



*EMU prepares students to serve
and lead in a global context*

SPRING 2025

CENTRAL DISTRICT MENNONITE CONFERENCE

EMU ANNUAL REPORT

Greetings to our friends from President Huxman at Eastern Mennonite University (EMU)!

In May, on a beautiful spring day, we sent forth 347 graduates to new opportunities and new communities with a charge to witness faithfully, serve compassionately, and walk boldly in the way of peace. This was the “COVID Class of 2024” --- many of whom entered in 2020 as we were engulfed in a pandemic and had never experienced a high school graduation or an in-person visit to campus. Two weeks later, EMU hosted the Marpeck Dean’s Conference. This biennial Mennonite Higher Education Conference brought nearly 90 faculty and staff from Mennonite and Marpeck Fund institutions of higher education across the US and Canada.

During the spring semester, students traveled to Guatemala and Cuba where they lived with host families, studied Spanish, and traveled to other parts of the country. This summer, EMU students are experiencing intercultural learning in Switzerland and Italy, at the US/Mexico border, and in Washington, DC.

Two Key milestones for EMU:

1. The EMU at Lancaster campus moves to a new location in Lititz, PA in July. The facility, owned by the eCommerce tech company Litrak, Inc., will provide a more visible location, closer access to our flight training partner, the Lancaster Airport, and a growing network of partnerships with long-term care facilities.
2. The PBS Viewpoint Series with Dennis Quaid did a documentary on us. Their research revealed that we do diversity, equity and inclusion very well for a Christian university. You can go to [EMU’s Viewpoint with Dennis Quaid website](#) to read the national news article and watch the 30-second commercial and the 6-minute documentary with the Dennis Quaid segment.

Finally, Eastern Mennonite Seminary (EMS) will launch a Doctor of Ministry in Peacemaking and Social Change in the fall of 2025, our second doctoral program at EMU (after Doctorate of Nursing Practice). This fully asynchronous doctoral program draws on EMU’s reputation as a leader in peace and justice and taps into one of the few growing areas in theological education. 33% of current students are actively serving in pastoral leadership roles while attending seminary, half of our students are Mennonite, and half are preparing for ministry as a second or third career.

Thank you for your partnership in prayer and support,

In gratitude,

Susan Schultz Huxman, Ph.D.
President, EMU

How can EMU serve you?

Contact the church relations office to schedule the president or a faculty guest speaker:
540-432-4200 or
ChurchRelations@emu.edu

Central District Conference Connections to EMU

Students

Spring semester 2025 has seven undergraduates, three seminary, and five graduate students enrolled from the Central District Mennonite Conference.

Giving

Central District Mennonite churches gave over \$35,300 in matching church grants to their students during the year ending June 2024.

- ▶ **Susan Schultz Huxman**,
president
- ▶ **Kirk Shisler**, *vice president for advancement*
- ▶ **Laura Daily**, *director of advancement operations*
- ▶ **Braydon Hoover**, *vice president for enrollment and strategic growth*
- ▶ **Luke Litwiller**, *director of undergrad 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.