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Dear Young Anabaptists,

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

Since the last Global Youth Summit (GYS) in Pennsylvania, USA, in 2015, we have organized an annual YABs Fellowship Week during the third week of June. This event intentionally connects young Anabaptists (ages 18-30) across cultures through Bible discussion, worship, prayer and the sharing of stories.

The vision of the YABs Committee is built on the foundation of our Anabaptist identity, fulfilled through global and local networking. We walk together, empowering and supporting each other in fellowship, decision-making and peace-making initiatives. Though our community is small within the Christian communion, we have this global family that shares our same roots in Anabaptism.

The **fourth annual YABs Fellowship Week** (16–23 June) works to strengthen our global sense of Anabaptist community within the young adult context. During this week, youth and young adult groups from all over the world participate (see below) by sharing prayer requests and praise with each other and discussing Scripture based on the theme: **Salt and light: exploring our identity then and now.**

We decided to select a week instead of a day since many youth and young adult groups meet different days during the week. A week gives more flexibility for the different contexts and schedules of young adult groups around the world.

Young people 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 with other young Anabaptists around the world so that we can 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 cultures and countries.

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How exactly can you participate? Good question. Here are some suggestions below!

- **Use and adapt the materials** (Scripture, songs, discussion questions, prayer requests, testimonies, media, etc.) to your youth or young adult group that week. Watch for these materials to be available via Facebook and our [website](#).
- **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 or prayer request**, etc. We want to be able to share these things on a broader scale, so please send these to us via [Facebook](#) or by email at yabs@mwc-cmm.org.
- **Organize a YABs Fellowship Week event** in your local community with other youth/young adult groups! Take advantage of the opportunity to enjoy fellowship within the broader Anabaptist community in your area/region. It doesn't have to be complicated; just get together to worship, play, discuss and pray together.
- **Join the discussion in a private [FB group](#)** and meet other YABs from around the world and share conversations on your different perspectives. You can find the FB group at www.facebook.com/groups/younganabaptists
- **Follow us** on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) to stay engaged via social media! **#YABs #mwcmm**
- **Send us feedback** on YABs Fellowship Week after the event and submit input on future YABs projects here: <https://forms.gle/kF7uEduiwjmAmCs8>

Thank you for joining us in this endeavour! We eagerly anticipate hearing from you. We 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.

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

The YABs Committee

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