



Bridgewater College

2025-2026

# Roundtable 2026

## February 27 - March 1

### What in the world is Roundtable?

To explain a little bit about it, I'll tell the story of my first-ever Roundtable experience. Between living 4 hours away and the pandemic, my opportunities to attend Roundtable while I was in high school were limited. I got to participate in the virtual Roundtable in 2021, but that certainly did not do it justice. So when my friend Ewan asked if I wanted to be a part of IYC, I said, "Why not!"

A short week or two later, I was a "newbie" helping out at Roundtable. I didn't know what to expect, but it was awesome. I think going into that weekend with little knowledge about what Roundtable even is gave me a unique perspective. I got to see all of the hard work that goes into putting on a weekend-long retreat filled with all kinds of activities, workshops, and worship services. At first I was thinking, "What on earth did I get myself into?" But coming away from that weekend, I felt extremely lucky to be a part of IYC, and grateful for the opportunity to attend a conference where people get to make new friends and have a ton of fun, all while worshiping and learning more about God. It comes with the bonus of getting to hang out on Bridgewater's beautiful campus. If you've never attended Roundtable before, I strongly encourage you to attend this year. I'm confident you will love it. ~ Stephen Layton



### Roundtable 2026

Get excited for Roundtable 2026! This year, Roundtable will be held Feb. 27- March 1 on the campus of Bridgewater College. This year's theme is "Searching for

Connection: to God & Beyond." The speaker will be Keyon Williamson. He spoke at the 2025 National Junior High Conference and will be a speaker at the 2026 National Youth Conference. He is a student at Duke University Divinity School.

Roundtable Regional Youth Conference is a weekend filled with fun, fellowship, workshops, worship, connections, small groups, vespers, games, a variety show, and much more! Sign up for Roundtable to join in on this fun! Registration will open up in December 2025. Mark your calendars for February 27-March 1, 2026, and register soon!



# Roundtable Offering

This year's offering will go towards **Vine and Fig**, a Harrisonburg-based nonprofit that supports projects that focus on social justice and ecological healing. Their current projects include sustainable farming, providing fresh locally-grown food for food banks, conservation education, and providing households with solar power. Donations to Vine and Fig will stay in the local community and go towards making the Shenandoah Valley a cleaner, more affordable, and more sustainable place to live. Vine and Fig is part of New Community Project.



# A Roundtable Shift

There will be something different in store for us this year at Roundtable 2026. We will be joined by some local Mennonite youth. We have been participating in some joint Brethren/Mennonite youth activities locally and are now expanding that to Roundtable this year. We are excited for the opportunity to learn from and share with our Mennonite friends.

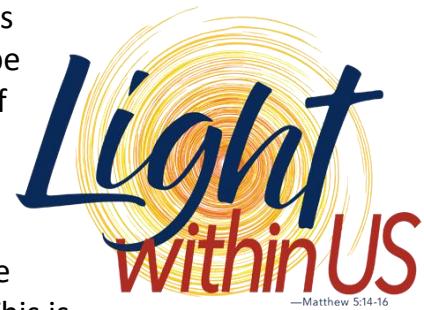
Invite your Brethren (or Mennonite) friends and other Brethren churches to join us at Roundtable.

← Register online for Roundtable  
← using this QR code

# National Youth Conference

What's the 2<sup>nd</sup> biggest youth event of 2026 (after Roundtable, of course)? It's National Youth Conference, which is held only every 4 years. NYC 2026 will be **July 18-23** at the **YMCA of the Rockies in Estes Park, Colorado**. It's a week of fun, worship, learning, music, workshops, small groups, activities, recreation, hiking, serving, and then, more fun!!! This year, as always, there's an impressive cast of speakers, and all the worships and activities are geared just for youth. The theme for the week is **Light Within Us**; "you're here to be light, bringing out the God-colors in the world" (Matthew 5.14). This is a can't-miss opportunity, so go to [brethren.org/nyc/](http://brethren.org/nyc/) to find out all the details about all the fun and to register, which opens January 5. The location for NYC 2026 is an exciting new/old location. NYC was previously held at the YMCA of the Rockies and is a beautiful location in the mountains with lots of exciting recreation options.

**Roundtable** is a great opportunity to prepare for NYC, as we grow together, as we hang out with new and old friends who will also be at NYC, and as we hear and connect with one of the NYC speakers (Keyon Williamson). You'll be even more excited and ready for NYC after a great weekend at Roundtable.



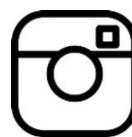
Want to hear more about Roundtable, IYC, and more? Check us out on Facebook and Instagram! We also have a website for Roundtable info, updates, and registration, as well as an email address.

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**Facebook:** Interdistrict Youth Cabinet

**Website:** <http://iycroundtable.wixsite.com/iycbc>

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# Roundtable 2026 Planners!

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Georgia Metz is a pastor in the Mennonite Church USA, currently serving at Shalom Mennonite Congregation in Harrisonburg VA. She graduated from Bluffton University and Iliff School of Theology, and spent 8 years working in college ministry all over the country before coming to Harrisonburg. She enjoys watching scary movies and hiking and biking in the beautiful Shenandoah Valley!



Jordan Hall, a senior at Bridgewater College and goes to Pleasant Valley Church of the Brethren in Weyers Cave, Virginia. She is an environmental science major with a biology minor who hopes to go into aquatic biology. She enjoys creating art and hanging out with her guinea pig named Coal.

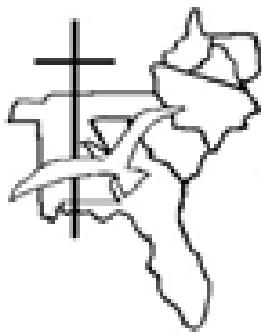


Steve is the pastor at Sangerville Church of the Brethren, longtime advisor of IYC, and a huge fan of the Tennessee Vols and Snoopy



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