

## 2023 CANDIDATES FOR GRADUATION

### Graduate Certificate in Theological Studies

Benjamin J. Graber  
Linfred Gingerich Longenecker  
Deanna A. Risser

### Master of Arts: Theology and Global Anabaptism

Sandra L. Vielman

### Master of Arts: Theology and Global Anabaptism (Ethiopia)

Girma Gelaye Bossen  
Desta Gadisa Debele  
Teferi Beyene Setena  
Getachew Gereme Tegegne  
Frew Zinna Tuke  
Tariku Delelew Wondimu  
Sisay Gizaw Worku

### Master of Arts: Theology and Peace Studies

Abigail M. Hershberger  
Tania Julieta Orrego  
Anteneh Getachew Setegn

### Master of Divinity

Debbie Bledsoe  
Felecia Marie Calloni  
Ian Funk  
Andrew Ray Hudson  
Sibonokuhle Ncube  
Anna Michelle Ressler



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## 2023 COMMENCEMENT

April 29 • 3 p.m.

AMBS Chapel of the Sermon on the Mount  
Elkhart, Indiana



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# COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM

## Prelude

*Concerto in G, BWV 592* J.S. Bach

## Processional

*Trumpet Tune* David N. Johnson

## » Call to Worship and Invocation

David Boshart, President

## » Hymn

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" *Voices Together #88*

## Scripture Reading

2 Timothy 2:8-15

## Introduction of Speaker

Leah Thomas, Assistant Professor of Pastoral Care and  
Director of Contextual Education

## Address: "Present yourself to God as 'approved'"

Elizabeth Soto Albrecht

## Special Music: Faculty and Staff Ensemble

"Tender Mercy" Susan Naus Dengler, words; Lee Dengler, music

## Presentation of 2023 Candidates

Beverly Lapp, Vice President and Academic Dean

## Conferring of Degrees

David Boshart

## Distribution of Diplomas and Certificates

Beverly Lapp

## Charge to the Graduates

Andy Brubacher Kaethler, Associate Professor of Christian  
Formation and Culture

## Graduates' Response

## Prayer of Blessing

Allan Rudy-Froese, Associate Professor of Christian Proclamation

## » Hymn

"O God Beyond All Praising" *Voices Together #814*

## » Benediction

David Boshart

## » Recessional

*Prelude for Organ in F* Fanny Mendelssohn Hensel

## Postlude

*Allegro assai vivace* from Sonata no. 1 Felix Mendelssohn

» *Where indicated, please stand — in body or in spirit.*

*We request that guests do not use flash photography before the distribution of diplomas and certificates.*

*A reception will follow the service in the Waltner Hall Lounge.*

## With appreciation

Organist: Kevin Vaughn

Songleader: Anna Ressler, Class of 2023

Scripture readers: Felecia Calloni (English), Sibonokuhle Ncube  
(Ndebele), Julieta Orrego (Spanish), Class of 2023

Technical director: Brent Graber

Caterer: Linda Metzler

Marketing and Communications Team: Annette Brill Bergstresser,  
Rachel Fonseca, Melissa Troyer (director)

Graduation Planning Committee: Brent Graber, Scott Janzen,  
Janeen Bertsche Johnson, Beverly Lapp (chair), Karen Stoltzfus,  
Melissa Troyer

Graduates receive small brass bells that are replicas of the bell that rings on the seminary campus. That bell originally hung in the tower of the Wadsworth (Ohio) Institute, the first Mennonite institution of higher learning in North America, which prepared pastors and teachers for the church. AMBS inherited that bell in 2002. The bells are crafted by friends of the seminary, Ervin and Erma Steinmann, and Riverside Brass of New Hamburg, Ontario.