

2018 Report to Ohio Conference

"Mirror of the Martyrs"

The "Mirror of the Martyrs" exhibit installed in the Grace Albrecht Gallery at Bluffton University 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.

Presidential Search

The Presidential Search Committee invited applicants for Bluffton University's 10th president. The committee accepted nominations and applications throughout the fall and early winter and narrowed the candidate pool in January. The new president will be invited to begin work on or about July 1, 2018.

Details, including a search profile, can be found at www.bluffton.edu/president/transition/index.html

SIMPLY THE CAMPAIGN FOR BLUFFTON UNIVERSITY

A five-year campaign is underway to move Bluffton into the future while providing students and teaching faculty with a new science building and the resources to sharpen program delivery. 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.

Thank you!

Bluffton University currently enrolls **22 students from Ohio Conference churches**. Church Matching Scholarship support is \$45,646 for 2017-18.

The Bluffton trustee from Ohio Conference is **Alysa Short** of Wauseon.

#BeaversAll

Emily Short, a Bible and Theology senior from Archbold, created an innovative summer camp curriculum for Camp Amigo in Sturgis, Mich. Camp staff introduced the theme verses Micah 6:8 and Jeremiah 29:11 into dramas, children's books, activities and skits to engage the young campers.

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

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