

About This Report

This report will provide you with the information needed to make your assembly experience a good one. Read this report thoroughly and **bring it with you to the Synod Assembly.**

Registration

On-site registration is located in the North Lobby at the Mayo Civic Center and begins Friday at 8:15 a.m.

Housing

A block of rooms is available at the Radisson Hotel in Rochester. Call (507) 281-8000 by Apr. 13 and request a room in the block reserved for “Southeastern Minnesota Synod of the ELCA” to receive a special rate of \$85/room plus tax. You or your congregation are responsible for paying for your room. See www.semnsynod.org for more hotel options in Rochester.

Parking

See the downtown map of Rochester on page 10 to locate convenient parking lots and ramps. Downtown parking is free on Saturdays. The Rochester skyway system is also shown on this map.

Meals

Registration fees include the following meals:

Friday, May 5: Continental breakfast, lunch, Friday evening meal

Saturday, May 6: Continental breakfast and lunch

Additional Friday evening meal tickets may be purchased for \$25 per person. Friday evening meal tickets are non-refundable, but may be transferred.

Your name badge is your meal ticket. Wear it at all times!

Clothing

The Mayo Civic Center is climate controlled. You may want to dress in layers and wear your walking shoes so you are comfortable as you move from one area of the center to another.

On-Site Phone Number

To leave messages for assembly participants during regular assembly hours, call (507) 287-1509.

Special Needs

Hearing amplifiers are available, but one must be reserved at least one hour prior to when you wish to use it. Reservations can be made in the on-site office in the Board Room off the North Lobby. If you have other special needs, contact the synod office at least two weeks prior to Assembly, (800) 426-6376.



Displays & Augsburg Fortress

Be sure to visit the displays and Augsburg Fortress, the publishing ministry of the ELCA, in the Auditorium. Many resources will be available for immediate purchase and orders may be placed for additional items not available at the display; free shipping on all orders over \$100! Augsburg Fortress purchases at the Synod Assembly can be made with an Augsburg Fortress Account, and by credit card or check. Cash will not be accepted for purchases.

No Smoking

No smoking is permitted in the Mayo Civic Center.

Board of Pensions Representatives

Representatives from the Board of Pensions are present at the Synod Assembly and are available to answer congregational questions and provide specific information to those who are covered by the plan. Appointments are not necessary.

Environmental Stewardship

Please help recycle by returning all name badges, voting cards, unwanted paper, and completed evaluation forms to the appropriate boxes upon leaving the assembly. Also, please bring your own beverage mug. Disposable cups are provided for drinks, but their use is discouraged. This Pre-Assembly Report is printed on recycled paper.

Offering

The offering at worship Friday will go toward Camp Noah. Camp Noah is a week-long, faith-based day camp offered for elementary-age children in grades K-6 who have experienced disaster. It is staffed by trained camp counselors and is supported additionally by a local mental health professional. Camp Noah combines disaster recovery support for children with fun-filled recreation to form a unique and healing experience. This year's camps focus on the Gulf Coast region devastated by the 2005 hurricane season. Go to www.campnoah.org for more information.

