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Dear Young Anabaptists,

Grace and peace to you on behalf of the YABs (Young Anabaptists) Committee!

Since the Global Youth Summit (GYS) in Pennsylvania, USA, during summer 2015, we have organized an annual YABs Fellowship Week to build on the opportunity to intentionally connect with and fellowship cross-culturally with YABs – young Anabaptists (ages 18–30) – through Bible discussion, worship, prayer and the sharing of stories.

As the YABs committee, our vision is that on the foundation of our Anabaptist identity, through global and local networking, we can walk together, empowering and supporting each other as young Anabaptists in fellowship, decision making and peacemaking initiatives. Our Anabaptist community is small enough that often we don't realize we have a global community that shares our same roots in Anabaptism.

This year's **third annual YABs Fellowship Week, 17–24 June 2018**, continues to strengthen our global sense of Anabaptist community within the young adult context. We invite youth and young adult groups from all over the world to participate (see below).

The event lasts a full week because many youth and young adult groups meet on different days during the week and not exclusively on Sundays. A week gives more flexibility for a variety of contexts and schedules around the world.

As young people, we are not just the future of the church, but the present. As a diverse family, we all have gifts and lessons to offer in our local and global church, both as individuals and collective cultures. So consider this **an official invitation to participate** in YABs Fellowship Week by sharing your stories, songs and prayer requests to teach and encourage each other.

Although we can't be together physically, we can worship together in spirit and in truth as we strive to live Kingdom-focused lives in our respective cultures and countries.

How can you participate? Here are some suggestions:

- **Use and adapt the materials** (posted on Facebook and our [website](#)) with your group.
- **Organize a YABs Fellowship Week event** with other youth/young adult groups in your area/region. It doesn't have to be complicated; just get together to worship, play, discuss and pray together.

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- **Participate in live online video chats** during the week to meet other YABs from around the world face-to-face!
- **Follow us** on Facebook and Instagram to stay engaged via social media! **#YABs #mwcmm**
- **Share with us!** It could be the impact of GYS, **a story** of how God is working in your local context, a meaningful worship **song**, a **prayer/request**, etc. Please send these to us via Facebook or by email at [yabs@mwc-cmm.org](mailto:yabs@mwc-cmm.org).
- **Send us feedback** on YABs Fellowship Week after the event and submit input on future YABs projects via the following link: <https://goo.gl/forms/p085t62OGmZB8SZj2>
- **Contribute to next year's resources:** send prayers, songs or testimonies on living out Anabaptist identity as young people in your context.

Thank you for joining us in this endeavour! We eagerly anticipate hearing from you and are so grateful that God has blessed us with you all as a part of our global family! Please feel free to contact your regional YABs representative with any questions you may have.

May the peace of Christ be with you and may his Word dwell in you richly,

The YABs Committee

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