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Seminary announces freeze on tuition and fees for next year

Elkhart, Ind. (AMBS) – Tuition and fees will not increase for the 2012-2013 year at Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary.

The seminary made this decision to help students manage the financial cost of study, especially in the current economic climate, according to Bob Rosa, director of enrollment and student services. “We know some students have delayed seminary study because they are concerned about how to pay for it,” Rosa said. “And it’s wise for students not to take on large loans, knowing that many ministry positions provide modest incomes.”

The seminary has raised tuition an average of \$15 per credit hour each year for the last several years. Full-time students take 27 or 30 credits a year. Therefore, the freeze in tuition and fees will save each full-time student at least \$400 next year.

Tuition covers only about one-eighth of the income AMBS needs each year. This is in contrast to an undergraduate school where tuition from a larger student body covers more of the costs.

“Our students are preparing to serve the church, so we rely on the church—more than on tuition from students—to carry out our mission,” Ron Ringenberg, vice president for advancement and administration, said. “Generous donors and congregations make it possible for students to prepare for ministry without incurring large debts, and make it possible for AMBS to provide a wide array of other resources. We are trusting there will be many who confirm our decision with their support and contributions.”

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