



**32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Synod Assembly**  
**Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod, ELCA**  
**June 1, 2019**  
**Genetti Ballrooms Inn and Suites**  
**Hazleton, PA**

## **Registration Confirmation**

**You are registered** as a voting member for the 32<sup>nd</sup> annual synod assembly on June 1, 2019.

**Registration at Genetti's** opens at 7:30 AM on Saturday, June 1 inside the main entrance. Registration lines will be set up alphabetically by your last name.

**Genetti Ballrooms Inn and Suites** is located at 1341 North Church Street (Route 309), Hazleton, PA, 18202. Go to [www.premiercateringandevents.com](http://www.premiercateringandevents.com) for more information. If you need printed directions, please call the synod office at 610-266-5101.

**Free parking** is available at Genetti's. Look for greeters to direct you to the most convenient parking.

**Please bring boxes of instant macaroni and cheese** to be donated to food pantries throughout Luzerne and Carbon Counties. The macaroni and cheese can be dropped off at the truck in Genetti's parking lot.

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

**An orientation session** for all first-time assembly participants will be held at 8:20 AM

on Saturday. The location for the orientation will be posted at the main entrance.

**Visitors** can come at any time, for any amount of time. The registration fee for visitors is \$20.00 which covers the cost of lunch. All visitor registrations must be received by the synod office by **May 16**. There will be an area designated for visitors to observe the plenary sessions.

**The assembly will begin promptly** at 9:00 AM on Saturday with festival worship, including Holy Communion and the order for the opening of the assembly. Bishop Zeiser will preach, and an offering will be received for the ELCA World Hunger Fund.

**Plenary sessions** are scheduled from 10:50 AM to 12:30 PM and from 2:00 to 4:00 PM. The annual business of the synod—including elections, reports, and discussion—is conducted during plenary sessions.

**No food or beverages** can be brought into the venue. All food consumed in the venue must be supplied and prepared by Genetti's.

**Complimentary beverage stations** will be set up with coffee, tea, and water from 10:15 AM to 12:15 PM. Please bring empty water bottles or cups to fill at the stations.

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**NEW FOR 2019** – To save costs and paper and keep everyone up-to-date, we will be

using the **ELCA Guidebook**, a free app that you can download on your smart phone or tablet any time to access all the documents and information needed, as well as vital and helpful announcements and guidance. There will be a brief orientation for the app when the assembly opens on Saturday morning, but download it now to get familiar with using it.

Because the screen will look different if you are using a smart phone or a tablet, please read through the directions before starting.

**Here's how to download the *Guidebook*:**

- Search “ELCA Guide” in the App Store – It will probably say “ELCA Organizations and Events” – Download/open and install it on your device.
- Open the app and tap “Explore” at the bottom of the screen.
- Scroll across “Upcoming” to find “2019 Northeastern PA Assembly” and download the guide.
- You don't need to check in at this point. On a phone – tap on the bars ≡ in the upper left-hand corner to access the menu. On a tablet – you will see the menu.

**Updated and new material will be added as it is received before and during the assembly.**

**The *Bulletin of Reports*** will be posted on the assembly page of the synod website – [www.godslove.org](http://www.godslove.org) by the middle of May. If you will not be using the **Guidebook** app, a copy of the *Bulletin of Reports* should be printed from the website.

**A special guest** – The Rev. Ronald T. Glusenkamp, Director for *Always Being Made New: Campaign for the ELCA*, will be the ELCA Churchwide representative to the assembly. He will speak during the morning plenary session.

**Every voting member and registered visitor** can attend lunch to commemorate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the incorporation of

the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod. The entrée will be boneless stuffed chicken breast, mashed potatoes, vegetable medley, rolls and butter, coffee and tea, and cake.

**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 *Guidebook* app and the assembly page of the synod website – [www.godslove.org](http://www.godslove.org) – as they become available.

**Because temperatures** can vary in large venues, 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 23.**

## AGENDA

7:30 AM	Registration opens
9:00 AM	Festival Worship
10:20 AM	Break
10:50 PM	Plenary Session One
12:30 PM	Lunch
2:00 PM	Plenary Session Two
4:00 PM	Closing Worship

**A complete agenda** and more details are available on the ELCA Guidebook app and 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.