2020 Online Synod Assembly Program

Prior to the assembly, voting members will receive an orientation to the technology we will be using for meeting and voting.

WEEKEND ONE

Friday, October 16, 2020

6:00 - 6:40 PM  Worship
Break

7:00 - 9:30 PM  Plenary Session One

- Introduction of Guests
- Order for Opening Assembly
- Review of the Rules of Procedure for an Online Assembly
- Adoption of the Program
- Introduction of the Process for the Election of a Bishop
- Prayer
- First Ballot for Bishop
- Greetings from Lutheran Congregational Services
- Report of the Bishop
- Report of the Vice President and Report of Synod Council
- Video Celebration of our Ministry Together
- Report of the Secretary
- Greetings from Diakon Lutheran Social Ministries
- First Report of the Committee of Reference and Counsel
- Report of the Nominating Committee
- Announcements
Sunday, October 18, 2020

2:00 - 4:30 PM  Plenary Session Two

- Opening Prayer
- Report of the First Ballot for Bishop, Second Ballot
- Comments by Mr. Jim Jennings, ELCA Church Council
- Address by Churchwide Representative, ELCA VP William Horne II
- Report of the Treasurer
- Presentation of 2021 Spending Proposal
- Break
- Greetings from Executive Director of Bear Creek Camp
- Video Celebration of our Ministry Together
- Second Report of the Committee of Reference and Counsel
- Presentation of the 2021 Compensation Guidelines
- Report of the Legacy Task Force
- Ballot for Synod Council and Other Elected Positions
- Greetings from Portico Benefit Services
- Report of the Second Ballot for Bishop
- Announcements

WEEKEND TWO

Friday, October 23, 2020

7:00 - 9:30 PM  Plenary Session Three (and On Demand)

- Opening Prayer
- Explanation of the Process for Meeting Bishop’s Office Nominees
- Two-Minute Address by Each of the Seven Nominees
- Break
- Question and Answer Process with the Seven Nominees
- Announcements
### 9:30 - 11:45 AM   Plenary Session Four

Opening Prayer in Individual Mission District Zoom Meetings  
Mission District Caucuses, via Zoom  
Voting Members Convene for the Plenary Prayer  
Third Ballot for Bishop  
Report of the Ballot for Other Offices, Second Ballot if Needed  
Report of the Third Ballot for Bishop  
Constitution Committee Report  
Greetings from United Lutheran Seminary  
Recognition of Those Celebrating Major Roster Anniversaries  
Acknowledgements: New to the Synod Roster, Recently Retired  
Announcements

### 1:30 - 3:50 PM   Plenary Session Five

Opening Prayer  
Three-Minute Statements from Nominees  
Fourth Ballot for Bishop  
Video Celebration of our Ministry Together  
Introductions of Candidates for the Roster  
Report from the outgoing Candidacy Committee chair  
Report of the Synod Women of the ELCA  
Report of the Fourth Ballot for Bishop  
Prayer  
Fifth Ballot for Bishop  
Break  
Unfinished Business  
Other Reports – Questions and Answers Regarding the Bulletin of Reports  
Report of the Fifth Ballot for Bishop  
Comments by Bishop-Elect  
Announcement of the Dates and Location of the 2021 Synod Assembly  
Announcements  
Order for the Closing of an Assembly

8/29/2020