

Breakout Sessions for F/S Conference 2018

The Center for Sustainable Climate Solutions: Acting on climate change from an Anabaptist tradition

Science Center, S106

Doug Graber Neufeld and Daniel Bellerose

Climate change, as is frequently said, “is now, is serious, and is us.” What response then is consistent with our call to do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with God? The Center for Sustainable Climate Solutions was established two years ago as a unique collaboration between EMU, Goshen College and MCC, working to have a voice of Mennonites, and to Mennonites, on the urgent issue of climate change. This session will outline the approach and programs undertaken by CSCS to have a meaningful impact, and will explore some of the key questions that have come out of our first years of work.

Three Hours and a World Away: EMU's Third Way in DC

Stite Conference Room

Kim Schmidt, Ryan Good, Karlyn Gehring

The Washington Community Scholars' Center (WCSC) serves EMU students and the surrounding community by combining internships, career development, mentorship, and field-based learning in Washington, DC. Come learn how the WCSC has prepared students to lead and serve in an increasingly urban, diverse and challenging global context since 1976!

Restorative Justice: A public theology for a vibrant social movement

Martin Chapel

Presentation Panel:

- Johonna Turner, Zehr Institute for Restorative Justice
- Carl Stauffer, Zehr Institute for Restorative Justice
- Jon Swartz, Student Life, Accountability & Restorative Justice, and
- Meg Sander, RJ in Education program

What does justice look like for you? Restorative Justice (RJ) not only presents an alternative way of thinking about interpersonal justice, it also offers a pathway toward social justice. RJ generates a ‘third way’ approach for how to build healthy, collaborative relationships internally in family, church and between groups, and a roadmap for how to externally transform harmful institutions and systems in the public domain. In this session we will explore RJ, discuss the theology behind it, and provide an overview of the Zehr Institute for Restorative Justice including highlights of past work and future plans. We will also share examples of RJ partnerships being forged locally and across the university campus, and highlight RJ training opportunities for faculty and staff in the coming year.