



2024–25 ANNUAL REPORT



Dear friends of AMBS,

“Thus far the Lord has helped us.” — 1 Samuel 7:12 (NRSVUE)

These words capture the spirit of this past year at AMBS. Looking back, we see milestones that remind us of God’s help and of the steadfast commitment of our community of supporters.

Every number in this report represents a story of transformation: students discerning their callings, faculty guiding discovery, and churches strengthened through new leadership and vision. Together, they tell a larger story of what is possible when learning and faith grow side by side.

This year brought meaningful progress: the largest graduating class in more than a decade, the highest enrollment since 2007, and the completion of the Forming Leaders Together campaign. These achievements reflect not only institutional strength but also renewed energy for the mission we share — to prepare leaders to serve the church, joining in God’s reconciling work in the world.

We continue to expand opportunities for theological education that meet people where they are — through degree programs, continuing education, and partnerships that serve both local and global communities. Behind every initiative is a commitment to form leaders who are spiritually grounded, theologically informed, and prepared to serve with wisdom and compassion.

Our progress this year is a collective accomplishment made possible by prayer, collaboration and generosity. As we look ahead, we do so with gratitude for all who make this mission possible — and with confidence that the God who has helped us thus far will continue to guide and sustain AMBS for the work yet to come.

David Boshart

David Boshart, PhD, President
November 2025



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**Anabaptist Mennonite
Biblical Seminary**

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AMBS Snapshot

Growing our learning community

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Graduates in May 2025

(the largest graduating class since 2014)



“One of the most significant aspects of my studies has been exploring how Anabaptist

theology connects with the global church, shaping my understanding of faith, justice and discipleship in diverse contexts.

“In addition, even though I studied from a distance, the courses, discussions and relationships with faculty and peers have shaped me in both my personal faith and leadership.”

— Yoel Trakoon Masyawong (MATGA 2025) of Kitchener, Ontario, Canada

162

Graduate students by program (2025–26)

(the highest enrollment since 2007; the highest number of degree- or certificate-seeking students since 2003)

- Master of Divinity: 31
- MA in Christian Formation: 6
- MA: Theology and Global Anabaptism: 49
- MA: Theology and Peace Studies: 8
- Doctor of Ministry in Leadership: 20
- Graduate Certificate in Spiritual Direction: 3
- Graduate Certificate in Theological Studies: 9
- MEA Hispanic Ministries – AMBS Graduate Certificate in Theology: 15
- Guest students: 21

Cultivating a global Anabaptist learning center

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Countries represented by graduate students (by citizenship) (2025–26):

Canada, Chad, Colombia, Ecuador, Ethiopia, Guatemala, India, Kenya, Mexico, Nepal, New Zealand, Philippines, South Korea, Tanzania, United States, Zambia and Zimbabwe

- 86 U.S.
- 7 Canadian
- 69 international (10 on campus)



“It was transformative to be on this journey with fellow seminarians from diverse backgrounds, cultures and faith traditions around the world. In classrooms and hallways, we challenged each other, stretched our minds and grew together in wisdom and knowledge.”

— Misgana Alemayehu Eshete (MACF 2024) of Asebe Teferi/Chiro, Ethiopia



“While I have loved the flexibility of online courses, my favorite classes were blended and hybrid courses, in which I could foster relationships and engage in live discussions with my classmates from around the world.”

— Joshua Landis (MDiv 2025) of Telford, Pennsylvania

81%

Graduate students affiliated with Mennonite World Conference or related Anabaptist groups (2025–26)

(the highest number in 20 years)

AMBS’s sponsoring denominations:

- Mennonite Church USA: 44%
- Mennonite Church Canada: 4%

Investing in leaders



“My time at AMBS has been a gift. I’m graduating with new tools, resources, leadership abilities and knowledge that will continue to serve me and the church in the years to come. None of this would have been possible without the financial aid and scholarships I received from AMBS. For many years, completing my MDiv did not seem like it would be possible, but AMBS helped me find a valuable path forward.”

— Alaina Dobkowski (MDiv 2024) of Grand Rapids, Michigan

0%

Degree-seeking students who borrowed to pay for their AMBS studies (2024–25)

51%

Average amount of tuition covered through financial aid and scholarships (2024–25)

85

Number of endowed scholarships (2024–25)

Payout (2024–25): \$423,439

\$1.448M

Donor contributions to the Leadership Education Fund (annual fund) (2024–25)

Supporting pastors and congregations



“Journey opened my eyes to understand the Bible more deeply. Praise God — the program really encouraged my interest in continuing to study theology in the future.”

