



*Prepared to serve and
lead in a global context*

FALL 2021

MOSAIC MENNONITE CONFERENCE

EMU ANNUAL REPORT

Greetings from EMU to our greater church family!

A new academic year at EMU is underway. It's good to see so much vitality on campus. We met enrollment targets--remarkable in a year when few to no visitors were allowed on campus as part of safety pandemic protocol. We have been blessed with some key indicators of strong university health in 2021, even amidst the pandemic, including:

COMMUNITY. It is no coincidence that our small size, rural location, compassionate community, and Christian values helped us weather the "white waters" of COVID well. We took sustenance from our faith inspired mission: *"to prepare students to serve and lead in a global context in the spirit of Micah 6:8: to do justice, love mercy and walk humbly with God."* We learned the true meaning of resilience. Students were willing to social distance and wear masks because they too sensed how important in person engagement was to their education. Our students' selfless devotion to each other was at times heroic!

MOBILITY. We have committed to do more in word and deed around building a more diverse, inclusive community, diffusing political polarization, and creating equity in regard to student tuition assistance. Why? Because we are committed to social mobility—it is an ethic of responsibility that echoes in our bold vision *"to open pathways of access and achievement to all students who aspire to be unifying leaders"* and it is essential if we are to remain a credible leader in the higher ed space as a faith-informed peace and justice university.

OPPORTUNITY. The etymology of the word "crisis" stems from two opposing words: danger and opportunity. We seized opportunities in the pandemic. Our fundraising efforts ran ahead of last year by 5%. We are so thankful for our many generous supporters who choose to invest in us with joy and enthusiasm in a year "like no other." I invite you to check out our [Forward Together campaign](#). Our signature cross-cultural program is up and going --Lithuania this past summer and SouthEast Asia this Fall. All our sports teams and fine arts performances are back in action.

I leave you with these words of blessing that have guided my way these past months: May the God of hope be a lamp unto your feet, and a light upon your path.

In gratitude for your prayers and support, Susan

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

Mosaic Mennonite Conference Connections to EMU

Trustees

Evon Bergey, Liza Heavener, Charlotte Hunsberger, Stephen Kriss, Chad Lacher, Manuel Nuñez

Students

Twenty-four undergraduate students, four graduate students and one seminary student from Mosaic Mennonite Conference are enrolled in the fall 2021 semester.

Giving

Mosaic Mennonite Conference churches gave \$40,275 in matching church grants to their students and over \$590 to the university fund during the year ending June 2021.

- ▶ **Susan Schultz Huxman**, *president*
- ▶ **Kirk Shisler**, *vice president for advancement*
- ▶ **Braydon Hoover**, *director of development & annual giving*
- ▶ **Matthew Ruth**, *director of 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.