

**Eastern Mennonite University
Lehman Auditorium & Zoom**
Tuesday, August 17, 2021

Zoom link:

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8:30 a.m.	Gathering *featuring slide show of new employees
8:45 a.m.	Welcome
8:55 a.m.	Worship & Storytelling
9:40 a.m.	Plenary Session “ <i>Grow Through It</i> ” Dr. Chris Johnson, MDiv ‘10
10:25 a.m.	Coffee Break – Park View Credit Union
10:55 a.m.	Conversation with Dr. Chris Brian Martin Burkholder, Moderator
11:25 a.m.	Wrap-up and sending
11:30 a.m.	Adjourn

Speaker: Dr. Christopher Johnson, Sr. is the founder and lead pastor of Divine Unity Community Church in Harrisonburg, VA. He often encourages others to “be the work, before you do the work” - demonstrating the importance of cultivating one’s character, authenticity, substance and humility. Dr. Chris carries the unique mantle of leading a multi-ethnic, multicultural, and multi-generational ministry; and holds a great passion to see revived lives actively glorifying God. Hand in hand with his wife, Cherelle and along with their three children, Chloe, Chris Jr. aka Chip, and Caleb, they serve their church, community, and God faithfully.

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8:30 a.m.	Gathering
8:45 a.m.	Welcome and opening hymn
8:55 a.m.	President’s Address Dr. Susan Schultz Huxman
9:40 a.m.	Coffee Break - Everence
10:10 a.m.	Storytelling & Closing Worship
11:00 a.m.	Adjourn
	<u>Evening Events:</u>
5:00 p.m.	For EMU Lancaster Employees: Embrace the Island Party <i>Cityscape Rooftop and Caribbean Wave Jamaican Jerk</i>
6:00 p.m.	For Harrisonburg & DC Employees/Retirees: EMU Community Picnic <i>Thomas Plaza and Front Lawn</i>

Master of Ceremonies: Braydon Hoover
Worship Leaders: Benjamin Bergey, Sarah Bixler
Musicians: David Berry, Perry Blosser, Sara Halteman, Caleb Schrock-Hurst, Kim Souther
Storytellers: Ryan Good, Ashley Kishorn, Maria Esther Showalter, John Sibole

Planning Committee: Fred Kniss, Chair, Benjamin Bergey, Stephen Farrar, Braydon Hoover, Carol Hurst, Mary Jensen, Laura Lehman, Amy Springer Hartsell, Shelby Tinsley, Don Tyson

2021 Faculty Staff Conference - Purpose Statement:

The 2021 EMU fall conference seeks to cultivate community among faculty and staff. We welcome new employees and provide space to reconnect with colleagues across the university. We seek to energize ourselves for a new academic year through worship, storytelling, breakout sessions, conversation and fellowship.

This year's conference, "Grow Together," will support our strategic plan goal, *Grow*, in an effort to strengthen a sense of vitality and momentum in EMU's mission and organizational health. Focusing on a diverse understanding of growth, we will explore the theme of healthy growth by embodying the many ways our community is alive, and sharing that vibrancy with our community. This year's speaker, **Rev. Chris Johnson**, will assist us in exploring the idea of growth from various angles that help us imagine our own life and growth.

Here Together Projects

We will engage as a group in a series of planned projects designed to bring a sense of joy and momentum to our work and share it with our local community. You are welcome to attend any events you'd like, but please remember to participate in the ones you signed up for. See the schedule here emu.edu/conference.

Coffee Break Sponsors

Park View Federal Credit Union - Park View Federal Credit Union was first established on the campus of EMC in 1969 by EMC faculty and staff, and operated out of the Science Center for the first 11 years! PVFCU continues to serve the EMU faculty, staff, student, and alumni community, with one simple goal: to help improve your financial life. We are grateful for their generous support of EMU as sponsors of the Tuesday Faculty Staff Conference coffee break. www.pvfcu.org

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