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fields of pastoral care and mediation can be brought closer together in order to enhance the overall competence of pastoral caregivers as they encounter conflict situations." — from the Foreword, by Daniel Schipani, Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary College

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