



## 2022 Report to Mosaic Mennonite Conference

### ENDOWED CHAIR ESTABLISHED

Thanks to generous funding from anonymous donors, **Bluffton University has established the M'Della Moon Endowed Chair in Botany and Environmental Science.** The \$1.5 million dollar gift will fund a faculty chair who will divide their time equally between managing the Bluffton University Nature Preserve and teaching university classes.

The endowment is named after M'Della Moon, a member of Bluffton's science faculty from 1921-1961.

### MASTER OF SOCIAL WORK OFFERED

Bluffton will offer a Master of Social Work (MSW) graduate degree with a mental health specialization starting in the 2023-24 academic year. The program will be conducted in partnership with Goshen College.

Bluffton's MSW program expects to be granted candidacy by the Higher Learning Commission during the 2023-24 academic year. Coursework will prepare students to sit for licensure in any state. Applications open in January for a fall 2023 start.

### THE LION AND LAMB UPDATES

Starting this fall at The Lion and Lamb Peace Arts Center, an emphasis is being placed on training and empowering university students to lead sessions with school children on cultural understanding and conflict resolution. To facilitate that connection and more directly align the work with Bluffton's education program, Dr. Paul Neufeld Weaver, professor of education and director of global education, will serve as director of the center. In addition to work on peace and cultural understanding, trainings will cover peer mediation, including connections to social media usage and cyberbullying.

### SPIRITUAL LIFE AT BLUFFTON

Chalsi Campbell '12 started as Bluffton's campus pastor in Jan. 2022, and has led several new initiatives such as monthly "deep dive" Bible studies, increased Sunday Night worship events and a Youth Group Day to connect with current high school students. As a part-time faculty member in Bluffton's religion department teaching Bible courses, she is also working on developing better integration between the religion department and campus ministries. Long-time traditions such as Chapel and Spiritual Life Week remain a vital part of campus ministries.

## NAMED A COLLEGE OF DISTINCTION FOR 2022-23

### Save the date

#### 128th performance of Handel's "Messiah"

4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 11

Yoder Recital Hall

The performance will  
also be livestreamed at:  
[www.bluffton.edu/messiah](http://www.bluffton.edu/messiah)

#### Voices Together art exhibit at Bluffton University

Jan. 11-Feb. 19, 2023,  
Sauder Visual Arts Center

Exhibit includes works of original  
visual art by Mennonite artists  
included in the new hymnal  
"Voices Together."

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