



Brethren in Christ U.S.

The background for the word 'Multiplica' is a series of overlapping, semi-transparent geometric shapes. These shapes are primarily in shades of pink and yellow, creating a layered, three-dimensional effect. The shapes are arranged in a way that they appear to be part of a larger, complex structure, possibly representing a book or a set of pages.

Multiplica

Program

General Assembly 2026

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Welcome

We are glad to welcome you to Miami, Florida, for the 2026 General Assembly. Thank you for making time to be here. In many ways, these events are like a family reunion. They provide an opportunity for members of the family to gather, connect, fellowship, dialogue, and make decisions that will impact our life and ministry together.

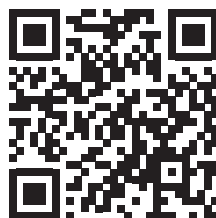
Agenda

All delegates should have received a printed copy of the General Assembly 2026 Agenda upon registration. Digital copies of the agenda can be downloaded online at bicus.org/event/general-assembly-2026

General Assembly App

The information in this printed program, along with the agenda, is available in our Multiplika app.

Go to my.yapp.us/MULTIPLIKA and follow the download instructions.



Prayer

Prayer is an important part of our time together. Join bishops from each region for a time of prayer at 6:45 p.m. on Saturday, Sunday, and Monday evenings in Elim Classroom 1.

Displays

Displays representing several ministries and institutions with a covenant or memorandum of understanding with BIC U.S. will be available in an Elim classroom – which is on the way to the dining area. Please take time to visit the tables for these organizations: BIC U.S. World Missions, Brethren in Christ U.S., Brethren in Christ Foundation, Brethren in Christ Historical Society, Mennonite Central Committee, Messiah University (including the Brethren in Christ Historical Library & Archives and the Sider Institute), Pacific Lifeline, and Paxton Ministries.

Overflow Information

Evening sessions are open to all. If the Elim Sanctuary fills, an overflow space will be available in the Bethel Sanctuary.

Schedule

Friday, July 24, 2026

TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
2:00 p.m.–7:15 p.m.	Registration	Elim Sanctuary
7:30 p.m.–9:00 p.m.	Plenary session 1	
	Aner Morejon	
	<i>Intimacy with the Master</i>	
	<i>John 17:25-26</i>	
	Worship with	Iglesia Cristiana Bethel
	Iglesia Cristiana Bethel	

Saturday, July 25, 2026

TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
9:00 a.m.–11:00 a.m.	Plenary session 2	Elim Sanctuary
11:00 a.m.–11:30 a.m.	Break	
11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.	Breakout sessions	See page 6 for details
12:30 p.m.–2:00 p.m.	Lunch	Elim Fellowship Hall
2:00 p.m.–3:00 p.m.	Breakout sessions	See page 6 for details
3:00 p.m.–3:15 p.m.	Break	
3:15 p.m.–5:15 p.m.	Plenary session 3	Elim Sanctuary
5:30 p.m.–7:15 p.m.	Dinner	Elim Fellowship Hall
6:45 p.m.–7:15 p.m.	Prayer time	Elim Classroom
7:30 p.m.–9:00 p.m.	Plenary session 4	Elim Sanctuary
	Heather Beaty	
	<i>Our Extraordinary God</i>	
	<i>Mark 6:30-44</i>	
	Worship with Iglesia Rescate	

Sunday, July 26, 2026

TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
8:00 a.m.– 12:00 noon	Worship in local churches	See page 10 for details
12:00 noon.–7:00 p.m.	Free time	
6:45 p.m.–7:15 p.m.	Prayer time	Elim Classroom
7:30 p.m.–9:00 p.m.	Plenary session 5	Elim Sanctuary
	Filiberto Zapata	
	<i>“What’s in Your Hands?”</i>	
	<i>Exodus 4</i>	
	Worship with United Worship	

Monday, July 27, 2026

TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
9:00 a.m.–11:00 a.m.	Plenary session 6	Elim Sanctuary
11:00 a.m.–11:30 a.m.	Break	
11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.	Breakout sessions	See page 6 for details
12:30 p.m.–2:00 p.m.	Lunch	Elim Fellowship Hall
2:00 p.m.–3:00 p.m.	Breakout sessions	See page 6 for details
3:00 p.m.–3:15 p.m.	Break	
3:15 p.m.–5:15 p.m.	Plenary session 7	Elim Sanctuary
5:30 p.m.–7:15 p.m.	Dinner	Elim Fellowship Hall
6:45 p.m.–7:15 p.m.	Prayer time	Elim Classroom
7:30 p.m.–9:00 p.m.	Plenary session 8	Elim Sanctuary
	Alan Robinson	
	<i>So...What's Your Point?</i>	
	Worship with Los Hijos de la Fe	

Meals

Saturday lunch, Saturday dinner, Monday lunch, and Monday dinner will be provided for registered attendees during General Assembly. The meals will be served buffet-style in the Fellowship Hall at Elim Church.

