

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 - 9:45 am

WORSHIP III: Martin Chapel

Speaker: Daryl Byler

Offering: Rise Up! Take Courage! Mutual Aid Fund

Communion

9:45 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