

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



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JUNE 14-15 2019



**Draft Agenda G  
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

**Morning Prayer 10:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.**

**Plenary Session 1 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.**

- 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.)

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

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.)

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

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 – (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. – 6:30 p.m**

- 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
- 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. – 6:05 p.m.                      Second Report of Reference and Counsel – The Rev. Mark Edwards (20 min.)
- 6:05 p.m. – 6:15 p.m.                      Anniversary Recognition (10 min)
- 6:15 p.m. – 6:25 p.m.                      Instructions for Conference Breakfasts – Synod Transition Team (10 min.)
- 6:25 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.                      Instructions for dinner and meal prayer – Synod Assembly Chaplain (5 min.)

**Dinner**    **6:30 p.m. – 7:30 pm**

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

- 7:30 p.m. – 7:35 p.m.                      We lift our voices in song and prayer – Synod Worship Team & Assembly Chaplain (5 min.)
- 7:35 p.m. – 7:45 p.m.                      Report of the Second Ballot for Bishop – Mr. Tommie Robinson (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
- 8:16 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.                      Third Ballot for Bishop – Mr. Tommie Robinson (15 min.)

**Evening Prayer**                                      **8:30 pm – 9:00 pm**

**SATURDAY, JUNE 15, 2019**

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.**  
*Offering Designation* *????*

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

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.)**

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

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. – 3:30 p.m.	Unfinished business (20 min.)

**Break** **3:30 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.**

**Plenary 7** **3:45 p.m. – 4:30 pm**

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.)