

Dear Young Anabaptists,

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

Last summer brought us youth and young Anabaptists (ages 18+) the opportunity to connect and fellowship cross-culturally at the Global Youth Summit (GYS) before the MWC Assembly in Harrisburg, Pa. More than 400 of us from around the world came together at Messiah College in Pennsylvania, USA, for teaching, workshops, worship in song, sharing our gifts and much more. There, the five of us new YABs committee members met each other and were asked to serve as continental representatives.



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 in fellowship, decision making and peace-making initiatives. Though our Anabaptist community is small, we share theological roots with Christians across the globe.

That is why this year we are planning the **first annual YABs Fellowship Week**, with the focus on strengthening our global sense of Anabaptist community among young adults. It will be a week during which youth and young adult groups from all over the world can join together in spirit by sharing prayer requests and praise with each other, and discussing Scripture based on a certain theme. It will take place during the third week of June (19–26) to allow flexibility for the different contexts and schedules of young adult groups around the world.

As young people, we are not merely the future of the Church, but also the present. So this is your **official invitation to participate** in YABs Fellowship Week. Although we can't be together physically, we can take the opportunity to 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? 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 share these things on a broader scale, so please send via [Facebook](#) or by email at yabs@mwc-cmm.org
- **Follow us** on Facebook and Instagram to stay engaged via social media! **#YABs**

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,

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