



NEPA Synod Assembly 2018

**31<sup>st</sup> Annual Synod Assembly**  
**Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod, ELCA**  
**June 8-9, 2018**  
**Mohegan Sun Arena**  
**Wilkes-Barre, PA**

## Registration Confirmation

**You are registered** as a voting member for the 31<sup>st</sup> annual synod assembly on June 8-9, 2018.

**Registration at the arena** opens at 8:00 AM on Friday, June 8 inside the main entrance to the arena. Registration lines will be set up alphabetically by your last name.

**Voting Members** must sit at the tables and chairs on the assembly floor to participate. So everyone can be accommodated, please fill all the seats in each row.

**Visitors** can come at any time, for any amount of time. There is no registration fee for visitors but they should register before **May 25**. Visitors will be seated in the stadium seating of the arena during plenary sessions.

**Free parking** is available at the arena. Use the west entrance to the arena.

**An orientation session** for all first-time assembly participants will be held at 8:20 AM on Friday in Meeting Room B-C on the lower level of the arena.

**The assembly will begin promptly** at 9:00 AM on Friday with opening worship and order for the opening of the assembly.

**Plenary sessions** are scheduled Friday from 9:00-11:00 AM and from 2:30-3:35 PM. Saturday's plenary session will be from 9:00 AM -12:00 NOON. The annual business of the synod—including elections, reports, and discussion—is conducted during plenary sessions.

**Round Robin Activities** will be held Friday from 11:00 AM to 2:30 PM and from 5:30 to 9:00 PM.

You will have the opportunity to participate in service projects, visit Bear Creek Camp, view the displays on the arena concourse, and attend workshops. Consider using this time for the members of your congregation to take advantage of *different* activities to enable you to share your experiences and meet new people. A complete list of service projects and relationship building activities is enclosed.

**You must register for service projects and workshops** at tables near the main entrance to the arena on Friday morning. Registrations will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis.

If you ordered a **bus ticket to Bear Creek Camp**, it will be distributed with your name tag at the registration table. Buses will leave from the front of the arena at noon and at 6:00 PM and return approximately two hours later.

**Please bring jars of peanut butter and jelly** to be donated to the Weinberg Food Party of the Commission on Economic Opportunity (CEO). These items can be dropped off at the truck in the arena parking lot on Friday morning and will help support the summer children's food program in the Wilkes-Barre area.

**Donations are needed** to assemble health kits for Lutheran Disaster Relief and Orphan Grain Train. Please bring bath towels and wash cloths, bars of soap, combs, toothbrushes, and nail clippers.

**Box lunches will be available on Friday** in the arena. The lunches must be ordered on the registration form **by May 25** at a cost of \$13 each. Choices for lunch are: Italian wrap on white; turkey club on wheat; tomato, mozzarella,

pesto on Ciabatta; or Italian antipasto salad (gluten free). If you purchased a box lunch, tickets will be distributed with your name tag at the registration table.

**Other meals** will need to be planned on your own. A list of area restaurants will be in your assembly packet.

**No food or beverages** can be brought into the arena. If you have dietary needs and your assembly responsibilities preclude you from leaving the arena during meal times, please call Debbie Frey in the synod office. All food consumed in the arena must be supplied and prepared by the arena.

**Coffee bars** will be set up near the assembly floor to purchase beverages and baked goods.

**Water stations** will be available throughout the assembly. You can bring empty water bottles or cups to fill at the stations.

**A Festival Worship Service**, including Holy Communion, will be held at 4:00 PM on Friday. Bishop Zeiser will preach, and an offering will be received for the ELCA Young Adults in Global Mission Fund.

The annual **ELCA World Hunger** offering will be received on Saturday morning.

#### **Special guests:**

- Pastor President Gustavo Gómez Pascua, Iglesia Evangélica Luterana Unida (United Evangelical Lutheran Church) in Argentina and Uruguay will speak on Friday morning.
- Nick Kiger, Associate Director, Mission Support will be the churchwide representative and will speak on Friday afternoon.

**The Bulletin of Reports** will be on the assembly page of the synod website – [www.godslove.org](http://www.godslove.org) by the middle of May. Each voting member should print a copy of the *Bulletin of Reports*.

**Resolutions and memorials** that are submitted to the Committee of Reference and Counsel for action at the assembly and **biographical information** for the nominees will be posted on the assembly page of the synod website – [www.godslove.org](http://www.godslove.org) – as they become available.

**Mohegan Sun Arena at Casey Plaza** is located at 255 Highland Park Boulevard, Wilkes-Barre, PA, 18702. More information can be found at [www.mohegansunarenapa.com](http://www.mohegansunarenapa.com). If you need printed directions, please call the synod office at 610-266-5101.

**Because temperatures** can vary in the arena, participants are encouraged to dress in layers.

**All payments for registration** must be received in the synod office no later than **4:30 PM on Thursday, May 31**.

## **SCHEDULE**

### **Friday**

8:00 AM	Registration opens
9:00 AM	Plenary Session One
11:00 AM	Round Robin Activities/Lunch
2:30 PM	Plenary Session Two
3:35 PM	Break
4:00 PM	Festival Worship
5:30 PM	Round Robin Activities

### **Saturday**

8:30 AM	Opening Worship
9:00 AM	Plenary Session Three
12:00 NOON	Closing

**A complete agenda** and more details are available on the assembly page of the synod website – [www.godslove.org](http://www.godslove.org).

**Questions?** Contact Pr. Kurt Garbe at [kurt@nepsynod.org](mailto:kurt@nepsynod.org) or Debbie Frey at [debbie@nepsynod.org](mailto:debbie@nepsynod.org) or call 610-266-5101.



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