

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 I* Campus Center
  - Song
  - Welcome from EMU
  - Getting acquainted around tables
  - State of the Conference Address
  - Centering
  - Congregational Story: St Louis Mennonite Fellowship
  - Introduction of Resolutions and Listening Committees, and Parliamentarian
  - Summary Review of 2025 Annual Meeting Minutes
    - ACTION: 2025 Annual Meeting Minutes
  - Treasurer's Report/Presentation of 2026-2027 Proposed Spending Plan
  - Presentation of Gifts Discernment Committee and Slate
    - ACTION: 2026-2027 Slate
  - Commissioning Prayer: Incoming and continuing committee members

9:45 - 10:15 am Break/Snacks

- 10:15 am
  - Song/Centering
  - Camp Friedenswald Report
  - Affirmation (vote) of Knoxville Mennonite Church for membership
  - Confession of Faith Article 19 Table Discussion
  - Introduction of Guests
  - 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

Song/Centering

Announcement of Membership Vote/Presentation of Blessing Cup

Congregational Story: Grand Rapids Mennonite Fellowship

Associate Conference Minister Evaluation

3:45 pm      Seminars/Activities

3:45 – 5:30 pm

Jubilee Climate Farm led by Krista Ehsta: This seminar will be off campus

3:45 pm

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

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Seminar Session 2

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\*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

**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

Song/Centering

Resolution: Response to Ongoing Suffering in Palestine

ACTION

Missional Church Committee

Ministerial Committee

11:15 am

Song/Centering

2026-2027 Spending Plan

ACTION

Open Mic

Listening Committee Report

Evaluations/Committee Nominations

Close of Delegate Sessions

11:50a

Songs/Benediction

12:00 pm

Close of Annual Meeting