



2017 Report to Central District Conference

"Human Sexuality in Biblical Perspective"

The study guide, "Human Sexuality in Biblical Perspective" was presented during a 4 p.m. event on March 30 in Bluffton University's Musselman Library Reading Room.

Lois Johns Kaufmann, who was conference minister of Mennonite Church USA's Central District Conference at the time the guide was produced, wrote the foreword and coordinated the work that led to publication.

The study guide, described as a collaborative effort, was edited by Carrie Mast, administrative assistant to graduate programs in business at Bluffton, and Gerald Mast, professor of communication at Bluffton.

Alex Sider, associate professor of religion at Bluffton, participated in the task group that produced the original theological statement upon which this study guide is based.

Bluffton offering faith-based master's degree for educators

Master of Arts in Education students in Bluffton's new faith-based concentration of study will learn to ground their work in Anabaptist faith and values while refining their philosophy of teaching with other faith-driven professionals.

The concentration is an outgrowth of the Mennonite Education Agency's Anabaptist Learning Institute program.

"Faith is often seen as something you add on to education or is really the purview of the chaplain or the pastor. However, this program will explore how faith connects with the way disciplines are taught," said Dr. Gerald Mast, professor of communication.

Mast teaches two of the classes in the program. All classes are offered online or through Zoom video-conferencing technology.

For more information, contact Adult and Graduate Studies at Bluffton by calling 419-358-3897 or emailing adulted@bluffton.edu.

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Simply Innovate, the Campaign for Bluffton University, launched in September to provide students and teaching faculty with a new science building and the resources to sharpen program delivery to move Bluffton confidently into the future. The five-year campaign includes a comprehensive goal of \$26 million with a priority on opening a new science building. So far, more than \$12 million has been raised.

Thank you!

Bluffton University currently enrolls 18 students from Central District Conference churches. Church Matching Scholarship support, for the students, is \$48,366 for 2016-17.

Trustees from the conference include: **David Baumgartner**, Emmaus Road Mennonite Fellowship, Berne, Ind.; **Mitch Kingsley**, First Mennonite, Bluffton, Ohio; **John Liechty**, Eighth Street Mennonite, Goshen, Ind.; **Steve Mullett**, First Mennonite, Sugar Creek, Ohio; **Kerry Strayer**, Columbus Mennonite, Columbus, Ohio; **Mark Weidner**, First Mennonite, Bluffton, Ohio; and **Kent Yoder**, Silverwood Mennonite, Goshen, Ind.

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Nathaniel Haas, a senior from Wadsworth, Ohio, was the first Bluffton participant in the Chicago Center for Urban Life and Culture where he served as a student teacher for Chicago City Schools.

Read more about Nathaniel and other Bluffton students, faculty and staff at www.bluffton.edu/beaversall

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