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.

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.

“ Someone 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.
New Date
On 18 August 2020, the Executive Committee has decided to move the Assembly by one year to 5-10 July 2022. Indonesia will still be the host country; the Holy Stadium church in Semarang, Central Java, the place for the meeting.

Assembly Scattered
Before and after Assembly Gathered various locations in Indonesia

1-4 July 2022
Global Youth Summit (GYS)
Salatiga, Central Java, Indonesia

5-10 July 2022
Assembly Gathered
Holy Stadium, Semarang, Central Java, Indonesia
Theme: Following Jesus together across barriers.

Assembly Gathered Program

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

Evening Worship.
Photo: Jonathan Charles

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.

Morning Program. Photo: Heike Martin

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

Afternoon activities. Photo: John Eby

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.

Teen and Youth Program. Photo: Heike Martin

Registration
Registration opens in December 2021

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).

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