

EMU Statements

MISSION

EMU prepares students to serve and lead in a global context.

Our community of learning integrates Christian faith, academic rigor, artistic creation and reflective practice informed by the liberal arts, interdisciplinary engagement and cross-cultural encounter.

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.

VALUES

EMU's mission and vision are grounded in the enduring Biblical values of Christian discipleship, community, service and peace.

These values are embodied throughout the university in our distinctive commitment to peacebuilding, social justice, cross-cultural engagement and sustainability. Rooted in the Anabaptist tradition, we follow Jesus' call to bear witness to truth, serve with compassion, and walk boldly in the way of nonviolence and peace.

VERSE

EMU elevates its learning community to "do justice, love mercy and walk humbly with God" (Micah 6:8).

LIFE TOGETHER

Commitments for a Community of Learning

1. Love for God and one another.

Our most important work is to love as God loves us as shown in the life of Jesus.

2. Wisdom. Our learning community pursues truth and seeks wisdom in its practice.

3. Equality. Because each person has immeasurable worth in God's eyes, we value participatory processes and pedagogies.

4. Sustainability. We strive to use God's gifts wisely and generously, emphasizing well-being and supporting policies that enable students and employees to live balanced lives.

5. Accountability. Our individual and collective actions affect the health of the entire community.

IDENTITY

EMU is an educational institution of Mennonite Church USA. Founded in 1917 in Harrisonburg, Virginia, EMU serves students of diverse religious and cultural backgrounds and confers undergraduate, graduate and seminary degrees.