



Conference Information

*25th Association of Christians in the Mathematical Sciences Biennial Conference and The Christian Engineering Society 2026 Conference
May 26 – May 30, 2026*

The ACMS Board, CES Board and Calvin University are pleased to host you for this year’s conference! As you are preparing to join us, we want to make the following information available to you. Please don’t hesitate to contact local hosts Dave Klanderman (dave.klanderman@calvin.edu), Vic Norman (victor.norman@calvin.edu), and Gayle Ermer (gayle.ermer@calvin.edu) with any questions.

Contact Information

Name	Role	Phone Number
Dave Klanderman	Local Host	(630) 347-9430
Vic Norman	Local Host	(616) 375-3776
Gayle Ermer	Local Host	(616) 204-5721
Calvin University Campus Safety	Safety* & Building Access	(616) 526-6452
Calvin Information Technology	Technology	(616) 526-8555
Shanaya James	After Hours student worker	(616) 287-9396

**In the event of an emergency, first call 911, then call Campus Safety.*

Calvin University Guest Wifi

There are two main options for internet access at Calvin. If your device has previously connected to **eduroam**, you can join that network, and it should remain connected throughout the conference.

Alternatively, Wifi is available across campus for visitors and can be connected to through the following instructions:

1. In your device’s wireless settings, select the **CalvinGuest** network.
2. Enter your name and email address.
3. Tap “Register,” and you will be prompted to verify your information through the email sent to your inbox. Open this email and click “Confirm.” This will provide you with internet access for the entire day.
4. Repeat this process on successive days.

Travel & Accommodations

Transportation

Airport

Visitors to Grand Rapids typically fly into Gerald R. Ford International Airport (GRR).

Free Calvin Shuttle to and from GRR

If you need transportation to or from the airport, please send your flight information to Vic Norman (victor.norman@calvin.edu). He will arrange for a shuttle pickup if you arrive on Monday (May 25), Tuesday (May 26), or Wednesday (May 27). On Saturday, a 12-passenger van will provide transportation to the airport between 10:00 AM and 3:00 PM. A sign-up sheet with available shuttle times will be provided during the Wednesday opening session in the CFAC Recital Hall. The shuttle will depart from Lot 8, located near the Kalsbeek, Huizenga, and Van Reken residence halls, at the scheduled departure times on Saturday.

Parking

Calvin University does not require a parking permit. **All overnight parking must be in Lot 8.** Guests staying at the Prince Conference Center Hotel may park in the hotel lot. During the day, attendees are welcome to use any non-reserved parking space on campus.

Check-In/Registration Procedure

When you first arrive at Calvin, you will need to check in to receive your room key and dorm key card (if applicable), as well as a name badge and information folder. All check-ins/registration will occur at the lobby of Huizenga Hall, located near Lot 8 on the campus map.

The lobby check-in area will be staffed from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm on Tuesday and Wednesday. If you need to check-in outside of those hours, contact the following people (cell numbers are provided above):

Monday, May 25: Gayle Ermer

Tuesday, May 26: Dave Klanderma

Wednesday, May 27: Vic Norman

For those arriving via the free airport shuttle after 4:30 PM on Tuesday or Wednesday, your driver (a Calvin volunteer) will take you to Huizenga Hall and assist you with entry into the lobby. Your room key and building access card will be available there for pickup.

Lodging

Conference attendees staying on campus will be housed in Kalsbeek, Huizenga, or Van Reken residence halls. Suites include two bedrooms and a shared bathroom. Bedding and towels are

provided; toiletries (other than soap) are not. An elevator in the main lobby connects all three buildings, and there is a community kitchen on each floor that will be available to use. For lockouts, please first contact your roommates. **If needed, an after-hours student worker (4:30 PM–8:30 AM) is available to assist with lockouts, lost keys, and lodging needs.** In emergencies, they will coordinate with Campus Safety. The student worker is reachable by phone (listed on the conference website). You may also contact the local host if desired, though they are not on campus for immediate assistance.

Meals

All conference meals, except for the Friday Banquet, will be served in the Calvin University Commons Dining Hall, more commonly referred to as “The Commons”. The Friday Banquet will be served in the Prince Center Grand Ballroom. Dietary needs communicated on the registration form have been passed along to the Dining Hall, and staff members can direct you to allergen-friendly options.

