

## Shalom Collaboratory Equips Faith Leaders and Congregations

EMS recently established the Shalom Collaboratory for pastors, lay leaders, nonprofit and community partners, parents and caregivers to learn and experiment with practices to build peace for restored relationships. The Shalom Collaboratory at EMS offers training in conflict transformation, trauma resilience, adaptive leadership, spiritual direction, and secure parenting. Learn more or request a custom training at [emu.edu/seminary/shalom](https://emu.edu/seminary/shalom)



*Adam Russell Taylor, president of Sojourners, speaks at 2024 Shalom Academy (formerly SLT)*

## EMS Receives \$1.25 Million to Support Secure Parenting

EMU has established *Conectere* with a grant from Lilly Endowment Inc. Each summer starting in 2024, cohorts of parents and caregivers will start meeting for free attachment-based training to grow in sharing faith and values with their children. *Conectere* is directed by Dr. Sarah Bixler, EMS associate dean, in collaboration with faculty in practical theology and counseling at Yale Divinity School and EMU. Parents and caregivers may apply for cohorts, and pastoral and lay leaders can register interest in *Conectere* resources at [emu.edu/conectere](https://emu.edu/conectere)

## New 36-Credit Master of Arts in Theological Studies (MATS)

EMS's new MATS is designed for leaders in non-pastoral settings to explore the intersection of theology and another field, to pursue further graduate study or study for personal enrichment. The MATS offers concentrations in theology and culture, biblical studies, or peacebuilding. As with all EMS degree programs, courses can be completed online or on campus, with up to 100% tuition scholarships. Inquire for further information or apply at [emu.edu/seminary/admissions](https://emu.edu/seminary/admissions)



*Rev. Chidi Ihezuoh, MACL '24 speaks at May 5 commencement*

## EMS Celebrates 2024 Graduates

"The relationships and what we have learned are a lifetime treasure," reflected Rev. Hilarion Chidi Ihezuoh, a 2024 Master of Arts in Christian Leadership graduate. Chidi, a pastor in Mosaic Mennonite Conference originally from Nigeria, was the featured graduate student speaker at EMU commencement. He testified to the power of relationships and knowledge he experienced while studying at EMS. On May 5, five graduates earned

master's degrees in Christian leadership and divinity; and certificates in Christian studies and faith-based peacebuilding. This small graduating class, following 19 EMS graduates in 2023, reflects extended time for degree completion resulting from the impact of the global pandemic.

### EMS Mission

*Eastern Mennonite Seminary prepares servants of Christ to minister together locally and globally. In response to God's gracious call, we invite students to embody and bear witness to the gospel of Jesus Christ in the power of God's Spirit as wise interpreters, mature practitioners, discerning communicators, and transformational leaders.*

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### Conflict Transformation and Trauma Resilience Workshops

Equipping pastors and lay leaders on campus, on location and online. Custom-designed trainings available!

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