Synod Assembly 2019
Freed in Christ for a New Day
Saturday, June 1st, 8:30am-4:30pm
Genetti Ballrooms Inn and Suites, Hazleton

This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it! - Psalm 118:24

God said, “Let there be light”... God saw that the light was good... and God called the light, Day. - Genesis 1:1-5

Jesus answered... “I am the light of the world.” - John 9:5

For 2019 our Synod Assembly is a one-day event - and what a difference a day can make! All are welcome and all congregations are called and empowered to send two voting members and any number of visitors, as together we do God’s work: sharing life, love, faith and hope for the new days ahead, as the people of the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod.

This year we celebrate our past and look to our future, as we strive in this living present and presence of our Lord Jesus Christ - whose Good News has freed us to make this day and each day a new opportunity to give thanks, to worship, to pray, to dialogue, and to seek the good of our neighbors - all by the power of the Holy Spirit and the unconditional love of our great God, all because of what Christ has done for us.

We gather in a new place: Genetti Ballrooms Inn and Suites in Hazleton. Our co-workers in Christ in the Coal Region and the Pocono Mountains look forward to being our hosts. A one-day event means costs can be a bit lower this year. Registration fees for voting members are only $100, while visitors this year will pay $20, which covers the cost of our special luncheon celebration in honor of the 50th anniversary of the chartering of our Synod.

We will also have another way to save costs and paper, while keeping us all up-to-date, with a customized “Guidebook App” for Assembly 2019. With just a simple, secure download to your smart phone or tablet, you’ll have instant access to all the documents and information needed, as well as vital and helpful announcements and guidance. The App is free and available to anyone, whether or not you can attend the Assembly. More information will be given in next month’s Synod News, and at your upcoming Mission District Assemblies.

A registration packet will be mailed to all rostered leaders and information will be on our synod’s website at www.godslove.org.

God promises to shine on us the liberating light of Christ, to make us alive, to make this moment like a new morning, and to send us out in joy, peace and power.

Join us in June as we are FREED IN CHRIST FOR A NEW DAY!
St. Luke, Allentown
Muhlenberg College Partnership

ELL students - Nely is third from the left

St. Luke's Evangelical Lutheran Church, located in center city, Allentown hosts an English Language Learning (ELL) program. Trott Nely Montina, a senior at Muhlenberg, coordinates and teaches in the program. Nely majors in Media & Communications, and minors in both Africana Studies, and Documentary Storymaking. He is a member of a number of professional and student organizations including serving as a tutor, Emerging Leaders, Track & Field, Tour Guide, Adult ELL Teacher & Coordinator. When he is not participating in extracurriculars or at school, Nely likes to draw. Plus, he enjoys playing basketball with friends or personally training peers at Muhlenberg.

Nely took over the position of the program from Jose Flores, who was part of Muhlenberg graduating class of 2016. After observing one class with Jose, Nely recognized the significance of the program. He could understand and relate to the ELL students, because he too had taken courses to learn English. In addition to supporting learning and developing better English skills among local residents, the program offers Nely the opportunity to connect and form lasting relationships with some of the locals in Allentown and the church community.

After graduating college, Nely plans to continue school in a MFA and/or PhD program in film and hopes to become a professor. He also is interested in the external and internal factors that hinder low income, high achieving students from attaining a profitable education. Nely understands the trials of being the first member of a family to go to college.; and he wants to provide low income, high achieving students with exposure to numerous resources, and access that would further their education.