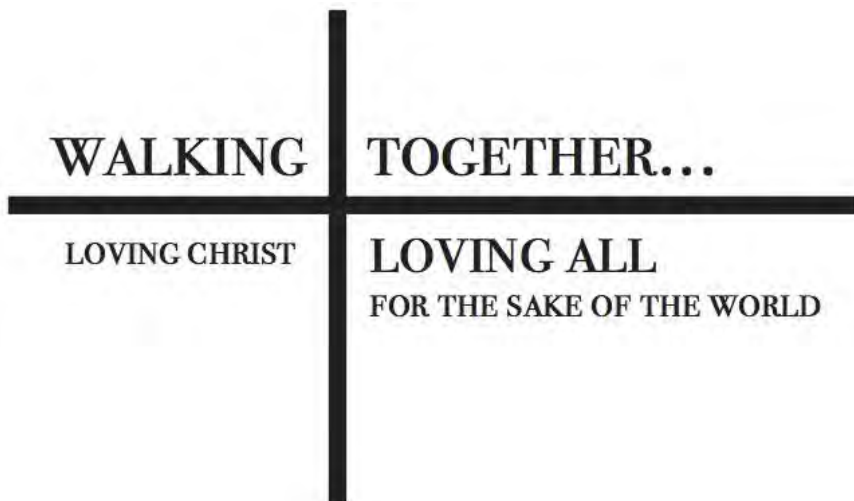


Assembly Agenda



Northern Illinois Synod
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
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June 14-15, 2019 • Augustana College, Rock Island, IL

Assembly Host Congregations

Calvary Lutheran, Moline and St. James Lutheran, Rock Island

A **Prayer Chapel** will be available throughout the Assembly in Bergendoff 126

Friday - June 14

- 8:00 a.m. Registration Centennial Lobby
- 9:30 a.m. Orientation for Voting Members Bergendoff Potter Hall
- 9:30 a.m. Resolutions Committee Forum Bergendoff Larson Hall

Plenary Session I

Centennial Auditorium

9:55 a.m. **Gathering Hymn:** "What Is This Place"

10:00 a.m. **Order for Opening of Assembly:** *The Rev. Jeffrey Clements, Bishop*

Greetings and Introductions

Credentials Committee Report: *The Rev. Christopher Lee, Chairperson*

Adoption of Rules of Assembly: *The Rev. Don Knowles, Secretary*

Assembly Committee Appointments: *The Rev. Don Knowles*

Adoption of Agenda

Certification of 2018 Synod Assembly Minutes: *The Rev. Doug Liston, Chairperson, 2018 Synod Assembly Minutes Review Committee*

Nominating Committee Report: *The Rev. Andrew Kayes, Chairperson*

Election Committee Report: *The Rev. Lu Cantrell, Chairperson*
Explanation of Balloting Process and Distribution of the Ballot

LSSI Report: *Mr. Dave Novak, Vice President, Advancement and Executive Director, Cornerstone Foundation*

Stand and Stretch

Portico Presentation

Keynote: *The Rev. Dr. Anna Madsen*

Announcements: *The Rev. Marilyn Hanson, Assembly Co-Coordinator*

Closing Prayer: *The Rev. Karyn Kost (Freedom, Oregon & St. James, Forreston)*

End of Plenary Session I

Lunch

Box lunches are available in Centennial Lobby. Choir members will pick up their lunch and go to Bergendoff Larson Hall for rehearsal. All other assembly participants will pick up their lunch and be seated in either Bergendoff Ensemble Rehearsal Room or choose seating outdoors, weather permitting. Participants also have the opportunity to visit the assembly displays during the lunch hour, located in the Bergendoff Ensemble Rehearsal Room, or attend a “Lunch & Learn” with a representative from LSSI (Lutheran Social Services of Illinois) in Bergendoff 113.

12:45 p.m. Lunch/Visit Displays.....Bergendoff Ensemble Rehearsal Room

12:45 p.m. Lunch & Learn with LSSIBergendoff 113

12:45 p.m. Choir Rehearsal Bergendoff Larson Hall

Reminders

- ▶ Resolutions must be in by 2:30 p.m. today to either the Rev. Miho Yasukawa, Chairperson of the Resolutions Committee or to the Rev. Pat Esker, Resolutions Committee Staff Liaison. Only resolutions which are germane to discussion on floor of Assembly will be considered.
- ▶ The Ballot for General Elections will be collected at 2:30 p.m. this afternoon.
- ▶ Completed “Questions for the Churchwide Representative” form is to be turned in to the box in the Centennial Hall Lobby by 5:00 p.m. this evening.

