



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

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## 2017 Synod Assembly

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From: Kevin D. Anderson, Secretary  
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According to S7.13 of the Synod Constitution, "Notice of the time and place of all meetings of the Synod Assembly shall be given by the secretary."

Congregations are reminded to consult their congregation constitution with reference to those sections pursuant to election or designation of lay voting members to a Synod Assembly.

The 2017 Synod Assembly will convene on Friday, June 16, 2017, at The National Conference Center, 18980 Upper Belmont Place, Leesburg, Virginia 20176. Main Phone: 703-729-8000.

All ministers of Word and Sacrament and ministers of Word and Service are expected to be in attendance.

If you are rostered with the Metropolitan Washington, D.C. Synod and cannot attend the assembly, you must send a letter to the Bishop addressed to the Secretary of the synod requesting to be excused.

Chapter 7 of the Synod Constitution deals with the Synod Assembly. According to that chapter, sections S7.21.c, S7.21.A92, and S7.21.02:

- A minimum of one lay member elected by each congregation with fewer than 175 baptized members and a minimum of two lay members elected by each congregation with more than 175 baptized members related to this synod, one of whom shall be male and one of whom shall be female, shall be voting members.
- The Synod Council shall seek to ensure that, as nearly as possible, 50 percent of the lay members of the assembly shall be female and 50 percent shall be male. Additional members from each congregation normally shall be equally divided between male and female. (S7.21.c)
- For the allocation of lay members of the Synod Assembly the most current Church body statistics are the basis for determining baptized members. To achieve the proper ratio, each congregation of 450 baptized members will be entitled to an additional voting member and another voting member for each full 250 members over 450. (S7.21.A92)
- Congregations with a baptized membership which consists of at least 10 percent persons of color and/or whose primary language is other than English will be entitled to one additional member. That member will be a person of color or whose primary language is other than English. (S7.21.02)

Based on current congregational data (latest year of congregation report submitted is in parentheses following congregation name) and fulfilling the above stated sections of the synod constitution, I have determined the following allocation of lay voting members of the 2017 Synod Assembly (\* indicates one additional member for congregations fulfilling S7.21.02, but only if that member is a person of color and/or whose primary language is other than English).

<b><u>D.C. Conference</u></b>	Augustana (2015)	4*
	Christ (2015)	3*
	Community of Christ (2015)	1
	First Trinity (2015)	2*
	Georgetown (2015)	1
	Grace (2015)	2*
	Holy Comforter (2015)	1
	Luther Place (2015)	3*
	Oromo Evangelical Lutheran (2015)	2*
	Our Redeemer (2015)	2*
	Peace, Bermuda (2015)	2*
	Reformation (2014)	2
	St. Matthew (2010)	3*
	St. Paul's (2015)	4
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<b><u>Fairfax Conference</u></b>	Abiding Presence, Burke (2015)	3
	Bethel, Manassas (2015)	4
	Bethlehem, Fairfax (2014)	2
	Christ, Fairfax (2015)	2
	Covenant, Dale City (2015)	2

Epiphany, Dale City (2015)	1
Good Shepherd, Woodbridge (2015)	3
Lord of Life, Fairfax (2015)	7
River of Grace, Manassas (2015)	1
Shepherd of the Hills, Haymarket (2015)	3
St. Mark's, Springfield (2015)	5
St. Matthew, Woodbridge (2015)	<u>4</u>
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**Maryland Conference**

Abiding Presence, Beltsville (2014)	2*
All Saints, Bowie (2015)	3*
Good Samaritan, Lanham (2013)	2*
Good Samaritan, Lexington Park (2015)	2
Grace, Bowie (2015)	2
Grace, Ft. Washington (2015)	2*
Hope, Clinton (2013)	2*
Hope, College Park (2015)	1
Peace, Waldorf (2015)	3*
St. John's, Riverdale (2008)	2*
St. Michael's Truth/Our Saviour's (2014)	1
St. Nicholas, Prince Frederick (2015)	2
Zion, Takoma Park (2010)	<u>3*</u>
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**Montgomery Conference**

Christ, Bethesda (2013)	2*
Christ the Servant, Gaithersburg (2015)	2*
Emmanuel, Bethesda (2015)	5
Epiphany, Burtonsville (2014)	1
Good Shepherd, Gaithersburg (2015)	5
In Christ Washington Fellowship (2013)	2*
La Sagrada Familia, Silver Spring (2013)	2*
Living Faith, Rockville (2015)	1
Oromo Resurrection Evangelical, Kensington (2015)	3*
Prince of Peace, Gaithersburg (2015)	4*
St. John's, Rockville (2015)	2
St. Luke's, Derwood (Redland) (2015)	1
St. Luke, Silver Spring (2015)	8
St. Stephen, Silver Spring (2015)	2*
Trinity, North Bethesda (2015)	<u>2</u>
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**Potomac Conference**

Advent, Arlington (2015)	2*
Epiphany, Alexandria (2015)	2
Faith, Arlington (2015)	3
Good Shepherd, Alexandria (2015)	2
Holy Trinity, Falls Church (2015)	2
Hope, Annandale (2015)	2
Messiah, Alexandria (2015)	1
Nativity, Alexandria (2015)	2
Peace, Alexandria (2015)	2
Resurrection, Arlington (2015)	<u>4*</u>

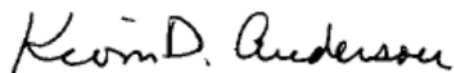
<b><u>Virginia Conference</u></b>	Bethel, Lovettsville (2006)	1
	Christ the King, Great Falls (2015)	3
	Christ the Servant, Reston (2015)	2
	Community, Sterling (2015)	3
	Emmanuel, Vienna (2015)	5
	Holy Cross, Herndon (2015)	4*
	Holy Trinity, Leesburg (2015)	2
	King of Kings, Fairfax (2015)	4
	New Jerusalem, Lovettsville (2015)	2
	Redeemer, McLean (2015)	6*
	St. Andrew, Centreville (2014)	4
	Zion, Lovettsville (2015)	<u>1</u>
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<b><u>Voting Members summary:</u></b>	Ministers of Word and Sacrament	190
	Ministers of Word and Service	10
	Lay Members	197
	Synod Council Lay Members	<u>12</u>
	<b>Total</b>	<b>409</b>

Registration and materials for the 2017 Synod Assembly can be found on-line at <http://metrodcelca.org/events/synod-assembly/>. Registration closes at 5 pm on Thursday, June 1. No late registrations will be accepted. It is the responsibility of congregations and voting members to download their Assembly materials.

**For your information:**

- + In accordance with S7.27 elected members of the Synod Council are voting members of the assembly and may register in that capacity; and
- + Persons attending the assembly who are not voting members should register as a Visitor.

The Assembly draft agenda indicates that Assembly check-in begins at 9:00 am on Friday, June 16, at National Conference Center. Orientation for new voting members will take place from 10:00-10:45 am. The Assembly opens at 11:00 am with worship, and the seating of voting members will occur near the beginning of the business portion of the Assembly at 11:30 am. It is anticipated that the Assembly will adjourn on Saturday, June 17, by 3:30 pm.



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