



*Preparing students to serve and lead in a global context*

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MOSAIC MENNONITE CONFERENCE

EMU ANNUAL REPORT

### Greetings from President Huxman

A new academic year at EMU is underway and WE ARE READY!

READY to dive into this year with vigor and renewed purpose!

READY to welcome the new members of the EMU Executive Leadership Team:

**Dr. Tynisha Willingham**, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs and

**Dr. Shawn Ramer**, Chief Operating Office and Vice President of Finance!

READY to celebrate new employees who are ready to soar—make that “Roar” as EMU Royals!

READY to embark on a new strategic plan: “Pathways of Promise: Preparing Tomorrow’s Unifying Leaders!”

READY to launch EMU’s first comprehensive philanthropic campaign: “Forward Together!”

READY to move mounds of earth to build a state-of-the-art track and field complex!

And most importantly, READY to live into our mission each and every day: “*to prepare students to serve and lead in a global context*” in the spirit of Scripture “*to do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with God.*”

Before students arrived on campus for this new academic year, EMU faculty and staff gathered together to focus on the possibilities of the coming year and reflect on the question, “*Why EMU for century two?*” From our inception in 1917, EMU has held faith-formation as a critical component to holistic education. The first four required courses for the seven men and women who enrolled at EMU in the midst of World War I and the Spanish flu included: Bible, Literature, Music and Agriculture! We don’t require Music and Agriculture/sustainability anymore (though we strongly support it) but we do still require Bible and Literature. **Our faculty are well equipped to walk alongside our students inside and outside the classroom, not only providing guidance on careers and relationships but also offering a listening ear on questions of faith formation and identity.**

THIS is the answer to “*Why EMU for century two?*”! As the literary journalist Anna Quindlin once said: “It’s so much easier to craft a résumé than to craft a soul.” EMU is in the business of crafting souls.

Thank you for assisting us in fulfilling our mission, and for your partnership in prayer and support.

In gratitude,

Susan Schultz Huxman, Ph.D.  
President, EMU

### 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](mailto:ChurchRelations@emu.edu)

### Mosaic Mennonite Conference Connections to EMU

#### Trustees

Liza Heavener, Beny Krisbianto, Stephen Kriss, Chad Lacher, and Manuel Nuñez

#### Students

Sixteen undergraduate students, one graduate student and seven seminary students from Mosaic Mennonite Conference are enrolled in the fall 2023 semester.

#### Giving

Mosaic Mennonite Conference churches gave \$63,400 in matching church grants to their students, over \$445 to the university fund, and over \$200 to the seminary fund during the year ending June 2023.

- **Susan Schultz Huxman**,  
*president*
- **Kirk Shisler**, *vice president for advancement*
- **Braydon Hoover**, *associate vice president of advancement*
- **Mary Jensen**, *vice president for enrollment and strategic growth*
- **Luke Litwiller**, *director of undergraduate 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.*