

### 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 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.



*Seminary graduates receive a blessing at EMU commencement*

### Conflict Transformation Trainings Equip Ministry Leaders

The first series of workshops in conflict transformation, trauma resilience, and adaptive leadership were held in the spring 2023. Director Dr. Jacob Cook works with leaders at EMS and EMU’s Center for Justice and Peacebuilding to equip pastors and lay leaders through digital content, online courses, regional on-site



*Participants learn trauma-aware practices in May 20 workshop*

trainings and on-campus workshops. Utilizing a \$1 million grant from Lilly Endowment Inc., EMS is developing these interdisciplinary leadership workshops and trainings that integrate personal spiritual formation, biblical and theological frameworks, and conflict transformation skills. More offerings are forthcoming, and custom-designed trainings are available on EMU’s campus or at your location.

### EMS Averages 82.5% Tuition Scholarships for 2023 Admits

Students admitted to EMS master’s programs in 2023 were awarded, on average, scholarships covering 82.5% of their tuition. Thanks to generous donors, applicants can receive up to 100% tuition scholarships on the basis of merit and financial need. Plus, now that all EMS courses are available virtually, EMS is seeing an increase in attendance from students outside of Virginia and beyond the U.S. EMS’s Zoom technology and online learning management system make our synchronous learning dynamic and formative. Apply now or recommend EMS to someone you know! Visit [emu.edu/seminary/admissions/grad](https://emu.edu/seminary/admissions/grad)

### 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
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### Conflict Transformation and Trauma Resilience Workshops

Equipping pastors and lay leaders on campus and online

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