

Indonesia 2021

06-11
07 2021

bersama-sama mengikuti Yesus melintas batas
sesarengan ngetut wuri Gusti Yesus nratas wewates
following Jesus together across barriers
seguir a Jesús juntos, superando las barreras
suivre Jésus ensemble à travers les frontières

Youth delegate becomes workshop organizer

“The memories are still in my mind,” says Estifanos Gedlu, workshop coordinator for Assembly 17 (a gathering of Anabaptist from around the globe).

A delegate at Global Youth Summit and Assembly 15 in Paraguay in 2009, Estifanos Gedlu left his home country of Ethiopia for the first time to attend.

“I was impressed by the culture of Paraguay: the way they worship; the way they welcomed us.”

Today, he is part of the team shaping this barrier-crossing experience for the Mennonite World Conference event in Semarang, Indonesia.

From 6 to 11 July 2021, there will be daily mass worship, service opportunities, fellowship activities – and two workshop time slots – on the theme “Following Jesus across barriers.”

“We are looking for topics and workshop leaders that reflect the cultural and linguistic diversity of our global communion and are interactive and dynamic,” says Estifanos Gedlu. “In addition to theological and historical workshops, we are particularly interested in including cultural or creative workshops and stories of lived experience.”

A recent engineering graduate before he went to GYS, Estifanos Gedlu was working in campus ministry at Meserete Kristos Church, which led to his opportunity to go to Paraguay.

“From that moment, I read about Anabaptists, I received Courier [MWC’s magazine], I got Info [MWC’s monthly e-newsletter]. I was looped in.”

In Assembly workshops, “I heard interesting stories from countries with similar challenges to those from my home,” he says.

“I learned about different cultures. It is good to see we have this international church.”

He never returned to engineering. Now Estifanos Gedlu is deputy director of leadership transformation at Leadership Transformation Ministries. He works with rural pastors and is an elder in his local church, Dehub Meserete Kristos Church.

The friends he made from around the world at GYS remained close for years, as they started careers and their own families.

“Some of my old friends from GYS may be coming with their children.”

“I’ll do my best to make my part of Assembly interesting and relevant to various contexts,” he says.



Program Committee, from right to left: Estifanos Gedlu, Jessica Mondal, Benjamin Bergey, Natalie Frisk, Frieder Boller, Jardely Martínez.
Photo: Liesa Unger



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**Mennonite
World Conference**
A Community of Anabaptist
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**Congreso
Mundial Menonita**
Una Comunidad de
Iglesias Anabautistas

**Conférence
Mennonite Mondiale**
Une Communauté
d’Églises Anabaptistes

COVID-19 has had an impact in many areas of our lives. As the Assembly planning team, we are still on target to celebrate with you in Indonesia in July 2021. Should a change become necessary we will move the Assembly to a later date. Place and program will stay the same. If we make a change, it will be posted on the MWC website as soon as it is decided. As long as there is no information about a changed date on the website, the planning continues as before.

Assembly Scattered

Before and after Assembly Gathered various locations in Indonesia

2-5 July 2021 **Global Youth Summit (GYS)**
Salatiga, Central Java, Indonesia
Theme:
Life in the Spirit: Learn. Serve. Worship.

6-11 July 2021 **Assembly Gathered**
Holy Stadium, Semarang, Central Java, Indonesia
Theme:
Following Jesus together across barriers.



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Photo: Liesa Unger

Assembly Gathered Program

- July Daily Themes**
- 06 Tuesday (opening) – following Jesus together across barriers
 - 07 Wednesday – following Jesus – learning together
 - 08 Thursday – following Jesus – living together
 - 09 Friday – following Jesus – caring together
 - 10 Saturday – following Jesus – celebrating together
 - 11 Sunday (closing) – following Jesus together

Morning Program

Each morning will feature speakers chosen by the Young Anabaptist Committee and by one of the MWC Commissions. Youth will be actively involved in the program on stage. Singing together will be a major part of our celebration.



Youth Program.
Photo: Heike Martin

Afternoon activities

Afternoon activities will include workshops, service opportunities, local tours, sports, Global Church Village and Anabaptist World Cup.



Service Opportunities.
Photo: John Eby

Evening Worship

Each evening will have special music and speaker from one continent.



Evening Worship.
Photo: Jonathan Charles

Children's All-Day Program

Children will join the morning singing with their families. From there they will be welcomed into their own program in different age groups. The program will involve story telling around the biblical message. There will be games, crafts, singing and tons of fun. The program will include lunch and end before supper.



Children's Program.
Photo: Jonathan Charles

Teen and Youth Program

Youth will have a special focus during all parts of Assembly. This will include small groups for youth, Young Anabaptist speakers, inspiring music, service opportunities, youth-related themes in workshops, sports activities and hang out time at the Global Church Village. And at the end of each full day, there will be a bonus late-evening youth program.



GYS. Photo: Liesa Unger

Registration

Registration opens in December 2020

Registration fee for adults will be D \$550, C \$150, B \$75 or A \$35 US or Rp.500.000 depending on country of citizenship (see rate groups on website). Registration includes lunch and supper, Semarang airport pick-up and drop-off and Semarang hotel shuttles to and from Assembly site.

There will be special rates for children, youth, families, volunteers and GYS attendees. Please see website for more details.

Lodging, breakfast included

Hotel Rooms:
\$30 to \$50 US room per night at a 3- to 4-star hotel
Dormitory-style lodging at local school: \$10 US per person per night

Registration fee GYS:

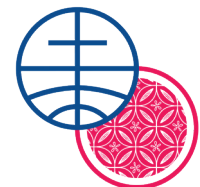
including food and lodging
A \$15, B \$35, C \$75, D \$275 US, E Rp. 200 000.- depending on country of citizenship (see rate groups on website).

For more information

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