Translation

Spanish translation will be provided during all business sessions and selected breakouts. Translation will be done from the stage during the evening services. Headsets for translation of business sessions will be available at the rear of the sanctuary.

Social Media

Follow us on Facebook and Instagram (@brethreninchristus) to see highlights, updates, and important information for General Assembly and beyond.

Use #MultiplicaMiami2026 so we can see your General Assembly 2026 posts.

Nursery/Preschool and Children's Programs (Bethel Children's Rooms)

Welcome to an exciting weekend of faith, fun, friendship, and discovering what it means to shine the light of Jesus!

We are honored that you have chosen to be part of BIC KDZ 2026. Throughout this special weekend, your children will experience dynamic Bible lessons, energetic worship, exciting games, creative activities, hands-on missions, and meaningful friendships - all centered on helping them grow in their relationship with Jesus Christ.

Our theme is based on Acts 1:8, reminding us that God has called each of us to be His witnesses wherever we go. We pray that every child leaves this weekend encouraged, equipped, and inspired to let the light of Jesus shine at home, at school, in their community, and wherever God leads them.

One of the highlights of our weekend will be our Blessing Bag Mission Project, where children will prepare care packages for His House Children's Home. Through this act of kindness, they will learn that sharing the love of Jesus means serving others with compassion and generosity.

Thank you for trusting us with your children. Our dedicated volunteers have been praying for each family and are committed to providing a safe, welcoming, and Christ-centered environment where every child is loved, encouraged, and valued.

We believe God has incredible things in store this weekend, and we can't wait to see each child grow in faith, build lasting friendships, and become a bright light for Jesus.

May God richly bless your family, and thank you for being part of BIC KDZ 2026 – Shine the Light of Jesus!

Youth Programs (Bethel – Back of Sanctuary)

We are excited to welcome the youth to join us on Saturday for a special day of worship, fellowship, games, activities, and Bible-based messages centered on this year's theme, "MULTIPLICA". Throughout the day, we will explore how God can multiply our lives, our gifts, and our influence for His Kingdom. Youth will have the opportunity to connect with other young people from across our BIC fellowship while participating in team competitions, small group discussions, worship, and fun interactive activities.

Our prayer is that every young person leaves encouraged and challenged to make a difference for Christ in their school, home, church, and community. In addition to Saturday's activities, we are planning a field trip on Monday, July 27, where the youth will enjoy a day of learning, fellowship, and fun together.

We believe God has something special in store for our youth during this General Assembly. We look forward to what God will do as we seek to MULTIPLY His Kingdom!

"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations..." – Matthew 28:19

Important Information for Parents

- As a courtesy to our volunteers in children and youth programming, please pick your children up promptly after each session. Check in for children's programs will begin 30 minutes prior to each session.
- Youth will attend evening sessions with their parents every evening.
- The Elim Nursery will be set aside for parents and their infant children.

Breakout Sessions

Saturday (A.M Sessions 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.)

Multiplication Brain Trust

Join a collaborative conversation designed for multiplication and revitalization leaders—past, present, and emerging. This breakout will gather your insights and experiences to identify best practices for healthy multiplication across diverse cultural contexts. Together, we will refine ideas that will help shape future resources for our entire denomination.

Leader: Ericka Henry (Multiplication Coordinator, BIC U.S.)

Location: Bethel Sanctuary

Cultivating a Culture of Belonging: Building Communities Where People Flourish According to Gifting and Calling

Many churches affirm women in ministry, yet affirmation alone does not automatically cultivate a culture of belonging. This breakout session explores both the personal and communal work of building churches where women and men are trusted, developed, and invited to participate fully according to gifting and calling in every level and area of ministry leadership. Together, we'll also reflect on how these same practices help create space for people across differences of age, background, and ability to flourish and participate more fully in the life of the church.

