



## 2026 Synod Assembly Accommodations and Expense Overview

We have been working diligently to offer a set of accommodations for the 2026 Synod Assembly to make Assembly attendance as affordable as possible for congregations and attendees. This will be a solely in-person Assembly. You can read the published statement from Synod Council by visiting [godslove.org/assembly2026](https://godslove.org/assembly2026). We are hoping that the following information will assist congregations in considering options for expense savings and budgeting for the Assembly.

### ***Things the Synod has already done to help control costs:***

- Many locations were considered. Finding a facility that can accommodate the space needs for a Bishop's election is not easy. Split Rock not only meets those needs, but is significantly less expensive than the few other venues that would meet this criteria.
- Split Rock Resort's location is very close to the geographic center of our Synod. The furthest congregation location is about two hours away, with most being within 90 minutes, and many about one hour. The property itself is easy to navigate and commuter friendly.
- Hotel room rates were established that are already inclusive of fees and calculated as PA sales tax exempt. Four varieties of rooms are available that can provide individual beds for multiple people, beds in different rooms, and even rooms that have a kitchenette or full kitchen. See the chart at the bottom for more details.
- Group meals will be offered at Split Rock beginning with Wednesday dinner through Saturday lunch. The combined total of all these meals helps us to meet savings benchmarks related to our food and beverage totals. Attendees will be able to select specific meals, at cost, as part of the Assembly registration. (I.e. One person could select to participate in every offered meal, and another could select only Friday lunch.)
- A realistic, but tight assembly budget resulting in a registration fee that is as low as possible.
- We are working on finding sponsors for aspects of the Assembly, such as a meal, that could lower the attendee expense for congregations.

A basic individual cost estimate inclusive of registration fee (\$175) + 5 meals (\$213 - Friday breakfast through Saturday lunch) + on-site individual room (\$384 - Thursday + Friday night) comes to a total of \$772 per person. This would calculate to \$2,316 total for a congregation's Pastor + 2 voting members, each having an individual room on site.

### ***Ways to save:***

- Consider sharing rooms. None of the offered room styles has fewer than two independent beds.

- Upgrade individual rooms to Studio WITH Kitchenette. The additional expense is \$29 per room, but you could prepare some meals in the room and save \$213 per person if no group meals are selected.
- Upgrade one or more rooms to One Bedroom. These rooms have a KITCHEN. The additional expense is \$75 per room, but you could save \$213 per person if no group meals are selected. Also, a One Bedroom room could be used for two or more people. The two single Murphy beds are in the main part of the room, but there is a door between that space and the room with the King bed.
- Upgrade to one TWO BEDROOM for your three voting members. This room style has all the features of the One Bedroom with an added additional room with its own bathroom and two twin beds. Each person would have their own bed and space for sleeping.
- Commute.
- Consider bringing box lunch or more along to save meal expense.

| <b>SPLIT ROCK ROOM RATES:</b> | <b>Thurs</b> | <b>Fri</b> | <b>Total</b> | <b>Room Type</b>                              |
|-------------------------------|--------------|------------|--------------|-----------------------------------------------|
| Studio Without Kitchenette    | 158          | 226        | 384          | 2 queen beds                                  |
| Studio With Kitchenette       | 168          | 245        | 413          | 2 queen beds                                  |
| One Bedroom                   | 186          | 273        | 459          | 1 king bed + 2 twin murphy beds               |
| Two Bedroom                   | 275          | 396        | 671          | 1 king bed + 2 twin murphy beds + 2 twin beds |

#### **IMPORTANT NOTES!**

- The hotel reservation link below defaults to showing Thursday and Friday nights. Although the rate is different for each night, our contracted discount applies for June 1 through June 7 if you want to add days before or after Assembly. Be sure to select your correct desired dates at the top and then press the BOOK NOW button to refresh the information.
- The hotel reservation website must apply both sales and occupancy taxes. When you add rooms to the cart, the total (for Thursday and Friday) should match the above chart amounts. You can not submit a sales tax exemption certificate, that has already been reduced from the total amount, even though the reservation site indicates otherwise.
- There are several pictures for each room type, use the green arrows to scroll through the photos.

You can already reserve hotel rooms for Synod Assembly, and even pay in full, if desired. Visit [godslove.org/assembly2026](https://godslove.org/assembly2026) for the online booking link or call 570-722-9111 Prompt #1 and give code: NEPS

**Assembly registration details, including meals, will be available early in 2026.**

**Questions?**

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