courses)
- Graduate Certificate in Theological Studies (Spanish)\*
- Journey Missional Leadership Development Program\* (undergraduate-level certificate)

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We offer generous need-based financial aid, scholarships and matching grants for both full- and part-time graduate students. You *can* afford seminary!

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### Leadership and enrichment

Grow your ministry skills and gain Anabaptist approaches to today's leadership challenges through our nondegree offerings. (\* = distance-friendly program)

#### Short-term options

- Practical Leadership Training modules\*
- Online Short Courses\*: four to six weeks, discussion-based, noncredit (no grades, no papers!)
- Invite AMBS\*: request a speaker (in person or online)
- Pastors & Leaders conference\*: Feb. 22–25, 2027

#### Offerings of one to two years

- Transition to Leadership\*: program for new pastors
- Ministry Reflection Circles\*: reflect on current ministry challenges with the support of a group
- Spiritual Direction Seminars\*

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(Above) In May 2026, 15 men and 11 women from nine countries graduated from AMBS, including **Sandra L. Montes-Martinez** (Monte Horeb), **Alva Pérez González** and **Mario Rocha Iglesias** (Casa Betania). Two students were the first to earn a Doctor of Ministry in Leadership, and 10 were the first to complete the Spanish-language Graduate Certificate in Theological Studies.

### Conference connections

- **Doctor of Ministry student:** Ruth Harder (Hope)
- **Master of Divinity student:** Luke Unruh (First–Newton)
- **Graduate Certificate (Spanish) student:** Spencer Garrison (Aposento Alto)
- **Board members:** Peter Goerzen (Tabor), Luis Rodriguez (Casa del Alfarero)

### AMBS statistics

- In 2025–26, 162 graduate students were enrolled at AMBS: 86 from the U.S., seven from Canada and 69 international students. The undergraduate-level Journey program has 38 participants in Canada, Nigeria, the Philippines, Southeast Asia, Uganda and the U.S.

### Want to try out seminary?

- Sign up for an Online Short Course:
  - Exploring Peace and Justice in the Bible
  - Exploring Anabaptist History and Theology
  - Understanding Anabaptist Approaches to Scripture
  - Transforming Congregational Conflict and Communication
  - Challenging Christian Nationalism
- Take a graduate-level course — online or on campus. Nonadmitted students get 50% off tuition for their first two courses! [ams.edu/upcoming-courses](https://ams.edu/upcoming-courses)
- Schedule a virtual or in-person visit and learn about what AMBS has to offer! [ams.edu/visit](https://ams.edu/visit)
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