Leader: Maureen Brown (Director, Awaken)

Location: Elim Classroom 2

Q&A: Manual of Doctrine and Government amendments

Ask your questions about the proposed amendments to the Manual of Doctrine and Government before they come up for a vote on Monday.

Leaders: Alan Robinson (National Director) and General Conference Board members Adam Forry and Bonnie Hersbberger

Location: Elim Classroom 3

Compelling Worship

Hear how the new Compelling Worship resource came together and learn practical ways to integrate it into the life of your congregation.

Host: Jennifer Lancaster (Thriving Congregations Program Director/Project 250 Coordinator)

Contributors: Christina Embree (Great Lakes, Open Door), Kara Kacmar (Great Lakes, Fairview), Bryan Leaman (Atlantic, Lancaster), Caleb Nowell (Allegheny, Paramount), Nick Pine (Susquehanna, The Meeting House)

Location: Elim Sanctuary

Breakout Sessions

Saturday (P.M. Sessions 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.)

Before You Go: Engaging Your Congregation in Short-term Trips Well

Short-term mission trips can be a transformational experience. This breakout will explore best practices in preparing for service before you pack your bags, as well as processing your return in ways that help to sustain the changes God has made in you as a participant.

Leaders: Vicky Landis (Mobilization Administrator, BIC U.S.), Jonathan Lloyd (Director of World Missions, BIC U.S.)

Location: Bethel Sanctuary

Small Churches, Big Impact

Congregations don't have to be large to have effective ministry in their communities. Come hear pastors and leaders of congregations with an average attendance of less than 50 (which includes many of our churches!) talk about the ways they serve.

Host: Lynn Thrush (Bishop, Great Lakes)

Panelists: Chi Adeliyi (Great Lakes, East Dayton Fellowship), Christina Bosserman (Great Lakes, New Vision), Ron Davis (Great Lakes, Common Ground), Jonah Langenderfer (Great Lakes, Pleasant Hill)

Location: Elim Classroom 2

One Building, Multiple Churches

How do churches with different cultural backgrounds share the same space on Sundays? Join these leaders to learn more about the best practices for hosting multiple congregations in one building.

Host: Bryan Hoke (Bishop, Atlantic Conference)

Panelists: KrisAnne Swartley (Atlantic, Souderton), Rony Guerra (Atlantic, Iglesia Cristiana Souderton), Brad Stutzman (Allegheny, Mt. Rock Worship Center), Debora Pradhan (Allegheny, Grace Nepali)

Location: Elim Classroom 3

The World at Our Door

Hear from congregations that are engaging with immigrants, international students, and others from around the world who are in their communities and ask questions about their ministry as we explore how these concepts of engagement apply to multiplication.

Host: Bill Donner (Bishop, Pacific)

Panelists: Ron Bowell (Bishop, Midwest), Oscar Gomez (Midwest, Aliento da Vida), Adam Forry (Atlantic, Elizabethtown), Adam Jones (Great Lakes, Open Door), Richard McDonald (Pacific, Gateway-Karis), Milson Ndlovu (Atlantic, Silverdale)

Location: Elim Sanctuary

The History and Life of BIC Churches in Miami

Many pastors and leaders have entered into the Brethren in Christ U.S. since General Assembly was last held in Miami in 2006 and have yet to hear the origin story of the presence and growth of the BIC in Miami. This session is both about sharing the origin story and sharing the present day life of the BIC churches in Miami.

In this session, we will cover the "History" of the BIC in Miami through a dialogue between Devin Manzullo-Thomas and Eduardo Llanes. Devin is director of the BIC Historical Library and Archives, and Eduardo was an influential leader helping to launch the Brethren in Christ in Miami. Following the discussion on history, this session will focus on the present day "Life" of the BIC Miami churches through a dialogue between Joshua Nolt and Anler Morejon. Joshua is the Executive Director for the Historical Society, and Anler pastors Zion Church in Miramar.

Hosts: Devin Manzullo-Thomas and Joshua Nolt

Panelists: Eduardo Llanes and Anler Morejon

Location: Elim Dining Area

Breakout Sessions

Monday (A.M Sessions 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.)

Abiding in Christ – Spiritual Practices that help us sustain an active and loving witness for Christ!

