



*Prepared to serve and
lead in a global context*

SUMMER 2022

CENTRAL DISTRICT CONFERENCE

EMU ANNUAL REPORT

Greetings from President Huxman

We have many “leaves of springtime” to savor this time of year at EMU. In concert with our campus community, I am honored and humbled to serve EMU—a world- renowned faith-informed peace and justice university. We have an inspiring mission: “*to prepare students to serve and lead in a global context*” in the spirit of Micah 6:8: “*to do justice, love mercy and walk humbly with God.*”

Here are some examples of our fortitude, resilience and reliance on our faith-informed values (Christian discipleship, community, service and peacemaking) in these challenging times:

In Academics—We received a “clean slate” from our accreditation bodies in the last year (Engineering, Nursing, Teacher Education, Social Work, Seminary) including the biggest and the most important of all: the Southern Association of Colleges and Universities (SACS). In all major categories, we received superb reviews: finance, governance, academics, faculty, student outcomes, and campus engagement.

In Advancement—We are so very thankful that philanthropic giving is up over last year—and we had a good year last year! We are thrilled to see growth in special giving categories in the area of student scholarships, tuition relief, and estate gifts, even as our “bread and butter” the university annual fund continues to grow as well.

In Enrollment—Our retention from Fall to Spring remained strong in the midst of layers of COVID challenges. Deposits are on pace with last year (which was a very good year!) for Fall 22.

In Budget—We are very pleased to announce that we will close out the 2022 budget with margin (significant income) again for the 4th year in a row.

Thank you for your support in prayers, advocacy and giving. What a gift our churches and conferences are to EMU! Our Mennonite students comprise a strong component of our overall student body success. And it is still true: students who attend Mennonite schools are more likely to join or stay connected to the Mennonite Church than those who attend elsewhere. Recently a sophomore student shared with me: “*I thought since I had already attended a Mennonite high school, I should go somewhere else; but I am so glad I gave EMU a second look. It has made all the difference!*”

In gratitude, Susan Schultz Huxman, Ph.D.

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How can EMU serve you?

Contact the church relations office to schedule the president or a faculty guest speaker:
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Central District Conference Connections to EMU

Students

Fifteen undergraduate students, two graduate students and one seminary student from Central District Mennonite Conference are enrolled in the spring 2022 semester.

Giving

Central District Mennonite Conference churches gave \$34,176 in matching church grants during the fiscal year ending June 2021.

- ▶ **Susan Schultz Huxman**,
president
- ▶ **Kirk Shisler**, *vice president for advancement*
- ▶ **Braydon Hoover**, *director of advancement & annual giving*
- ▶ **Matthew Ruth**, *director of admissions*

Our Vision

We will open new pathways of access and achievement for all students who aspire to grow as unifying leaders equipped with intercultural competence, oriented toward peace and justice, and rooted in an active faith modeled on the life and teachings of Jesus.