ANABAPTIST MENNONITE BIBLICAL SEMINARY

 **Project Name:** “INVESTING IN LEADERS FOR GOD’S RECONCILING MISSION”

**Program Objectives:**

1. Understand indebtedness trends and the impact of debt on ministry as it relates to:
	1. Our entering students
	2. Our current students
	3. Recent AMBS and Eastern Mennonite Seminary graduates
	4. Pastors in the Mennonite Church – MC USA and MC Canada
2. Educating our students about handling debt and finances that is:
	1. Personal
	2. Organizational (the places in which they will work)
	3. Grounded biblically and theologically.
3. Equip our faculty to educate students in areas mentioned in #2 in partnership with Everence (a Mennonite Financial Institution)
4. Help relieve student debt by increasing student scholarship endowment and financial aid with a capital campaign
5. Equip our students and others who are considering bi-vocational (tent making) ministry that would support part-time paid ministry and entrepreneurial opportunities

**Significant project activities to date:**

* Started data gathering related to the research
* Defined the working relationship with Everence
* Worked on the bones of the capital campaign:
	+ Financial and other goals
	+ Duration
	+ CASE statement
* Begun plans for a consultation on bi-vocational ministry for fall 2014

**Resources Discovered or Produced:**

* Identified key locations, influencers and donors for the capital campaign
* Everence advisors for students & educational resources
* Personnel for bi-vocational consultation

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