



2018 Report to Indiana-Michigan Conference

Dr. Jane Wood Named President-Elect

For just the tenth time in its 119-year history, Bluffton University's Board of Trustees has named a new president, announcing that **Dr. Jane Wood** will be Bluffton's next president beginning July 1, 2018.

"Dr. Wood has demonstrated success in achieving enrollment growth at several institutions by leading academic program innovation, strategic planning, alignment and visioning processes that moved those institutions forward, along with proven success in building relationships for public and private partnerships to broaden the school's reach," said **Kent Yoder**, chairperson of the Bluffton University Board of Trustees.

"She is a committed Christian with leadership experience at both Catholic and Protestant institutions and a passion for social justice. We are excited that she was drawn to Bluffton for its mission, history and faith tradition."

"Mirror of the Martyrs"

The "Mirror of the Martyrs" brought a wide range of people to campus during the month of October. The university also hosted more than 10 exhibit-related events to offer deeper insight into Anabaptist faith and heritage during the 500th anniversary of the Reformation.

Book Collaboration

A book release celebration for "Education with the Grain of the Universe: A Peaceable Vision for the Future of Mennonite Schools, Colleges, and Universities" took place in Musselman Library. Edited by **Dr. J. Denny Weaver**, professor emeritus of religion at Bluffton, the book features how 18 contributors, including several Bluffton faculty members, shape philosophies of Mennonite higher education as they explore intersections of educational theories and practices with Anabaptism, Mennonite thought and peacemaking. Twenty Bluffton faculty and staff members studied chapters of the book during a spring 2018 weekly discussion group.

**SIMPLY
INNOVATE**

**THE CAMPAIGN FOR
BLUFFTON UNIVERSITY**

A five-year campaign is underway to move Bluffton into the future. Simply Innovate, the Campaign for Bluffton University, includes a \$26 million comprehensive goal. Construction is underway on the Moyer Nature Center, an early manifestation of the campaign, located in the Bluffton University Nature Preserve. The building's environmental science focus will complement the campaign's signature project, the Austin E. Knowlton Science Center, which is scheduled to open on the main campus in the 2020-21 academic year. www.bluffton.edu/giving

Thank you!

Bluffton University currently enrolls three students from Indiana-Michigan Conference churches, including **Erika Byler**, Marion Mennonite Church; **Eddie Martin**, Benton Mennonite Church; and **Cameron Miller**, North Leo Mennonite Church.

Church Matching Scholarship support is \$1600 for 2017-18.

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Micah Hunsberger '18, a mathematics and IT major from Shippshewana, Ind., already has a job offer from the company where he spent three summers interning. Hunsberger will continue to write code and automate technical processes to assist with workflow efficiency at Tempus Technologies.

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

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