— Bikash Shankhar (Journey 2023) of Nepal, currently residing in Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio



“My experience in Ministry Reflection Circles was incredibly valuable, providing a place to reflect on my ministry and to receive feedback from others. The facilitators are top notch — I benefited from a well put-together program, their thoughtful questions and their feedback.”

— Paula Snyder Belousek (MDiv 2005; Ministry Reflection Circles 2020–21) of Lima, Ohio

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Journey participants (2025–26)

- 11 U.S.
- 4 Canadian
- 23 international (Nigeria, the Philippines, Uganda, Southeast Asia: precise locations not specified for security reasons)

624

Participants in lifelong learning offerings (2024–25)

- Pastors & Leaders conference: 239
- Leadership Clinics: 52
- Practical Leadership Training modules: 73
- Online Short Courses: 74
- Transition to Leadership: 13
- Ministry Reflection Circles: 8
- Journey program: 42
- Invite AMBS: 123 engagements

OUR MISSION

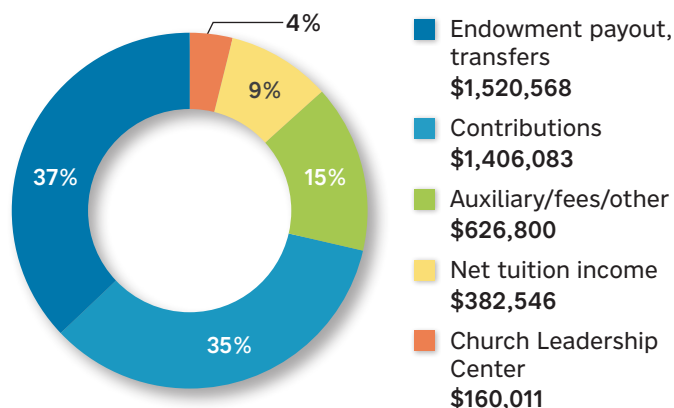
Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary serves the church as a learning community with an Anabaptist vision, educating followers of Jesus Christ to be leaders for God's reconciling mission in the world.

OUR VISION

AMBS will become an Anabaptist learning community that makes theological education accessible to and welcoming of Christians of increasingly diverse traditions, ethnicities and races to reflect more fully God's purposes of unity and justice.

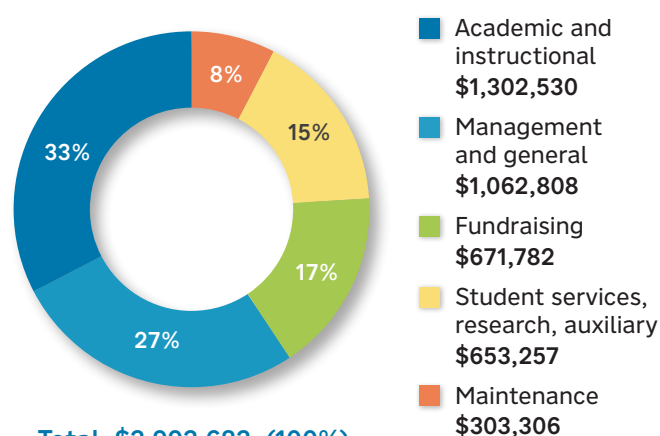
CURRENT OPERATIONS

INCOME



Total: \$4,096,008 (100%)

EXPENSES



Total: \$3,993,683 (100%)

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

Assets	2025	2024
Cash and cash equivalents	\$689,371	\$1,026,206
Account, grant and contribution receivables	25,566	153,317
Prepaid expenses and other assets	57,724	54,040
Insurance deposits	335,375	318,630
Investments	35,336,553	33,539,636
Land, buildings and equipment	6,133,107	6,370,607
Beneficial interest in remainder trust	219,244	196,081
Total assets	\$42,796,940	\$41,658,517

Liabilities and net assets	2025	2024
Liabilities		
Current liabilities	\$296,317	\$163,007
Long-term liabilities	6,505	14,717
Total liabilities	\$302,822	\$177,724
Net assets		
Without donor restriction	\$11,440,386	\$9,927,031
With donor restriction	31,053,732	31,553,762
Total net assets	\$42,494,118	\$41,480,793
Total liabilities and net assets	\$42,796,940	\$41,658,517

Cover photo (l. to r.): Alejandro Pérez Suárez, MA: Theology and Peace Studies student from Colombia; Mir Knego, MDiv Connect student from California; and Stacy Lehman, MDiv Connect student from Ohio; during AMBS's orientation course in August 2025. (Credit: Brittany Purlee/AMBS)