Plenary Session II

Centennial Auditorium

1:45 p.m. **Gathering Hymn:** “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

Opening Prayer: *The Rev. Evan Mayhew (St. John, Joliet)*

1:50 p.m. **Credentials Committee Report:** *The Rev. Christopher Lee, Chairperson*

Bishop’s Report: *Bishop Jeffrey Clements*

Secretary’s Report: *The Rev. Don Knowles*

Synod Council Report: *The Rev. Don Knowles*

Treasurer’s Report: *Ms. Tammie Farley, Treasurer*

First Reading of the 2019 Proposed Budget: *Ms. Tammie Farley*

2:30 p.m. **Collection of the Ballot for General Elections:** *Tellers*

Announcements: *The Rev. Marilyn Hanson*

2:50 p.m. **Keynote Speaker:** *The Rev. Dr. Anna Madsen*

3:50 p.m. **Closing Prayer:** *The Rev. Mara Ahles-Iverson (Zion, Kewanee)*

End of Plenary Session II

4:00-4:50 p.m. Choir Rehearsal Bergendoff Larson Hall

Afternoon Forums/Workshops - all rooms are tentative

4:00 - 4:40 p.m. Friday Afternoon Forums

- Budget Meeting/Synod Council Bergendoff B-1
- Candidacy Subcommittee Bergendoff 113
- Congregational Life Committee Evald 113
- Global Mission Committee Evald 21
- “Light” (Youth Ministry) Evald 120
- Ministry Support Committee Evald 314
- Outreach Committee Evald 315
- Social Ministry Committee Evald 17

4:50 - 5:30 p.m. Friday Afternoon Forums

- Conversation with the Churchwide Representative - *The Rev. Kevin Strickland* Bergendoff B-1
- Congregational Life Committee Evald 113
- Global Mission Committee Evald 21
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5:00 p.m. Worship Rehearsal for Saturday’s Holy Communion with Rite of Ordination (Presiders, Assisting Ministers, and Communion Assistants) Centennial Auditorium

5:10 p.m. Ordination Rehearsal (Ordinands and Sponsors) Centennial Auditorium

Dinner

5:45 p.m. Dinner Gerber Center Dining Hall

Special Event on Friday Evening

7:30 p.m. Trinity Lutheran Church, Moline

Includes introductions of those new to the synod, new seminary graduates assigned to the synod, Synod Council members (current and retiring), synod staff; recognitions of those rostered ministers with ordination and consecration anniversaries and congregations with major anniversaries; rostered ministers who have retired in the last year; and special recognition of two pastors celebrating their 50th anniversary of Ordination this year: Arlyn Tolzmann and Dennis Heaney. We will close our time together with Holden Evening Prayer and a Remembrance of our Departed Saints.

Saturday - June 16

7:15 a.m. Breakfast.....Gerber Center Dining Hall

Plenary Session III**Centennial Auditorium**

- 8:25 a.m. **Gathering Hymn:** “When Morning Gilds the Skies”
- 8:30 a.m. **Opening Prayer:** *The Rev. Preston Fields (Salem, Sycamore)*
Credentials Committee Report: *The Rev. Christopher Lee, chairperson*
Election Committee Report of General Ballot: *The Rev. Lu Cantrell*
 (Distribute Second Ballot, if needed)
Action on 2020 Proposed Budget: *Ms. Tammie Farley*
Churchwide Representative: *The Rev. Kevin Strickland*
- 9:30 a.m. **Second General Election Ballot Collected** (if needed)
- 9:40 a.m. **Keynote Speaker:** *The Rev. Dr. Anna Madsen*
- 10:45 a.m. **Election Committee Report of 2nd General Ballot** (if needed): *The Rev. Lu Cantrell*
Report from “Light,” the Synod Youth Ministry Leadership Team
Vice President’s Report: *Mr. Bill Bartlett, Vice President*
Resolutions Committee: *The Rev. Miho Yasukawa, chairperson*
Announcements: *The Rev. Marilyn Hanson*
- 11:35 a.m. **Order for the Closing of Synod Assembly:** *Bishop Jeffrey Clements*

End of Plenary Session III**Lunch**

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11:40 a.m. Lunch/Visit Displays.....Bergendoff Ensemble Rehearsal Room

Holy Communion with Rite of Ordination**Centennial Auditorium**

12:40 p.m. Participants line up for Holy Communion with Rite of Ordination

1:00 p.m. Holy Communion with Rite of Ordination

The worship offering is designated to go to “Making All Things New: The Campaign for the ELCA,” as part of the Bishop’s Challenge. Please make checks payable to “Northern Illinois Synod” and note on the check memo line for “Synod Assembly Offering.”

Mark your calendars**Northern Illinois Synod - Thirty-third Annual Synod Assembly - June 19-20, 2020**