



# YABs Fellowship Week 2026

## Worship Resources

Prepared by the YABs Committee for 14–21 June 2026

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### 1 Theme and texts

**a. Theme:**

**Solidarity in action: from fellowship to impact**

**b. Why this theme was chosen:**

Solidarity is not merely agreement. It is commitment. It is choosing to remain connected even when we are different so that our unity becomes visible, practical and transformative.

Fellowship creates belonging, encouragement, and shared joy. But fellowship is not meant to end with comfort. It is meant to lead to action. When young believers gather, pray and grow together, something powerful happens. Solidarity shifts us from simply meeting to working together for something greater.

Our fellowship should move us outward, toward service, justice, evangelism and peacebuilding.

**c. Biblical texts:**

**Philippians 2:1–5**

“...make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind.... Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus...” (NRSVUE)

**James 2:17–18**

“So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead. But someone will say, ‘You have faith, and I have works.’ Show me your faith apart from works, and I by my works will show you faith.”

### 2 Songs suggestions

**From MWC International Songbook 2022**

1. *Siyahamba / We Are Marching* (#16)
2. *You’re Not Alone / Tu n’es pas seul / Kau Tak Sendiri* (#39)



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### 3 Additional resources in this package

- **Testimonies** of living out solidarity in the church or community.
- **Prayer requests:** young Anabaptists from around the world share concerns and joys for communal prayer.

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**4 Discussion Questions**

1. What does it look like to carry one another's burdens in a young Anabaptist community?
2. In what ways can we strengthen unity across different cultures, languages or backgrounds?
3. How can we build peace in a world that normalizes violence and revenge?
4. In what ways can young believers practice reconciliation in their schools, workplaces and families?
5. How do we remain faithful to our convictions while respecting those who disagree with us?
6. What challenges make it difficult to live out your faith publicly?
7. What local issues in our communities require Christian solidarity today?
8. What fears stop young people from stepping into leadership or service?
9. How can we ensure that fellowship does not become comfort without mission?
10. If Jesus sent us today, where would he send us and to whom?

**5 Additional resources online**



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- Greeting videos
- Follow our Facebook ([@younganabaptists](https://www.facebook.com/younganabaptists)) and Instagram ([@younganabaptists](https://www.instagram.com/younganabaptists)) for updates during YABs Fellowship Week!



Post your photos, videos and comments as you celebrate YABs Fellowship Week.

**6 Share!**

-  Take pictures and share on Facebook and Instagram! **#YABs #mwcmm #solidarity**
-  Also send through Facebook Messenger or email [yabs@mwc-cmm.org](mailto:yabs@mwc-cmm.org)
-  Help us prepare for future fellowship weeks and YABs projects by sending your suggestions to [yabs@mwc-cmm.org](mailto:yabs@mwc-cmm.org)

**The biblical texts, prayers, song suggestions, sermon ideas, testimonies and other resources in this package have been prepared by members of MWC out of their experience in their local context. The teaching does not necessarily represent an official MWC position.**

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## Testimonies

### Africa

A few months ago, I faced a very difficult time in my personal life and spiritual journey. I was struggling with challenges that seemed impossible to overcome.

During this period, my church community noticed my struggles and immediately came to my aid. The young people and church leaders prayed with me, encouraged me and even offered practical support to help me meet my needs.

Their solidarity gave me hope and helped me overcome the situation.

This experience taught me the real meaning of solidarity in action. It strengthened my faith, changed my perspective and motivated me to act with compassion and support for others.

Fellowship can transform lives and create a lasting positive impact in the community.

—*Brother Napoleon Chance Bisi, youth leader and communication and media officer, Mennonite Voice DRC, Democratic Republic of the Congo*

### North America

Through Mennonite World Conference, I experienced true fellowship with believers from around the world. What began as worship and learning together became something deeper. Real connections with people who share a love for Christ and for peace.

Even after attending just one event (Global Youth Summit 2025), I now have friendships across nations. This showed me that fellowship is not just about gathering, but about building a global community that supports, encourages and walks together in faith.

