

**METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON D.C. SYNOD  
EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA  
SYNOD ASSEMBLY 2019**



**Draft Agenda K  
June 14-15, 2019  
College Park Marriott**

**FRIDAY, JUNE 14, 2019**

8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	Registration – Katharyn Wheeler, Interns Area: Entrance, Office and Counting in 1103
8:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.	Child Care Room: 1101/1102
8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	Synod Council Room: 1105
9:00 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.	Orientation for New Voting Members Mr. Richard Ahlberg and the Rev. Margrethe Kleiber Room: General Vessey Ballroom
9:00 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.	Worship Assistant Training Room: Chesapeake Ballroom

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<b>Morning Prayer</b>	<b>10:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Chesapeake Ballroom</b>
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<b>Plenary Session 1</b>	<b>10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Chesapeake Ballroom</b>
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10:30 a.m. – 10:40 a.m.	Opening of Assembly (10 min.) Report of the Registrar – Mr. Kevin Anderson Seating of Voting Members Approval of Absences Adoption of Agenda Adoption of 2018 Synod Assembly Minutes Adoption of Rules of Procedure
10:40 a.m. – 10:55 a.m.	Recognition of Ecumenical Guests (15 minutes)

10:55 a.m. – 11:35 a.m.	ELCA Representative - Deacon Sue Rothmeyer, Assistant to the Secretary and Executive for Office of the Secretary (40 min.)
11:35 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.	Report of the Synod Transition Team – Mr. Nels Hendrickson (10 min.)
11:45 a.m. – 11:50 a.m.	Process of Electing a Bishop presented by Deacon Sue Rothmeyer (5 min.)
11:50 a.m. – 11:51 a.m.	Report of the Registrar – Mr. Kevin Anderson
11:51 a.m. – 12:05 p.m.	Prayer & First Ballot for Bishop—nominating ballot – Mr. Tommie Robinson (14 min.)
12:05 p.m. – 12:15 p.m.	Report of the Nominating Committee – The Rev. Travis Kern (10 min.)
12:15 p.m. – 12:20 p.m.	Introduction to Voting Devices – Jean Knight, Quizdom (5 min.)
12:20 p.m. – 12:25 p.m.	First Ballot for Synod Elections – The Rev. Mitch Watney (5 min.)
12:25 p.m. – 12:30 p.m.	First Reading of the Mission Spending Plan – Ms. Julie Hamre (5 min.)

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<b>Midday Prayer</b>	<b>12:30 p.m. – 1:00 pm</b>	<b>Chesapeake Ballroom</b>
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1:00 p.m. – 1:15 p.m.	Report of the First Ballot for Bishop – Mr. Tommie Robinson (15 min.)
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<b>1:15 pm – 3:00 pm</b>	<b>Lunch &amp; Workshops</b>
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1:15 p.m. – 1:20 p.m.	Lunch & workshop instructions/Prayer – Assembly Chaplain (5 min.)
1:20 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.	Pick up lunch and find assigned workshops (40 min.)
2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Workshops (60 min.)
	Advocacy: A Vital Ministry for (Young Adult) Leadership and Faith Transformation Room: General Vessey Ballroom
	Entrance Rite Discernment Room: 0101
	Incorporating Yoga into your Sunday School Program Room: Art Gallery
	“Let Me Tell You What It’s Really Like”: A Conversation about Living with Mental Illness Room: 0102
	LIRS: 80 years of Welcome...and More! Room: 1105
	Lament and Hope: Racial Equity in Society Room: 0105
	Mission Spending Plan Room: Chasen Family Room
	Q&A with ELCA Representative Room: Chesapeake Ballroom

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<b>Plenary Session 2</b>	<b>3:00 p.m. - 4:15 p.m.</b>	<b>Chesapeake Ballroom</b>
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3:00 p.m. – 3:05 p.m.	We lift our voices in song and prayer – Synod Worship Team & Assembly Chaplain (5 min.)
3:05 p.m. – 3:25 p.m.	Report of the Bishop – The Rev. Richard H. Graham, Bishop (20 min.)
3:25 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.	The Second Ballot for Synod Elections – The Rev. Mitch Watney (5 min.)

3:30 p.m. – 3:40 p.m.	Report of the Interim DEM – The Rev. Gary Rhinesmith (10 min.)
3:40 p.m. – 3:50 p.m.	Report of the Synod Treasurer – Ms. Julie Hamre (10 min.)
3:50 p.m. – 4:10 p.m.	First Report of Reference and Counsel – The Rev. Mark Edwards (20 min.)
4:10 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.	Proposed Constitutional Amendment – Mr. Kevin Anderson (5 min.)

**4:15 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Break and Hotel Check-in (45 min.)**

**4:30 P.M. DEADLINE WITHDRAWAL FROM ELECTION FOR BISHOP AND ALL BISHOP CANDIDATE FORMS DUE**

**Plenary Session 3 5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Chesapeake Ballroom**

5:00 p.m. – 5:05 p.m.	We lift our voices in song and prayer – Synod Worship Team & Assembly Chaplain (5 min)
5:05 p.m. – 5:10 p.m.	Report of the Vice President/Synod Council – Ms. Evelyn Crenshaw (5 min.)
5:10 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.	Introduction to Compensation Guidelines – Ms. Evelyn Crenshaw (5 min.)
5:15 p.m. – 5:16 p.m.	Report of the Registrar – Mr. Kevin Anderson (1 min.)
5:16 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.	Second Ballot for Bishop – Mr. Tommie Robinson (14 min.)
5:30 p.m. – 5:45 p.m.	Report of the Assistant to the Bishop – The Rev. Leila Ortiz (15 min.)
5:45 p.m. – 5:55 p.m.	Instructions for Conference Breakfasts – Synod Transition Team (10 min.)
5:55 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.	Instructions for dinner and meal prayer – Synod Assembly Chaplain (5 min.)