Hear directly from BIC U.S. Global Workers and learn how they incorporate spiritual practices that help them continue in joyful witness in challenging times and places.

Leader: Vicky Landis (Mobilization Administrator, BIC U.S.)

Guests: M. and Y. L. (sensitive area), Yosuel Medina (Ecuador)

Location: Bethel (Back of Sanctuary)

A Healthy Stewardship Journey: Plan Now to Finish Well

We all have history when it comes to managing money. We will explore common challenges and some options to address issues that keep us from effectively stewarding God's resources. Join David Fish and Jonathan Owen from the Brethren in Christ Foundation and BIC U.S. Development Officer, Mark Templeton, to learn about available resources to plan well for the future.

Leaders: David Fish (Controller, Brethren in Christ Foundation), Jonathan Owen (Loan and Operations Officer, Brethren in Christ Foundation),

Mark Templeton (Development Officer, BIC U.S.)

Location: Elim Classroom 2

Pursuing Peace

Join us for a facilitated discussion on what it means to live out our Core Value of pursuing peace in fractured times. This session will explore how this value is integrated into our churches and introduce upcoming projects to equip congregations for pursuing peace.

Facilitators: Matthew Peterson (Project Coordinator, National Storytelling Initiative on Christian Faith and Life) and Curtis Book (Regional Administrator for Southern Africa, BIC U.S.)

Location: Bethel Sanctuary

Sharper Ministry, Not Robotic Ministry: Practical AI for Pastors and Church Leaders

AI is not going to pray for you, love your people, visit the hospital, or preach with conviction. But it can help... a lot.

Imagine you had an assistant with the theological knowledge of John Wesley and the organizational ability of Marie Kondo.

This practical session will show pastors and church leaders how AI can serve as a ministry assistant for sermon preparation, theological research, church administration, writing, decision-making, marketing, and clearer communication. We'll look at real ministry examples, discuss where AI is helpful and where it is dangerous, and do a live demonstration so you can see it work in real time.

Come curious. Leave with practical tools you can actually use.

Leader: Jeff Piepho (Midwest, Revolution)

Location: Elim Sanctuary

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Guests: M. and Y. L. (sensitive area), Yosuel Medina (Ecuador)

Location: Bethel Sanctuary

Thriving Congregations

Representatives from congregations participating in the Thriving Congregations initiative are invited to join together for a time of resource-sharing and storytelling.

Host: Jennifer Lancaster (Thriving Congregations

Program Director/Project 250 Coordinator)

Location: Elim Dining Area

Strengthening Trust Through Faithful Financial Practices

Church finances are about more than numbers—they're about stewardship, trust, and protecting the mission God has entrusted to us. This practical session will equip pastors, treasurers, and church leaders with clear, actionable best practices for handling finances with integrity. Learn how to implement internal controls, prevent fraud, strengthen accountability, and improve reporting—all so your church can focus more fully on ministry, avoiding potential financial pitfalls.

Leader: Mitch Martin (Director of Finance and Shared Services, BIC U.S.)

Location: Elim Classroom 2

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Note: This is a repeat of the Saturday morning session.

Leader: Ericka Henry (Multiplication Coordinator, BIC U.S.)

Location: Elim Sanctuary

Local Church Information

Iglesia Cristiana Bethel BIC

12101 SW 56th St, Miami, FL 33175

11am – Translation available

Esmirna BIC

18450 SW 134th Ave, Miami, FL 33177

11am – Translation available

Ministerio Cristiano Monte Sion BIC

2833 NW 7th St, Miami, FL 33125

10:30am – Translation available

Jesucristo es la Solución BIC

5910 SW 8th St Miami, FL 33144

11am – Translation available

Iglesia Rescate

951 E 4th Ave, Hialeah, FL 33010

9:30am and 12pm – Translation available

Nuevo Comienzo en Cristo BIC

7676 Davie Road Ext,

Hollywood, FL 33024

10am – Translation available

Cristo Vive BIC

500 W 78th St, Hialeah, FL 33014

11am – Translation available

Zion Church

16450 Miramar Pkwy,

Miramar, FL, 33027

10am – Translation available

Ministerio Sanando las Naciones

868 SE 12th St, Hialeah, FL 33010

9:15am and 11:45am –

Translation **not** available

Príncipe de Paz BIC

1255 W 46th St Ste 13,

Hialeah, FL 33012

10:30am – Translation **not** available

