



Metropolitan Washington, D.C. Synod
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
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Title: Expression of Gratitude

WHEREAS, the 2019 Synod Assembly Planning Committee, the Synod Transition Team and numerous others have worked many hours to prepare for this assembly; and

WHEREAS, the completion of our tasks and the quality of our fellowship is greatly facilitated by the quality of services and support provided by a large number of people, some of whom have spent many hours in preparing for this assembly; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Metropolitan Washington, D.C. Synod Assembly express its heartfelt thanks to God and deep appreciation to all whose support and effort have made this Synod Assembly a fruitful gathering of God's people,

- + Deacon Sue Rothmeyer, Assistant to the Secretary/Executive for Administration, representing the ELCA Presiding Bishop and for her patient and skilled leadership in the election process for our new bishop;
- + Our Ecumenical guests, the Reverend Martin Eberle of the German Lutheran Church of Washington, D.C. and Rabbi Gerry Serrota, Executive Director of the Interfaith Council of Metropolitan Washington, D.C., for their support and expression of the broad bonds of our common faith;
- + The Synod Assembly Planning Committee, chaired by the Reverend Margrethe Kleiber, for the detailed planning and coordination of this assembly, including:
 - the Nominations Team, chaired by the Reverend Travis Kern;
 - the Elections Team, chaired by the Reverend Mitch Watney;



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- the Workshop Coordinators, the Reverend Heidi Eickstadt and the Reverend Jane Halpern;
- the Social Media and Creative Director, Ms. Katie Simbala and the Guidebook Designer, Ms. Kelly Champagne;
- the Audio/Visual and IT Team, led by Mr. Philip Meuschke and Mr. David Carlson; and
- the Reference and Counsel Committee, led by the Reverend Mark Edwards;
- + The Assembly Coordinator, Ms. Katharyn Wheeler, for countless days of effort, planning, coordinating, and negotiating the details of this gathering, from hotel rooms, meeting spaces, food services, display tables, scheduling of break out rooms, providing administrative support and the numerous other things required to enable the assembly to move Forward Together;
- + The ELCA Mission Investment Fund for supporting our Guidebook app for this assembly;
- + The Synod Transition Team, chaired by Mr. Nels Hendricksen, for its dedicated, detailed preparation for the election of a new bishop and Mr. Tommie Robinson, chair of the Bishop Election Team, in ensuring the integrity and clarity of the election process;
- + Those persons nominated for Synod offices, including those offered as candidates in the election of our new bishop;
- + The Assembly Worship Team, led by the Reverend David Slaigle Peck, and our Assembly Chaplain, Bishop Bill Gohl, for deeply meaningful and helpful moments of prayer and study as well as our celebratory Festive Worship;
- + Ms. Jean Knight of Qwizdom, Inc. for providing invaluable and patient guidance in using the voting devices;



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- + The Assembly parliamentarian, Mr. Richard Ahlberg, for his wise counsel and the orientation session for first-time synod assembly voting members;
- + The Synod Vice President, Ms. Evelyn Crenshaw, and the Synod Secretary, Mr. Kevin Anderson, for their guidance and oversight of the assembly's proceedings;
- + Those who are completing their terms on the Synod Council: Mr. Paul Culler, the Reverend Gary Rhinesmith, the Reverend Michael Guy, and Ms. Katherine S.; and
- + The Reverend Richard Graham, our Bishop, for his patience, guidance and wisdom in leading this, his final assembly as chair, and to his wife Nancy Ann for her support and unfailing generosity in sharing her husband with us, as we strive to move Forward Together with Courage and Hope.