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GYS: Global Youth Summit 2021


GYS is a gathering of Young Anabaptists (age 18+) from all over the world. The fourth Global Youth Summit will be held just before Assembly Gathered of Mennonite World Conference, on 2–5 July 2021 in Salatiga, Central Java, Indonesia (about 50 km south of Semarang, location of Assembly Gathered, 6–11 July 2021). Participants at GYS will learn through teaching, interacting, worshipping and playing alongside youth from different cultures and contexts.

Days will include worship, workshops, games, music from different countries and time for fellowship with young people from around the world.

Who will your church send to participate in this once-every-six-years opportunity to learn, serve and worship in one spirit along with youth from around the world?

In addition to the participants, each MWC member church can select one young person to represent them as an official delegate. These young leaders will be asked to survey the youth in their national church and report to other GYS delegates.

During delegate sessions at GYS, these representatives will present their reports and discuss topics concerning youth, church and Anabaptist faith. Delegates will be responsible to lead a worship session with their continent group. After GYS, the delegates report back to their national church about what they learned and experienced.

“The best thing about GYS for me was worshipping God together in different languages but one mind.”
Marisabel Castillo, GYS 2015 participant, Costa Rica

“The best thing about the GYS was meeting different people from around the globe and learning as a group.”
Wycliff Ochieng Otiento, GYS 2015 delegate, Kenya
At the last GYS, a delegate from each continent was chosen to represent the young Anabaptists from their continent. These delegates, together with their mentor Tigist Tesfaye (Ethiopia), form the YABs committee.

The YABs Committee organizes the following GYS. During the years between GYS, they also connect with young people in their region, organize YABs Fellowship Week, and engage young adults around the world through social media (Facebook www.facebook.com/younganabaptists/, Instagram www.instagram.com/younganabaptists/).

If you have a question about young Anabaptists around the world, please contact the YABs committee through Facebook or by email (yabs@mwc-cmm.org).

If you have questions about GYS, write to Indonesia2021@mwc-cmm.org.

Meet the YABs committee:

Ebenezer Mondezn (Philippines) for Asia and the Pacific;
Larissa Swartz (USA) for North America;
Jantine Brouwer-Huisman (Netherlands) for Europe;
Makadunyiswe Doublejoy Ngulube (Zimbabwe) for Africa;
and Oscar Suárez (Colombia) for Latin America.

More than just gathering: Taste and see the LORD is good

Semarang offers Javanese hospitality and warmth and many cultural heritage sites rich in religious colours.

“Everyone is guaranteed to be comfortable in Semarang, because this city has high pluralism and is very tolerant,” says Indonesia Minister of Tourism Mr. Arief Yahya.

Experience Indonesia:

visit Thekelan Village

Thekelan Village is known for its tolerance among different religious. Every Christmas, Buddhists and Muslims in the region visit the church in Thekelan Village to wish the Christians a Merry Christmas.

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