- Those arriving early to attend the preconference workshops can come to the Math Reading Room (North Hall 2nd floor) for a light breakfast and pizza lunch on Tuesday (prior to the start of workshops at 1:30pm on Tuesday). All preconference attendees are invited to a local park for a picnic hosted by Calvin’s Engineering, Computer Science, and Mathematics and Statistics Departments (round trip transportation will be provided). Wednesday breakfast and lunch will be provided in the Commons Dining Hall.
- The main conference meal package includes Wednesday dinner through Saturday breakfast, including the banquet on Friday evening.
- The Saturday box lunch is a prepared meal that will be available in the Chapel Undercroft at Noon on May 30 for those who ordered them on the registration form.

Those who arrive early or stay late will find a variety of restaurants within a mile of Calvin’s campus (head south on the East Beltline), including Culvers, Gravity, Uccellos, Beer City Bread Company, Chick Fil-A, and others.

Campus Map

The conference will be held on Calvin University’s campus. We encourage you to reference the campus map to help you get around. Plenary sessions will be held in the Recital Hall of the Covenant Fine Arts Center (CFAC). Parallel sessions will be held in two adjoining buildings: North Hall (NH) and Science Building (SB)

Check-Out Procedure

To accommodate the conference schedule, guests may check out between 10:00 AM and 2:00 PM on Saturday. As you check out, please leave your sheets and towels in the room and hang any damp towels to help them dry. Bring your room key and building access card to the

Huizenga Lobby, where a Calvin representative will be happy to collect them. If you plan to check out before 10:00 AM, after 2:00 PM on Saturday, or on Sunday, simply place both your room key and building access card in the marked box at the welcome desk in the Huizenga Hall lobby.

Academic Program

Conference Schedule & Session Abstracts

Printed versions of the schedule documents will be provided upon check-in to the conference. The complete abstracts are documented online via the QR code on page 5, or visit <https://acmsonline.org/2026-acms-conference-calvin/>

Preconference Workshops

We are grateful for the work of several colleagues in preparing the following preconference workshops, which will be held Tuesday afternoon through Wednesday afternoon. Descriptions of the workshops can be found on the conference website, and those who register will receive any additional information directly from workshop organizers.

Workshop 1: Topics and Tools for Christians to engage Faith with Mathematics (North Hall 276)

Leaders: Cal Jongsma (Dordt University), Laura Smit (Calvin University), James Turner (Calvin University), Kevin VanderMeulen (Redeemer University)

Workshop 2: Alternative Assessment (North Hall 295)

Leaders: Amanda Harsy (Lewis University), Sarah Klanderman (Marian University), Vic Norman (Calvin University), Adam Schultze (Lewis University), Michael Smith (Lewis University), Cara Sulyok (Villanova University)

Workshop 3: Hospitality and Belonging in STEM Classrooms (Meets on Wednesday afternoon only) (North Hall 259)

Leaders: Rachel Baker (NetVUE), Crystal Bruxvoort (Calvin University), Stacy DeRuiter (Calvin University), Jennifer VanAntwerp (Calvin University)

Workshop 4: Christian Engineering Leaders Summit (Meets on Wednesday afternoon only) (Science Building 110)

Leaders: Michael McGinnis (Engineering Dean at Letourneau University) and other volunteers

Keynote Speakers

The ACMS Board and CES Board welcome the following speakers for keynote presentations during the conference (all are scheduled for the CFAC Recital Hall):

Emily Wenger: Fighting for Creativity in the Age of AI

Assistant Professor of Computer and Electrical Engineering, Duke University

Wednesday evening, May 27

Tai-Danae Bradley: On the Record: A Mathematician's Story of God's Faithfulness

Research Mathematician at Sandbox AQ and Visiting Professor at The Master's University

Thursday evening, May 28

Matt Heun: Engineering: What are we *doing*?

Professor of Engineering, Calvin University

Friday morning, May 29

Randall Pruim: Let's Talk Ethics

Professor of Mathematics and Statistics, Calvin University

Saturday morning, May 30

Guidelines for Presenters

The contributed sessions are scheduled for 20 minutes, with five minutes in between for attendees to switch rooms if desired. In preparation for the parallel sessions, we encourage presenters to adhere to the following guidelines:

- Bring adapters from personal laptops to either HDMI or USB-C, which are the connections provided in each parallel session room to use the projectors.
- Test projection methods during the break immediately before the assigned session to prevent delays during the sessions themselves.
- Leave 2-3 minutes at the end of the allotted presentation time for audience questions.

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