

PROPOSED 2019 SYNOD ASSEMBLY AGENDA

Registration

Thursday, June 6	4:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Friday, June 7	7:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
Friday, June 7	12:15 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Saturday, June 8	7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.

Pre-Assembly Options: Thursday, June 6

- 4:00 p.m. Displays Open
- 4:30 p.m. Optional Dinner in Honor of the Rev. Thomas E. McKee's 20 years of service as Secretary of the Lower Susquehanna Synod

First Assembly Meeting: Thursday evening – June 6

- 6:45 p.m. • Service of Word and Sacrament **Parmer Hall**
- 8:00 p.m. • Order for the Opening of the Assembly **Parmer Hall**
• Certification of Voting Members
• Report on Registration
• Bishop's Remarks
• Report of the Synod Council
 - Adoption of the Rules of Procedure for the Election of a Bishop
 - Appointment of the Bishop's Election Committee
• Report of the Assembly Planning Committee
 - Adoption of the Agenda
 - Adoption of the Rules of Procedure
• Introduction to the Election of a Bishop – Churchwide Representative Deacon Sue E. Rothmeyer
• Mission Snapshot and A Bishop's Gifts for God's Mission – Vice President Lucinda Bringman and Deacon Marsha Roscoe, Director for Mission Interpretation
- 8:30 p.m. • Registration Closes
ALL VOTING MEMBERS WHO WILL CAST A BALLOT DURING THE FIRST BALLOT FOR BISHOP MUST BE REGISTERED BY THIS TIME
• First Ballot for Bishop – Deacon Sue E. Rothmeyer
 - Instructions – Treasurer Joseph Stepansky
 - Invocation of the Spirit – Sister Dottie Almonee, chaplain
 - Balloting
• Announcements
• Hymn and Prayer – Sister Dottie Almonee, chaplain
- 9:30 p.m. • Recess
• Reception in Honor of the Rev. Thomas E. McKee's 20 years of service as Secretary of the Lower Susquehanna Synod

DEADLINES

Friday Deadline for requests to remove one's name from the ballot for bishop.
9:30 a.m.

Friday Deadline for submitting biographical information for the election of bishop.
9:30 a.m.

- Friday 10:00 a.m.** Deadline for submitting nomination information forms for vice president, secretary, Synod Council and Discipline Committee.
- Friday 11:00 a.m.** Registration closes. All voting members casting a ballot during the second ballot for bishop must have registered by this time.
- Saturday 8:00 a.m.** Registration closes. All voting members casting a ballot during the third, fourth and fifth ballot for bishop must have registered by this time.

Second Assembly Meeting: Friday morning – June 7

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| 7:00 a.m. | Breakfast (residents only) | Lottie Nelson
Dining Room |
| 8:00 a.m. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hymn and Prayer – Sister Dottie Almonee, chaplain • Report on Registration • Presentation of the Minutes of the 2018 Synod Assembly • Report of the First Ballot for Bishop • Bishop’s Remarks | Parmer Hall |
| 9:15 a.m. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Break (break by 9:15 a.m.) • Report of the Synod Council <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Nomination of Vice President and Secretary • Report of the Nominating Committee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Nominations for Synod Council ○ Nominations for Discipline Committee • Committee Appointments <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Elections Committee ○ Committee on Memorials ○ Committee of Reference and Counsel ○ Worship at Assembly Committee • Introductions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Parliamentarian – Joseph Ricci, Esq. ○ Necrologist – The Rev. Jeffrey C. Compton ○ Former Bishops and Special Guests ○ Pages and Coordinators • Report of the Synod Council <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Report of the Mission Support Experiment ○ Adoption of the 2020 Proposed Budget ○ Adoption of Minimum Salary Guidelines ○ Adoption of Amendments to Bylaws and Continuing Resolutions of This Synod ○ Other Synod Council Recommendations • Ministry Focus – Equipping | |
| 11:00 a.m. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Registration Closes • ALL VOTING MEMBERS WHO WILL CAST A BALLOT DURING THE SECOND BALLOT FOR BISHOP MUST BE REGISTERED BY THIS TIME • Second Ballot for Bishop – Deacon Sue E. Rothmeyer <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Instructions – Treasurer Joseph Stepansky ○ Invocation of the Spirit – Sister Dottie Almonee, chaplain ○ Balloting • Announcements | |