**Dinner 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 pm General Vessey Ballroom**

**Plenary Session 4 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Chesapeake Ballroom**

7:00 p.m. – 7:05 p.m.	We lift our voices in song and prayer – Synod Worship Team & Assembly Chaplain (5 min.)
7:05 p.m. – 7:15 p.m.	Report of the Second Ballot for Bishop – Mr. Tommie Robinson (10 min.)
7:15 p.m. – 7:35 p.m.	Second Report of Reference and Counsel – The Rev. Mark Edwards (20 min.)
7:35 p.m. – 7:45 p.m.	Anniversary Recognition (10 min.)
7:45 p.m. – 8:15 p.m.	Statements from the Nominees for Bishop – Mr. Nels Hendrickson (30 min.)
8:15 p.m. – 8:16 p.m.	Report of the Registrar – Mr. Kevin Anderson (1 min.)
8:16 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.	Third Ballot for Bishop – Mr. Tommie Robinson (14 min.)

**Evening Prayer 8:30 pm – 9:00 pm General Vessey Ballroom**

**SATURDAY, JUNE 15, 2019**

7:15 a.m. – 7:45 a.m. Morning Yoga  
Room: Art Gallery

8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Child Care  
Room: 1101/1102

8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. Conference Breakfast (Deans and transition team members to facilitate conference breakfast—conferences are to develop questions for bishop nominees)

District of Columbia & Fairfax Conferences  
Room: 1105  
Maryland & Virginia Conferences  
Room: 0101  
Montgomery & Potomac Conferences  
Room: 0105

**Festival Worship**                      **9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.**                      **General Vessey Ballroom**

**Plenary Session 5**                      **10:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.**                      **Chesapeake Ballroom**

10:30 a.m. – 10:35 a.m. Opening Prayer – Bishop Graham (5 min)

10:35 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. Report on New Connections – (10 min.)

10:45 a.m. – 10:50 a.m. Report of the Third Ballot for Bishop – Mr. Tommie Robinson (5 min.)

10:50 a.m. – 10:55 a.m. Instructions for Hearings – Synod Transition Team (5 min)

10:55 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Prayer-Assembly Chaplain (5 min.)

**Break w/Snacks**                      **11:00 a.m. – 11:15 a.m. (5 min.)**

**Hearing One**                      **11:15 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. (30 min.)** **Transition Team member to moderate**

District of Columbia & Fairfax Conferences	Room: 1105
Maryland & Virginia Conferences	Room: 0101
Montgomery & Potomac Conferences	Room: 0105

**Break**                      **11:45 a.m. to 11:50 a.m. (5 min.)**

**Hearing Two**                      **11:50 a.m. – 12:20 p.m. (30 min.)** **Transition Team member to moderate**

District of Columbia & Fairfax Conferences	Room: 1105
Maryland & Virginia Conferences	Room: 0101
Montgomery & Potomac Conferences	Room: 0105

**Break** **12:20 a.m. to 12:25 a.m. (5 min.)**

**Hearing Three** **12:25 p.m. – 12:55 p.m. (30 min.)** **Transition Team member to moderate**

District of Columbia & Fairfax Conferences	Room: 1105
Maryland & Virginia Conferences	Room: 0101
Montgomery & Potomac Conferences	Room: 0105

**Lunch** **1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. (60 min.)** **General Vessey Ballroom**

**Plenary Session 6** **2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.** **Chesapeake Ballroom**

2:00 p.m. – 2:05 p.m.	We lift our voices in song and prayer – Synod Worship Team & Assembly Chaplain (5 min)
2:05 p.m. – 2:06 p.m.	Report of the Registrar – Mr. Kevin Anderson
2:06 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.	Fourth Ballot for Bishop & Report of the Fourth Ballot for Bishop – Mr. Tommie Robinson (10 min.)
2:15 p.m. – 2:25 p.m.	Discussion and proposed adoption of Mission Spending Plan – Ms. Julie Hamre (10 min.)
2:25 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.	Third Report of Reference and Counsel – The Rev. Mark Edwards (20 min.)
2:45 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Statements from bishop nominees – Synod Transition Team (15 min.)
3:00 p.m. – 3:01 p.m.	Report of the Registrar – Mr. Kevin Anderson
3:00 p.m. – 3:10 p.m.	Fifth Ballot for Bishop & Report of the Fifth Ballot for Bishop – Mr. Tommie Robinson (10 min.)
3:10 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.	Prayer for the Bishop-elect (5 min.)
3:15 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.	Unfinished Business (15 min.)

**Break** **3:30 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.**

**Plenary 7** **3:45 p.m. – 4:30 pm** **Chesapeake Ballroom**

3:45 p.m. – 3:50 p.m.	We lift our voices in song and prayer – Synod Worship Team & Assembly Chaplain (5 min)
3:50 p.m. – 3:55 p.m.	Comments from Bishop Graham (5 min.)
3:55 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Comments from Bishop-Elect (5 min.)
4:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.	Closing Worship with Installation of Synod Council, Sending of Churchwide Voting Members, and closing of Assembly (30 min.)