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## INDIANA MICHIGAN CONFERENCE OF MENNONITE CHURCH USA ANNUAL ASSEMBLY REPORT Spring 2020

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**2019-20 snapshot** – For the 2019-20 academic year, 386 students represented 32 U.S. states and territories and 25 countries. The domestic student population included 51% from Kansas and 35% from other states and territories. Domestic minority students were 25% of the population. International students comprised 14% of the population. Mennonite students represent 19% of the campus' more than 25 Christian denominations and global faith traditions.

### New in 2019-20

- A bachelor of science degree in aviation-professional pilot added to the 49-year-old program. In its first year as a four-year program, 47 aviation students were enrolled.
- Vision 2025 is the institutional plan that will add four-year degree programs in select in-demand programs that not only provide a strong foundation, but also upper-level curriculum linked to industry partners. Nursing and aviation are current bachelor degree programs and business and engineering in the development phase.
- Hesston College welcomed its first cohort of students in a new Intensive English Language Program in the fall. The semester-long program allows the college to offer more services and support for English language learners.

**Center for Anabaptist Leadership and Learning** – Hesston College's Center for Anabaptist Leadership and Learning (CALL) will launch in Fall 2020. CALL is a new ministry program geared towards pastors and other adult learners who desire more training as church leaders. It will be a hybrid of online and in-person learning that seeks to equip leaders for ministry and discipleship in daily life as ambassadors of Jesus Christ. CALL will operate with a variety of educational experiences. The primary experience will be a hybrid online certificate in missional leadership, well-suited for those interested in church leadership education and for pastors with advanced degrees interested in further missional training. The program also offers Weekend College, a short-term non-credit educational opportunity geared towards congregational or other group learning. Weekend College focuses on specific topics, such as Hesston's famous Biblical Literature course, Five-fold Church Leadership or peacemaking and justice. For more information, go to [hesston.edu/call](http://hesston.edu/call).

**Covid-19 response**– Like most other institutions of learning across the country, in mid-March Hesston College began to face the impact of coronavirus on the campus community. An action plan was launched on March 12 and by March 18 the remainder of the semester was moved online. More than 80% of dorming students moved off campus with about 50 who had legitimate reasons to say finishing out the year from campus. For a campus community focused on interpersonal relationships and hands-on learning, the coronavirus pandemic morphed the student

experience into something completely unexpected, yet the community found ways to continue connecting virtually.

**Aviation launches satellite location in Goshen** – Aspiring pilots in northern Indiana can jumpstart their flight training beginning in August 2020. Hesston College Aviation (HCA) was granted FAA approval for a satellite pilot school at the Goshen Municipal Airport operated in direct partnership venture with New Horizons Aviation (NHA). NHA is co-owned by HCA alumnus and American Airlines captain, Roger Yoder. The initiative authorizes NHA to teach HCA's FAA-approved Private Pilot certificate course to individuals interested in completing their FAA Private Pilot certificate before beginning Hesston's associate or bachelor's degree program on campus.

**Congregational student aid** – Hesston College offers a match grant for scholarships provided by student churches. During the **2019-20 year**, 35 churches contributed \$67,551.44 in student scholarships to 45 recipients. Hesston College matched a total of \$46,097. The average church aid per student was \$1,501 while the average church-and-college aid per student was \$2,526. **If your congregation is interested in providing a scholarship program to support Mennonite higher education, contact the Church Relations Office at 866-437-7866.**

Read these full stories and more at [www.hesston.edu](http://www.hesston.edu).

**2019-20 campus theme verse** – The parable of the mustard seed. Mark 4:30-32, NIV

### Indiana - Michigan Conference of Mennonite Church USA Statistics and Connections

**2019-20 Academic Year Students** – 3

**Congregational Student Aid** – 3 congregation provided \$10,534 in tuition assistance for 3 students as of April 25, 2020.

**Unified and Designated Giving** – We are grateful for the financial support of conference churches to Mennonite colleges and Mennonite Education Agency through Unified and Designated Giving and for personal contributions given from individuals.

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