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2012 Southeastern Minnesota

# **Synod Assembly**

## **Registration**

May 4-5, 2012 • Mayo Civic Center • Rochester, MN

Deadline for Pre-Registration is April 26 (or postmarked by April 23)  
Register online at [semnsynod.org/assembly](http://semnsynod.org/assembly)

## Vital Information

- When** Friday-Saturday, May 4-5, 2012  
Registration begins Friday at 7:30 a.m.
- Place** Mayo Civic Center, 30 Civic Center Dr. SE, Rochester, MN
- Business** Elections for Augsburg College Corporation Board, Committee on Consultation, Committee on Discipline, Synod Council, and 2013 Churchwide Assembly voting members; resolutions; other business; keynote address; workshops; and Bible study.
- Bible Study** Bible studies will model intergenerational Bible studies.
- Cost** Pre-registration (postmarked by April 23 or online by April 26) is \$150. On-site registration is \$200.  
  
Make checks payable to “Southeastern Minnesota Synod” and send with registration to:  
**Southeastern Minnesota Synod, 1001 14th St. NW, Suite 300, Rochester, MN 55901**
- Meals** Registration fees include the following meals:  
Friday, May 4: Continental breakfast, lunch, and buffet supper  
Saturday, May 5: Continental breakfast and lunch  
Additional Friday evening meal tickets may be purchased. See form on page 7.  
Your name badge is your meal ticket. Wear it at all times.
- Pre-Assembly** **The Pre-Assembly Report will only be available electronically.** Each congregation is responsible for ensuring voting members have access to the report. The report will be posted at [semnsynod.org/assembly](http://semnsynod.org/assembly) in sections as they are available and in its entirety by early April. A limited number of CDs or hard copies are also available by contacting Katie Livingood at the synod office - [livingood@semnsynod.org](mailto:livingood@semnsynod.org), 507-280-9457, or 800-426-6376 in Minnesota.
- Housing** A block of rooms is available at the DoubleTree Hotel in Rochester. Call 507-281-8000 by April 16 and request a room in the block reserved for “Southeastern Minnesota Synod of the ELCA” to receive a special rate of \$119/room plus tax.

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**Special Needs** Hearing amplifiers will be available on-site. If you have other special needs, contact the synod office at least two weeks prior to the assembly, 507-280-9457 or 800-426-6376 in Minnesota.

**Agenda Highlights**

**Friday, May 4**

7:30 a.m. Registration  
8:30 a.m. Opening Worship  
10:00 a.m. First Plenary  
12:15 p.m. Lunch  
1:30 p.m. Second Plenary  
2:15 p.m. Keynote Address  
5:30 p.m. Buffet Supper and Program

**Saturday, May 5**

7:30 a.m. Registration  
8:15 a.m. Worship  
9:30 a.m. Workshops (see page 5)  
10:30 a.m. Workshops  
11:30 a.m. Workshops  
12:30 p.m. Lunch  
1:30 p.m. Third Plenary  
4:00 p.m. Closing of an Assembly

*This is a tentative agenda. A more detailed agenda will be available at [semnsynod.org/assembly](http://semnsynod.org/assembly) by March 1.*

**Additional Information**

Questions concerning registration may be directed to the Southeastern Minnesota Synod office, 507-280-9457 or 800-426-6376 in Minnesota.

Updated information on the assembly is available at [semnsynod.org/assembly](http://semnsynod.org/assembly)

## Types of Registration

- Voting Members**
1. All clergy & AIMs *under call* on the roster of the Southeastern Minnesota Synod.
  2. Formula for number of lay voting members from each congregation:
    - Two lay voting members elected by each congregation
    - Plus additional lay voting members based on 2010 baptized membership:
      - 901-1500, 1 additional
      - 1501-2100, 2 additional
      - 2101-2700, 3 additional
      - 2701-3300, 4 additional
      - 3301-3900, 5 additional
      - 3901-4500, 6 additional
    - (All congregations' exact voter numbers at [semnsynod.org/assembly](http://semnsynod.org/assembly))
    - Congregations with fewer than 2,700 baptized members (2010 membership) may elect one additional voting member who is a youth (age 18 or under on 5/4/12) or young adult (age 19-30 on 5/4/12). Congregations with more than 2,700 baptized members may elect two additional voting members who are youth or young adults, one male and one female. Congregations sending additional youth (not young adult) voting members will get a 50% reduction in registration fees for those youth.
    - The number of voters from any congregation should be as nearly as possible 50% male and 50% female.
  3. Members of the Synod Council
  4. All retired clergy and AIMs on the roster of the synod shall elect 10% of their number to serve as voting members; all other retired clergy shall be advisory members with voice but no vote. **Retired clergy and AIMs may not be elected as voting members of their congregation.**

**Visitors** Anyone may register as a visitor to the assembly. To receive meals and other assembly materials, the fee is the same as for voting members. There is no charge for observers. For 2012, a separate registration is available at no cost for the workshops (see below).

