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33rd Annual Synod Assembly
Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod, ELCA
October 16 and 18, 2020
October 23 and 24, 2020

REGISTRATION CONFIRMATION for Online Synod Assembly

Your registration as a voting member for the 33rd Annual Synod Assembly to be held online on Friday, October 16; Sunday, October 18; Friday, October 23; and Saturday, October 24 is confirmed.

For your convenience this Registration Confirmation is posted on the assembly page of the synod's website:

<http://nepasynod.org/assembly-2020/> with live links.

IMPORTANT – YOU WILL NEED this password and username to log in and to vote. Your username cannot be given to anyone else and can only be used once for each vote.

PASSWORD – neps2020

USERNAME –
(Voting Credential)

You will need to attend all sessions of the assembly (both weekends) and cast your vote on all ballots. As with in-person assemblies, the same people need to represent their congregations for the entire assembly.

Step-by-step instructions on how to log in, speak at the assembly, and vote are enclosed. You will also find the instruction sheet posted on the assembly page of the synod's website:

<http://nepasynod.org/assembly-2020/>.

If this is your first synod assembly, you will find an assembly primer enclosed.

A Synod Worship Service will be held at 6:00 PM on Friday, October 16. Bishop Zeiser will preach, and an offering will be received through the synod's website at <http://nepasynod.org/assembly-2020/> for the ELCA World Hunger Appeal. To donate, click on the red "World Hunger Appeal" button on the right side of the assembly page.

A special guest – Mr. William Horne II, Vice President of the ELCA, will be our churchwide representative to the assembly. He will speak on Sunday, October 18 and oversee the election of the next bishop.

BEFORE THE ASSEMBLY...

IT IS VERY IMPORTANT that you go to the assembly page of the synod's website at <http://nepasynod.org/assembly-2020/> on a regular basis. There you will find the following information which will be posted and updated as it becomes available:

- A detailed agenda
- A presentation and slides with input from clergy and laity throughout the synod regarding issues the next bishop should consider at <http://nepasynod.org/information-gathering-team-survey-results-now-available/>. Questions can be directed to George Freestone at freestga@me.com.
- The Bulletin of Reports which contains information to be discussed during the assembly

- Resolutions and memorials submitted to the Committee of Reference and Counsel for action at the assembly

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- Biographical information for the nominees for Synod Council and the Disciplinary Committee. Biographies of the candidates for bishop will be posted by October 21.

IT IS VERY IMPORTANT that all voting members take advantage of the following training and rehearsal times:

- A ten-minute instructional video is available from Lumi through the synod website at <http://nepasynod.org/assembly-2020/> showing how to log in to the assembly, enter your password and username, speak, and vote. Printed instructions are included with this letter and are available on the assembly page of the synod's website. You may find it helpful to follow the printed instructions while watching the video. PLEASE take the time to watch this informative video (maybe more than once) to familiarize yourself with the voting platform and give yourself time to get questions answered.
- Test Your Tech: The Lumi virtual voting platform will be open from 3:00 to 6:00 PM on Wednesday, October 14 for you to practice logging in with your password and username. You can do this anytime over the three-hour period. If you have any problems, email conference@nepasynod.org with your contact information and a member of the Help Team will get back to you as soon as possible.
- Voting Member Orientation: A 30-minute mock meeting will be held on Thursday, October 15 at 7:00 PM to practice voting and speaking to the assembly. This session will be recorded and posted on the synod's website at <http://nepasynod.org/assembly-2020/> later that evening.

If you will be part of a Watch Party where voting members will gather in one place (with Covid-19 precautions) and need help to plan your set-up, contact Pastor Chris deForest at cdeforest@mac.com.

AGENDA

	Friday, October 16
6:00 PM	Worship
7:00 – 9:30 PM	Plenary Session One
	Sunday, October 18
2:00 – 4:30 PM	Plenary Session Two
	*Friday, October 23
7:00 – 9:30 PM	Plenary Session Three
	Saturday, October 24
9:30 – 11:45 AM	Plenary Session Four
	90-minute break
1:30 – 3:50 PM	Plenary Session Five

***For your convenience**, you will have two ways to “attend” **Plenary Session Three** on Friday, October 23. You can watch the prerecorded video as our broadcast livestream as scheduled at 7:00 PM **OR** you can watch the same prerecorded video on demand ANY TIME after 8:00 AM on Friday, October 23. Either way, you **MUST** view it **BEFORE** the start of Plenary Session Four on Saturday, October 24 at 9:30 AM.

Instructions to join your Mission District Caucus on Saturday morning, October 24, will be given to you by your Mission District.

Questions? Contact Pr. Kurt Garbe at kurt@nepasynod.org or Debbie Frey at debbie@nepasynod.org or call 610-266-5101.



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