

# 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

We, the community of learners—students, faculty and staff—of Eastern Mennonite University value:

### *Academic Excellence*

As a teaching university, we prioritize student learning. Our approach to teaching and learning is equitable and engaged as we seek to inspire curiosity, creativity and academic achievement.

### *Peace and Justice*

As a leader in peacebuilding, conflict transformation and restorative justice, we pursue peace by teaching and practicing intercultural understanding, justice and equity, and environmental sustainability. We value diversity and seek to form unifying, inclusive leaders.

### *Active Faith*

As a community, we seek to embody faith in action and serve and learn together to repair harm and restore hope. Shaped by Anabaptist-Mennonite beliefs and practices and the life and teachings of Jesus, we practice compassion, mutual love, and appreciation for the diversity of religious and cultural expressions represented in our community.

## 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.