

OFFICE OF FAITH AND SPIRITUAL LIFE

Reimagined for the 2021-22 academic year



EMU 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.

AND 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.

Eastern Mennonite University, founded in 1917, is an educational institution of Mennonite Church USA, serving students of diverse religious and cultural backgrounds. EMU confers undergraduate, graduate, and seminary degrees in the liberal arts, applied sciences, and professions.

STUDENT LIFE

PURPOSE STATEMENT

Towards academic success, holistic wellbeing, and social accountability, Student Life facilitates the growth of diverse and inclusive learning and living communities through resourcing, education, and shared experiences with all students.

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The Office of Faith and Spiritual Life fosters relationships of hospitality, healing, and hope; encourages spiritual formation, active faith, and interfaith literacy; welcomes questions and doubts; and explores values and vocation, with EMU Mission, Vision, and Values and the Student Life Division purpose as foundations.

PRIORITIES

1. Encourage holistic wellbeing for all students through spiritual mentoring, pastoral care and counseling, the compassion fund and EMU community care.
2. Collaborate with academic leaders to elevate spiritual formation throughout the curriculum equipping students for theological faith formation, interfaith engagement, and exploration of vocation.
3. Facilitate expressions of Christian worship, community service experiences and engagement with shared EMU values.
4. Nurture campus culture that equips all EMU community members to dialogue across differences and participate in our transformation towards a just and compassionate world.

STAFF

University Chaplain/Director of the Office of Faith and Spiritual Life with Student Chaplain and Student Chaplain Assistant positions.