



COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS ABOUT THE SYNOD ASSEMBLY

A Summary of the evaluations

At the assembly in June, many people **appreciated the theme** of “Sharing Ministries; Building Relationships,” and commented that they most enjoyed the time for conversations, networking, fellowship, connecting and reconnecting, learning, gathering, meeting new people, and interacting.

Several people said **they would share with their congregations** that more people should attend the assembly:

- to see what we are all about.
- because it is a worthwhile experience.
- to see what a big community we are.
- because all members should attend at least once.
- because it is a very informative experience.
- to learn the benefits of representing their congregation.
- to understand more about our church life.
- for the value of participation.

Some people asked **if the business of the assembly could be conducted in one day**. The 2019 Assembly will be held at the Genetti Inn & Suites in Hazleton on June 1. The assembly will convene in the morning, lunch will be served, and business will be concluded by mid-afternoon.

Because of the business that needs to be accomplished, a one-day event is not always

possible. In 2020 the synod will elect a new Bishop, and the assembly will be held on June 4, 5, and 6 at the Kalahari Resort & Convention Center in Pocono Manor.

Some people mentioned that **they did not receive information to register**. Registration materials are sent to every rostered minister in the synod and they are asked to distribute the material to the lay voting members and visitors of their congregations. As soon as the information is mailed by the end of March, it is also posted on the synod’s website.

Many **requested that information be available to them before the assembly**. A confirmation letter is sent to every voting person that registers, which includes much of the information needed before the assembly is convened. When you register, it is very important that you use your home address so you can be sure the information gets to you and is not delivered to your church office. Information such as the agenda, bulletin of reports, resolutions, and candidates’ biographies is posted on the synod’s website (www.godslove.org) as soon as it becomes available.

Those that indicate on their registration that they will be first-time voting members, receive a sheet along with their confirmation letter with basic information about attending the assembly and details about the orientation session held each year before the assembly convenes.

Because of **the size of the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod**, the location for the assembly rotates to different mission districts so travel times will not be the same for participants every year.

Thank you for the questions and constructive suggestions submitted on assembly evaluation forms to help with future planning.