This experience has been life-giving and has opened my eyes to the power of solidarity in action. How coming together as one body in Christ can create lasting impact beyond borders.

—*Louisa Adria, First Mennonite Church, Edmonton, Alberta, Mennonite Church Canada*

Melvin Banda



Youth from the Mennonite Brethren church in Mozambique (led by the MB bishop from Malawi) discuss the challenges and opportunities of youth ministry in their context.

Elina Ciptadi



The Global Youth Summit (GYS) at Schönblick, Schwäbisch-Gmünd, Germany, 30 May–1 June 2025. Youth and young adult participants dramatize a lesson during teaching time.



Eve Franklin



Young people of the Durg congregation of Mennonite Church India celebrate YABs Fellowship Week in 2025. On the poster behind them Y represents “we are all equal; no one is greater or lesser than anyone else”; A says “Neither black nor white – we are all one in the Lord”; B represents “We all belong to the same family”; S means “many nations, one church, one Christ.” The S shape is filled with flags of countries where MWC and MCC are involved in ministry.

## Asia

Christians in a nearby village faced severe persecution. They were targeted because of their faith, forced out of their homes and their houses were burned. In an instant, they lost everything. They were left without even the most basic necessities required for survival.

During this difficult time, churches from nearby areas came together to help them. Though the people affected were strangers to them, they chose to stand in solidarity. Each church contributed whatever they could.

Our church collected blankets, money and essential items such as toothpaste, soap and other daily necessities. Together, we packed these items and sent them to support those in need.

Though we were complete strangers to each other, we were moved by their plight. We could not stop ourselves from caring, giving and standing with them. There was no personal connection, yet there was love, unity and compassion that comes from following Jesus. Despite our different cultures and backgrounds, we are united by a shared faith that teaches us to love, serve and seek peace.

In this unity, I discovered the true meaning of solidarity: standing alongside others, especially in their struggles.

This experience taught me that solidarity is not just a feeling of togetherness, but a call to action. It is shown through small yet meaningful acts of kindness, by supporting others without expecting anything in return. Through this, I saw how faith can bring people together to create real impact.

Even in difficult times, solidarity can bring hope and healing.

This incident strengthened my belief that when we come together in love and faith, we truly reflect the heart of Christ. Solidarity, then, becomes a way of living. One that transforms both those who give and those who receive.

This act of love deeply inspired us as youth, shaping our understanding of faith in action and motivating us to respond with empathy, courage and willingness to serve others in times of need. This shows us how the church lives out its faith. It encourages us to carry forward this spirit of compassion and solidarity into future generations.

—Ms. Shifa Sidh, Mennonite Church Rajnandgaon (C.G.), India



## Prayer requests

Eleazar Tetteh Larweh



**“One body in praise of the maker. Samanya District of the Mennonite Church—Ghana (three congregations: Somanya, Pimpimso, and Koforidua) converged at Koforidua for a joint service for YABs Fellowship Week in 2025. Participants wore customized clothing with the YABs logo,”** says Eleazar Tetteh Larweh.

### Africa

#### Democratic Republic of Congo

- Pray that our Mennonite churches are strengthened through the Spirit, revived in faith and filled with courage, holiness and truth.
- Pray that the church stands firm and faithful to God’s Word without compromise.
- Pray for protection from discouragement, division and fear. May the church shine as a beacon of hope, transforming lives and nations.
- Pray that every trial turns into testimony as God’s glory is revealed in power.

#### Zimbabwe

- Pray that God helps us love, support and care for one another.
- Pray for protection from evil and for hearts filled with compassion, kindness and generosity.
- Pray that God helps us love, support and care for one another and be a beacon of hope in the world.
- Pray for economic stability, provision and a hopeful future for youth and families.
- Pray for wise leadership, justice, freedom and unity and peace among citizens.

- Pray for the church’s protection, spiritual growth, unity, boldness and revival, with strength for leaders and provision for its mission.

### Angola

- Pray for comfort, strength and renewed hope for families affected by the April floods in Benguela and Luanda.
- Pray for provision and support through acts of solidarity for those who have lost homes and belongings.
- Pray for wisdom for authorities and all involved in responding, and for God’s mercy in this time of calamity.

