

CENTRAL DISTRICT CONFERENCE  
June 25-27, 2026  
Eastern Mennonite University, Harrisonburg, Virginia  
***Rise Up! Take Courage!***

**Thursday, June 25**

*Worship services are open to everyone! You don't need to be registered for the annual meeting to attend.*

- 2:00 pm Registration
- 3:00 – 4:30p Pre-conference seminar: Body Wisdom – Rise Up! Take Courage! – Karla Minter and John Glick
- 5:00-6:45p Pastor Appreciation Dinner
- 7:30 pm WORSHIP I: Martin Chapel  
Speaker: Shannon Dycus  
Offering: Giving Back to the Community
- 9:00 pm Ice Cream Social

**Friday, June 26**

- 8:30 am *Delegate Session* / Campus Center
  - (5) Song:
  - (3) Welcome from EMU
  - (15) Getting acquainted around tables
  - (15) State of the Conference Address
  - (5) Centering
  - (5) Congregational Story: St Louis Mennonite Fellowship
  - (5) Introduction of Resolutions and Listening Committees, and Parliamentarian
    - Resolutions Committee:* Jeff Boehr (Lima), Kiva Nice-Webb (Chicago Community), Rich Preheim (Hively Ave)
    - Listening Committee:*
    - Parliamentarian:* Gerald Mast
    - Medical Persons On Call:*
    - Youth Delegates/Mentors:*
  - (5) Summary Review of 2025 Annual Meeting Minutes  
ACTION: 2025 Annual Meeting Minutes
  
  - (5) Treasurer's Report/Presentation of 2026-2027 Proposed Spending Plan
  
  - (5) Presentation of Gifts Discernment Committee and Slate  
ACTION: 2026-2027 Slate
  - (2) Commissioning Prayer: Incoming and continuing committee members

9:45 - 10:15 am Break/Snacks

10:15 am

- (5) Song/Centering:
  
- (10) Camp Friedenswald Report
- (5) Affirmation (vote) of Knoxville Mennonite Church for membership

- 10:35am  
 (60) Confession of Faith Article 19 Table Discussion
- (5) Introduction of Guests
- (5) Announcements
- 11:45 am Lunch
- 1:30 pm WORSHIP II: Martin Chapel  
 Speaker: Cesar Moya  
 Offering: Central District Conference
- 2:45 pm Break
- 3:15 pm *Delegate Session II* Campus Center
- (5) Song/Centering
- (10) Announcement of Membership Vote/Presentation of Blessing Cup
- (5) Recognition of St Paul Mennonite Fellowship
- (5) Associate Conference Minister Evaluation
- 3:45 pm Seminars/Activities
- 3:45 – 5:30 pm  
 (120) Jubilee Climate Farm led by Krista Ehsta: This seminar will be off campus
- 3:45 pm  
 (50) Seminar Session 1  
 \*One Town's Response to ICE - Stories from Harrisonburg  
 \*Called to solidarity with our Palestinian Siblings – Lydia Brenneman and Barry Johnson  
 \*An Ounce of Prevention – Kristin Sancken  
 \*Confessional Bible Study – Alaina Dobkowski  
 \*Courage to Confront Shame – Janeen Bertsche Johnson  
 \*Our Whole Lives – Phil Yoder and Moriah Hurst
- 4:35 pm Break
- 4:45 pm  
 (50) Seminar Session 2  
 \*One Town's Response to ICE - Stories from Harrisonburg  
 \* Called to solidarity with our Palestinian Siblings – Lydia Brenneman and Barry Johnson  
 \* An Ounce of Prevention – Kristin Sancken  
 \*Confessional Bible Study – Alaina Dobkowski  
 \* Taking Courage in Breaking Down: A Job-inspired ecotheology for death & dying  
 – Valerie Showalter  
 \* Our Work to Do: Embodiment Practice in the Service of Anti-Racist Solidarity –  
 Amanda Gross
- 6:00 pm Dinner on campus or on your own

*A list of area restaurants is available (in delegate packets and at the registration table)*

7:00 pm Free Time –  
\*Opportunity for informal get-togethers  
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**Saturday, June 27**

8:30 - 9:30 am

WORSHIP III: Martin Chapel

Speaker: Daryl Byler

Offering: Rise Up! Take Courage! Mutual Aid Fund

Communion

9:30 am Break

10:15 am *Delegate Session III* Campus Center

(5) Song/Centering:

(5) Congregational Story: Grand Rapids Mennonite Fellowship

(20) ACTION: Resolution: Response to Ongoing Suffering in Palestine

(15) Missional Church Committee

(15) Ministerial Committee

11:15 am

(5) Song/Centering:

(5) ACTION: 2026-2027 Spending Plan

(10) Open Mic

(10) Listening Committee Report

11:40am

(5) Evaluations/Committee Nominations

(5) Close of Delegate Sessions [Joel]

11:50a

(10) Songs/Benediction

12:00 pm

Close of Annual Meeting