- 12:00 noon**
- Hymn and Prayer – Sister Dottie Almoney, chaplain
 - Recess for Lunch

12:15 p.m. Lunch

**Lottie Nelson
Dining Room**

Third Assembly Meeting: Friday afternoon – June 7

- 1:30 p.m.**
- Forums
 - Worship Rehearsal

**Boyer Hall
Parmer Hall**

- 2:45 p.m.**
- Hymn and Prayer – Sister Dottie Almoney, chaplain
 - Biblical Storytelling
 - First Ballot for Vice President, Secretary, Synod Council, and Discipline Committee
 - Second Ballot for Vice President, Secretary, Synod Council, and Discipline Committee
 - Report of the Second Ballot for Bishop
 - Mission Focus
 - Introduction of Seven Nominees for Bishop and Presentation of Biographical Information
 - Speeches by the Seven Nominees for Bishop
 - Churchwide Presentation – Deacon Sue E. Rothmeyer
 - Announcements
- Hymn and Prayer – Sister Dottie Almoney, chaplain
- Recess for Dinner

Parmer Hall

5:30 p.m. Dinner

**Lottie Nelson
Dining Room**

Fourth Assembly Meeting: Friday evening – June 7

- 5:30 p.m.**
- Rehearsal for “Of the Land and Seasons” worship musicians

**Martin
Instrumental
Hall**

- 7:00 p.m.**
- Service of Word and Sacrament – “Of the Land and Seasons”
 - Necrology
 - Rite of Ordination

Parmer Hall

Fifth Assembly Meeting: Saturday morning – June 8

7:00 a.m. Breakfast (residents only)

**Lottie Nelson
Dining Room**

- 8:00 a.m.**
- Registration Closes
ALL VOTING MEMBERS WHO WILL CAST A BALLOT DURING THE THIRD, FOURTH AND FIFTH BALLOT FOR BISHOP MUST BE REGISTERED BY THIS TIME
 - Hymn and Prayer – Sister Dottie Almoney, chaplain
 - Biblical Storytelling
 - Third Ballot for Bishop – Deacon Sue E. Rothmeyer
 - Instructions – Treasurer Joseph Stepansky
 - Invocation of the Spirit – Sister Dottie Almoney, chaplain
 - Balloting
 - Report of the Third Ballot for Bishop
 - Question and Answer Period with the Three Nominees for Bishop
 - Mission Focus – Website
 - Committee of Reference and Counsel

Parmer Hall

- Break
- Committee of Memorials
- Reports of the Bishop and Officers
- Reports of the Committees, Agencies, Institutions, and Synodical Units of Churchwide Organizations
- Fourth Ballot for Bishop – Deacon Sue E. Rothmeyer
 - Instructions – Treasurer Joseph Stepansky
 - Invocation of the Spirit – Sister Dottie Almone, chaplain
 - Balloting
- Report of the Fourth Ballot
- Announcements

- 12:00 noon**
- Hymn and Prayer – Sister Dottie Almone, chaplain
 - Recess for Lunch

12:15 p.m. Lunch

**Lottie Nelson
Dining Room**

Sixth Assembly Meeting: Saturday afternoon – June 8

- 1:30 p.m.**
- Hymn and Prayer – Sister Dottie Almone, chaplain
 - Fifth Ballot for Bishop – Deacon Sue E. Rothmeyer
 - Instructions – Treasurer Joseph Stepansky
 - Invocation of the Spirit – Sister Dottie Almone, chaplain
 - Balloting
 - Report of the Fifth Ballot
 - Response of the Elected Bishop
 - Biblical Storytelling
 - Unfinished Business
 - New Business
 - Installation of the Newly Elected Members of Synod Council, Deans, and Secretaries
 - Order for the Sending of the Voting Members of the 2019 ELCA Churchwide Assembly
 - Bishop’s Closing Remarks
 - Rite of Affirmation/Rite of Thanksgiving
 - Order for the Closing of the Assembly with Installation of the Newly Elected Secretary

Parmer Hall

Reorganizational Meeting of Synod Council