

ANE Staff Attend Global Leadership Summit 2026

On August 6 and 7, several ANE District members and staff joined some 400,000 leaders from more than 100 countries for the 2026 Global Leadership Summit (GLS)—two days of learning, encouragement, and leadership development. GLS participants gather at satellite locations around the world; our ANE group met at LCBC Manheim.

The summit brought together leaders from business, education, ministry, and the nonprofit sector, all seeking to grow in their leadership and make a lasting impact in their workplaces, communities, and homes. For those from the ANE District, GLS was a valuable opportunity to hear from world-class speakers, gain fresh perspective, and reflect on the work God has entrusted to us.

Throughout the summit, presenters shared from the perspective of lives and leadership shaped by Christian faith, offering practical wisdom alongside spiritual encouragement.

Several themes and takeaways from the summit included:

- **Everyone has influence.** Leadership isn't limited to a title or position. Each of us has opportunities to influence the people and communities around us.
- **Lead with humility and curiosity.** Good leaders keep learning, ask questions, and remain open to perspectives beyond their own.
- **Be generous with affirmation.** There is power in recognizing and affirming the good we see in others.
- **Take the next best step when you're in the fog.** We don't always have clarity about the whole path ahead. Faithful leadership sometimes means taking the next best step, even if it's small.
- **Borrow belief.** At times when our own courage or confidence is running low, we can give courage to one another by believing in each other and reminding one another of what is possible.
- **Build a big table.** Effective leadership makes room for diverse voices and takes the time to listen to people with different experiences and perspectives.



From left to right: Director of Intercultural Ministries Don Mitchell, Pastor Arlyn Morales, Director of Finance Adam Swartz, Communications & Event Specialist Marianne Fitzkee, and Office Administrator and District Conference Coordinator Kelly Bernstein



Marianne, Kelly, and Adam enjoyed lunch at the Petén Guatemalan Restaurant in Mount Joy

The experience also provided opportunities for fellowship. ANE staff enjoyed spotting other friendly ANE faces representing the organizations for which they work, and Adam, Kelly, and Marianne shared a delicious lunch on Friday from a local Guatemalan restaurant in Mount Joy.

For ANE District staff, participation in GLS reflects our commitment to being lifelong learners. We pray that what we learned at GLS will continue to shape how we serve, lead, listen, and invite others to flourish in the calling God has given them.

ANE LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

In the spirit of building a bigger table, a quick reminder that the Gifts Discernment Team is always intent in our search to find new and inspired voices to join the District Board and Commissions. Our team looks for folks who feel called to do God's work and, therefore, make a real difference in our local communities and congregations.

Please help us identify dedicated people who would like to join us in ministry and service to a wider church community. You may nominate someone, or apply on your own behalf.

A nomination form and position descriptions can be found on the [ANE Website](#) under Resources → Forms. Open positions for the 2028 Slate will be communicated to all ANE congregations at the beginning of 2027, but you can nominate at any time of year and we will add the names to a talent bank for future consideration.

Everyone has influence! Perhaps God is calling you to use yours in a district leadership position.