



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

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2018 Synod Assembly
“Connecting Up, In, and Out!”
Lord of Life Lutheran Church
Fairfax, VA
9:00 am to 6:30 pm
PROPOSED AGENDA: Posted 6/11/2018

Saturday – June 16, 2018

- 7:45 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. Registration – Lobby Area—Ms. Katharyn Wheeler & Volunteers
- 8:00 a.m. – 8:45 a.m. Breakfast
Room: Fellowship Hall
- 8:00 a.m. – 8:45 a.m. Orientation for Voting Members – Mr. Richard Ahlberg & Pr. Margrethe Kleiber
Room: Fellowship Hall
- 8:00 a.m. – 8:45 a.m. Worship Assistant Training – Worship Team
Room: Sanctuary
- 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. Child Care
Room: Nursery
- 8:00 a.m. – 8:45 a.m. Synod Council
Room: Conference Room

Festive Eucharist **9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.**

Offering Designation: New Connections Campaign and Building Puentes Initiative.

Plenary Session 1 **10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.**

- 10:00 a.m. - 10:10 a.m. Opening of Assembly
- Report of the Registrar – Mr. Kevin Anderson
Seating of Voting Members
Approval of Absences
Adoption of Agenda
Adoption of 2017 Minutes
Adoption of Rules of Procedure
- 10:10 a.m. – 10:20 a.m. The Report of the Bishop –The Rev. Richard Graham
- 10:20 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. Report of the Nominating Committee—The Rev. Travis Kern
- 10:30 a.m. – 11:05 a.m. ELCA Representative – Ms. Christina Jackson Skelton, Executive Director, Mission Advancement

11:05 a.m. – 11:10 a.m. Introduction to Voting Devices
11:10 a.m. – 11:20 a.m. The First Ballot – The Rev. Mitch Watney
11:20 a.m. – 11:25 a.m. First Reading of the Mission Spending Plan – Finance Committee Chair
11:25 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Meal Prayer and Instructions for Lunch & Workshops –Assembly Chaplain Kyle Warfield

Lunch **11:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.**

11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Group A – Lunch in Fellowship Hall
12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. Group B – Lunch in Fellowship Hall
1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. Group C – Lunch in Fellowship Hall

Concurrent Workshops

11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. ***ELCA Rep. Q & A***-Ms. Christina Jackson-Skelton, ELCA Executive Director, Mission Advancement (Will offer simultaneous translation)
Room: Sanctuary
Mission Spending Plan-The Rev. Susanne Blume, Metro D.C. Synod Finance Committee
Room: Basement Classroom 6
All Anew: Women of the ELCA-Ms. Cheryl Dwyer, Metro D.C. Synodical Women’s Organization with assistance from Ms. Donna Nelson, President Metro D.C. Synodical Women’s Organization
Room: Basement Classroom 4
Fear to Abundant Life: Engaging with Race in our Churches-The Rev. Karen Brau, Metro D.C. Racial Equity Team
Room: Basement Classroom 8
Proposed Social Statement on Women and Justice-The Rev. Wendy Moen and the Rev. Jeanette Leisk
Room: Basement Classroom 5
Building Puentes-The Rev. Leila Ortiz and the Rev. Carmelo Santos
Room: Basement Classroom 7

12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. ***New Connections Campaign: Building Healthy Multi-Ethnic Congregations***-The Rev. Phil Hirsch and Ms. Christy Hartigan (Will offer simultaneous translation)
Room: Sanctuary
Proposed Policy Statement: A Declaration of Our Inter-Religious Commitment-The Rev. Thomas Prinz, Metro D.C. Synod Ecumenical Officer
Room: Basement Classroom 2-3
Fear to Abundant Life: Engaging with race in our churches-The Rev. Karen Brau, Metro D.C. Racial Equity Team
Room: Basement Classroom 8
Church Security (double session 12:30 to 2:30)-Lt. Michael Berg
Room: Youth Room
Building Puentes-The Rev. Leila Ortiz and the Rev. Carmelo Santos
Room: Basement Classroom 7

- 1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. ***Are You Leaving Money on the Table?***-Ms. Yvonne Lembo, ELCA Foundation
Room: Basement Classroom 1
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Plenary Session 2 **2:30 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.**

- 2:30 p.m. – 2:35 p.m. We lift our voices in song and prayer — Synod Worship Team & Workshops –
Assembly Chaplain Kyle Warfield
- 2:35 p.m. – 2:40 p.m. The Report of the Elections Committee & The Second Ballot – The Rev. Mitch
Watney
- 2:40 p.m. – 2:50 p.m. The Report of the Treasurer – The Rev. Susanne Blume, Metro D.C. Synod Finance
Committee
- 2:50 p.m. – 3:10 p.m. New Connections Campaign Update
- 3:10 p.m. – 3:15 p.m. The Report of the Vice-President / Synod Council – Ms. Evelyn Crenshaw
- 3:15 p.m. – 3:20 p.m. Introduction to Compensation Guidelines – Ms. Evelyn Crenshaw
- 3:20 p.m. – 3:35 p.m. The First Report of Reference and Counsel – The Rev. Mark Edwards
- 3:35 p.m. – 3:45 pm The Report of the Assistant to the Bishop – The Rev. Leila Ortiz
- 3:45 p.m. – 3:50 p.m. The Report of the Elections Committee & The Third Ballot – The Rev. Mitch
Watney
- 3:50 p.m. – 3:55 p.m. Discussion and Adoption of Mission Spending Plan
- 3:55 p.m. – 4:10 p.m. The Second Report of Reference and Counsel— The Rev. Mark Edwards
- 4:10 p.m. – 4:15 p.m. Milestones in Ministry (Anniversaries)
- 4:15 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. Stretch break w/snacks

Plenary Session 3 **4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.**

- 4:30 p.m. – 4:35 p.m. We lift our voices in song and prayer — Synod Worship Team & Workshops –
Assembly Chaplain Kyle Warfield

4:35 p.m. – 4:40 p.m. The Report of the Elections Committee & The Fourth Ballot – The Rev. Mitch Watney

4:40 p.m. – 4:50 p.m. The Report of the Assistant to the Bishop – The Rev. Phil Hirsch

4:50 p.m. – 5:10 p.m. The Third Report of Reference and Counsel – The Rev. Mark Edwards

5:10 p.m. – 5:15 p.m. The Report of Elections Committee & Fifth Ballot – The Rev. Mitch Watney

5:15 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. Unfinished Business

Closing Worship 5:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. with Installation of Elected Leaders & Closing of Assembly