

#11 Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary

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“What I loved about the AMBS library project was the holistic approach to the complete design and construction process that AMBS chose to use. All participants were actively engaged in dialogue not just for first cost, but also for life cycle costs which created a beautiful and efficient building. Eileen Saner’s leadership in finding this design approach and building a facility with the idea of being good stewards of God’s creation really resonated with us here at DJ. It was exciting to see our field workers understand the bigger purpose behind what we did and then find ways to implement many of the recycling, waste-management, and efficient use of materials concepts on other projects they were involved with.”

--Doug Wogoman, President
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History:

- The 2007 AMBS Library and Campus Center did more than bring 31,500 sq. ft. of expansive study, research, and gathering space with creative architectural design; it also led the way for green building in the region. This project was the first in Elkhart County awarded Gold Level for LEED certification as the seminary and DJ Construction incorporated rain gardens, triple pane windows, harvesting natural light, a closed-loop deep well geothermal heat pump system, and 90% recycling efforts during the construction process.
- One year later, DJ returned to the campus to renovate the former library area, converting it into student gathering space and a lounge. DJ also installed a wheelchair lift in a separate part of the building.
- In 2012, DJ and AMBS partnered again, this time to expand and renovate the seminary’s 47 year-old chapel. Upgrades to mechanicals were installed to bring air conditioning to the chapel, and main level washrooms and an elevator were added. DJ took special care to maintain the chapel’s original unique design that reflects the school’s emphases on focusing attention on God, simplicity, not conforming to the world and lively acoustics for singing.

