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JUNE 14-15 2019



Metropolitan Washington, D.C. Synod
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Draft Agenda L 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. Registration Opens)

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

Morning Prayer

10:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Chesapeake Ballroom

Plenary Session 1

10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Chesapeake Ballroom

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.)

(11:15 a.m. Registration Closed for Pre-Bishop Ballot Count)

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.)

(12:30 p.m. Registration Reopens)

Midday Prayer **12:30 p.m. – 1:00 pm** **Chesapeake Ballroom**

1:00 p.m. – 1:15 p.m. Report of the First Ballot for Bishop – Mr. Tommie Robinson (15 min.)

1:15 pm – 3:00 pm **Lunch & Workshops**

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

Plenary Session 2 **3:00 p.m. - 4:15 p.m.** **Chesapeake Ballroom**

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

(4:45 p.m. Registration Closed for Pre-Bishop Ballot Count)

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.)

(6:00 p.m. Registration Reopens)

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

(7:00 a.m. Registration Reopens)

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**

(1:00 p.m. Registration Officially Closed)

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.)