



## AGENDA

**33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Synod Assembly**  
**Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod, ELCA**  
**October 16 and 18, 2020**  
**October 23 and 24, 2020**

### **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

## Saturday, October 24, 2020

### 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