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lead in a global context*

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INDIANA-MICHIGAN MENNONITE CONFERENCE

EMU ANNUAL REPORT

Mission Matters

Greetings from President Huxman

In this beautiful season in the Shenandoah Valley, I bring greetings from Eastern Mennonite University (EMU) to the families, churches and conferences that make up MCUSA. A special greeting to the Indiana-Michigan Mennonite Conference. Join me as I feature a few highlights from the previous year.

CELEBRATING STUDENT SUCCESS. I enjoyed accompanying the super talented **EMU Chamber Singers** under the direction of Dr. Benjamin Bergey on its Ohio and Indiana Spring break tour. We are raising money for the choir to embark on a European tour this summer. The group visited 11 churches and schools. It was a lovely time to engage with so many alumni, friends and prospective students of EMU.

In addition to 50 undergraduate programs, EMU is home to 11 graduate programs and a seminary. One such graduate program is in the Center for Justice and Peacebuilding (CJP). A new student in CJP is **Anna Dovbyck from Ukraine**. She joins students from USA, South Korea, Japan, North Sudan, South Sudan, Rwanda, Kongo, Liberia, Mozambique, Iran, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, and India. Her family has been upended by the war and a best friend is on the front lines in Donbas. She says: "Amidst the turmoil, I began to ask myself: what can I do? Getting a professional education in conflict transformation and work with trauma became my way of responding to the challenges of the war. And so now I find myself studying in the Center for Justice and Peacebuilding at Eastern Mennonite University. It is probably the first time in recent adult years that I feel so much in my place, and so motivated."

UPGRADING FACILITIES. We've just completed a major renovation in University Commons, creating a new student union and new admissions space. Now we are turning our attention to a new Track and Field Complex, looking for "pace setting" gifts to completely build a new complex. We've already raised over half of the total. We are also replacing our aging Turf Field for soccer, lacrosse and field hockey. The third imminent capital project this year is the architectural design and specs for a new facility to house a fabrication lab for our growing Engineering program. We were so pleased to receive ABET accreditation for our engineering program this summer. Precious few private liberal arts colleges in the country receive this coveted validation.

Thank you for your partnership in prayer, encouraging prospective students, and offering generous financial support. Mennonite students still comprise well over one-quarter of our traditional undergraduate student body.

In gratitude,
Susan Schultz Huxman, Ph.D., President, EMU

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How can EMU serve you?

Contact the church relations office to schedule the president or a faculty guest speaker: 540-432-4597 or ChurchRelations@emu.edu.

Indiana-Michigan Conference Connections to EMU

Undergraduate Students

Nine undergraduate students from Central District Mennonite Conference were enrolled in the spring 2022 semester.

Giving

Indiana-Michigan Mennonite Conference churches gave \$33,562 in matching church grants during the year ending June 2022.

- ▶ **Susan Schultz Huxman**,
President
- ▶ **Kirk Shisler**, *Vice President for
Advancement*
- ▶ **Braydon Hoover**, *Associate Vice
President of Advancement*
- ▶ **Luke Litwiller**, *Director of
Undergrad Admissions*

Our Vision

*EMU envisions a learning
community marked by academic
excellence, creative expression,
professional competence,
and passionate Christian faith,
offering healing and hope in
our diverse world. To this end, we
commit ourselves
to do justice, love mercy and
walk humbly with God.*