

Our year started out different than usual with a high flex delivery of courses. Seminary classes this year are a combination of in person, virtual and online. We are working to find creative ways to build community when we can't be physically together. In August we welcomed 9 new students, with a total of 63 students enrolled in seminary classes. Our Tuesday seminary chapel gatherings are live streamed at 11:00 a.m. on the Seminary Facebook page. We invite you to worship with us.

2021 School for Leadership Training: January 11-13

Plans are underway to hold a virtual School for Leadership Training (SLT) the week of January 11. This will be our 52nd annual SLT. We are looking forward to the new opportunities that this will bring.

Visit <https://emu.edu/seminary/slt/> for more information

Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) January 11-May 25

This CPE unit will be online and at Landis Home Communities, Lititz, PA. It is designed for those ministering in congregations as well those serving as chaplains. A portion of the meetings are planned to be in person if Covid-19 conditions allow; participants will be expected to develop facility with the technologies associated with online meetings and learning processes.

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Seminary Options

Consider pursuing seminary studies. We offer a Graduate Certificate in Christian Studies, MDiv, MA in Religion, or MA in Christian Leadership.

FS501 Formation in God's Story I will be offered in an intensive format meeting three days the week of January 4 followed by weekly online for six weeks. This course provides time and space for students to pay prayerful attention to their formational journey through listening to their life narrative from birth until the present. Along with this picture of story-listening they will also locate their personal story in the larger picture of God's story as recorded in scripture.

BVG 621 Interpreting the Biblical Text will be offered online during spring semester. This class currently meets the Gateway Bible survey/Anabaptist hermeneutics requirement. The class is available for seminary credit or participant audit.

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

Graduation and Blessing

Due to COVID-19 we were not able to hold our regular graduation festivities. This year we honored 14 graduates with a virtual video blessing in May. Nine students received the Master of Divinity degree, and five students received the Master of Arts in Christian Leadership degree. Three are pastoring in Mennonite congregations, three in United Methodist congregations, one in a Church of the Brethren congregation, and two in international churches. One graduate is the director of music in an Anglican Church and one graduate is a chaplain at a retirement community.

Statement of Purpose

Eastern Mennonite Seminary prepares men and women to serve and lead in a global context. In response to God's saving grace, we educate students to 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.

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