### Malawi

- Pray for spiritual growth, unity and love among youth and elders, that they stand firm in faith and live in harmony.
- Pray for opportunities, provision and economic stability, bringing hope and a better future.
- Pray for wise leadership, peace and safety in the nation, with protection from violence and insecurity.

### Nigeria

- Pray for God’s provision and relief for families facing high cost of living and hardship.
- Pray for restoration of hope and strength for all going through difficult times.

### Uganda

- Pray for mercy and provision for those affected by demolitions and loss of livelihoods, and for relief from rising poverty and theft.
- Pray for wisdom and compassion in leadership and decisions affecting citizens.
- Pray for renewed hope, faith, and commitment in prayer, that hearts will be restored and trust in the church will be strengthened.



## Asia

### India

- Pray for protection and strength for believers facing pressure, opposition, teasing and threats because of their faith.
- Pray for courage for young people, new believers, church leaders and families who feel fear or are forced to hide their faith.
- Pray that God's people will live in love, forgiveness, peace, unity and remain a beacon of hope despite challenges.

### Indonesia

- Pray for peace in Indonesia and stability in the nation.
- Pray for wisdom for government leaders.
- Pray that people will find new hope and vision for their lives, even in an unstable climate.

### Nepal

- Pray for political stability, wise leadership and peace amid ongoing tensions and unrest.
- Pray for believers facing persecution in different parts of the country.
- Pray for the economy, Gen Z influence in society and for God's guidance over the nation, including a stable climate.

### Philippines

- Pray for healing, unity and Christ-centred relationships to grow among communities, churches and leaders.
- Pray for new Christ-centred churches to be established in both urban and rural areas.
- Pray that God would raise up, train and strengthen leaders for effective ministry and discipleship.
- Pray that those in authority would lead with wisdom, integrity, justice and righteousness.



Estika Nanda

**“The Mennonite Church Shantipur youth joyfully celebrated YABs (Young Anabaptist Brotherhood and Sisterhood) by the grace of God. Embracing the beautiful theme “One Body, Many Parts,” each of us dressed in traditional attire representing the unique culture of our respective states, showcasing our rich diversity. We were reminded that though we are different in language, culture and customs, we are united as one family in Jesus Christ, working together for God's glory,” says Pastor Estika Nanda.**

## Europe

### Germany

- Pray for a deeper hunger for God's Word and a greater fear of the Lord.
- Pray that we act out of God's love and generosity with empathy and humility, not fear.
- Pray against cliques, and for unity and openness within the church.
- Pray for a welcoming spirit toward refugees and people who are different.
- Pray for those who are in church asylum, for patience, peace and joy during their stay.
- Pray that more churches respond with compassion and take action to support those in need.

### France

- Pray that youth turn from self-focus to caring for others, opening their eyes to their neighbours and the world.
- Pray for continued growth, encouragement and active involvement of young people following Christ in the church.



## Latin America

### Belize

- Pray for greater seriousness, consistency and faithfulness in ministry.

### Argentina

- Pray for an unprecedented awakening and revival, with young people filled with the Holy Spirit.
- Pray for strength to stand firm in Christ and live according to God's Word without confusion from worldly trends.

### Peru

- Pray for elected officials to govern with wisdom and reverence for God.
- Pray for an end to crime and extortion, and for authorities to act with justice.

### Costa Rica

- Pray for peace in the nation and a decrease in crime and insecurity.
- Pray for wisdom for the government to lead for the well being of all.
- Pray for revival in the church, outreach to those who do not know God and steadfast faith among believers.

### El Salvador

- May Jesus be the centre of the nation, especially in leadership and decision-making.
- Pray for the economy, physical health and a culture of peace.

## North America

### Canada

- Pray for people and communities affected by wildfires, for healing, strength and comfort.
- Pray for rebuilding and restoration of homes and towns.
- Pray for continued support and perseverance for communities recovering long after disasters.



Elina Ciptadi

**Young Anabaptists pray for the concerns of their churches around the world at the Global Youth Summit in Germany in May 2025.**