**Friday Evening** Tickets for the Friday evening meal and program are available for \$20/person. Order tickets on the voter/visitor registration form.

**Workshop Participant** This year's workshops are open to all. Workshops will be held Saturday morning. There is no charge for the workshops. To register for the workshops, please fill out the enclosed "Workshop Registration" form or register online ([semnsynod.org/assembly](http://semnsynod.org/assembly)). Registration should be postmarked by April 23 or done online by April 26.

**Day Camp** Children of assembly participants are invited to a free "Day Camp" hosted by Good Earth Village at the assembly on Saturday, 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Day Camp is open to children ages 5-12. Registration is required (postmarked by April 23, online by April 26).

## Workshops

Saturday morning features 24 workshops designed to train, equip, excite, empower, and inspire ALL who have an interest in faith and families. All are invited, not just registered voters and visitors. Registration for Saturday morning is required. Workshops being offered are listed below. Workshops will be offered once each with three sessions total. They are not listed in order by session. Descriptions, including what time each will be offered, will be available online ([semnsynod.org/assembly](http://semnsynod.org/assembly)) by March 1.

- Camp...It's not just camp anymore  
with Chad Campbell
- ~~Children, Youth &~~ Family Ministry: Re-Imagining Family Ministry  
with the Zumbro Family Ministry Team
- Congregational Best Practices for Safety, Security, Volunteer Background Checks & More  
with Karen Gieseke
- Faith Across Generations  
with Marilyn Sharpe
- Faith Like A Child: Faith Development in Childhood  
with Rev. Andy Nelson & Jessica Pleuss, M.A.
- Faith Mile Stones: Families on a Journey Together  
with Coreen Johnson
- Family Ministry + Small Group Ministry = Transformation!  
with Michael Beckman
- God's Re-firement Plan: Faith after 50  
with Marilyn Sharpe
- Helping Families on the Journey of Mental Illness  
with Dr. Susan Jenkins
- Home & Faith Connections: Spiritual Practices for Family and Children  
with Barb Peterson
- Internet Safety and Cyber Bullying: Protecting Children Online  
with Sgt. Gretchen O'Neil
- Jesus in the bathtub, at the table, and all through the house!  
with Dawn Alitz, Ph.D
- Baptism, Water Balloons and Bathtubs!  
with Dawn Alitz, Ph.D
- Ministry with Children & Families with ADHD & Autism Spectrum Disorder  
with Dr. Susan Jenkins
- One Size Fits All? - The Changing Face of Youth Ministry  
with Barb Farmer
- Pass it On: Sharing and Nurturing Faith through Storytelling  
with Carrie Gubsch
- Puppets as Storytellers: The Bible and so much more!  
with Sue Thalacker & Hilary Ledebuhr
- The Cow & The Haystack: Convincing Parents to Become an Impact Adult To Their Kids  
with Monty Lysne
- The FAITH 5: A Simple Strategy to Connect With Your Kids Every Day  
with Monty Lysne
- The Interactive Church: Communication in a Digital Age  
with Carrie Gubsch
- We're All In This Together – Nurturing Collaborative Ministry in Your Congregation  
with Rev. Charlie Ruud & Pam Vig
- Won't You Be My Neighbor? - Sharing Ministry with Other Congregations in Your Community  
with Pam Vig
- Worshipping Well with Children  
with Marilyn Sharpe
- YSLI: A New Model for Youth (Doing) Ministry  
with YSLI leadership

# Voter & Visitor Registration Form

*Online registration is available at [semnsynod.org/assembly](http://semnsynod.org/assembly)  
Registration Deadlines: Postmarked by April 23, online by April 26.  
Walk-in registration available at a higher cost.*

Title (circle one):      Mr.      Mrs.      Ms.      Dr.      Rev.      Rev. Dr.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_ Daytime phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Congregation: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_

Congregation Conference (circle one):

Blue Earth River      Cannon River      Minnesota River      Root River      Zumbro River

Which of the following describes your role at this Assembly? (circle one)

Lay Voting Member      Clergy Voting Member      AIM Voting Member      Visitor      Voice Without Vote

Are you (circle one if applicable):

Youth (ages 18 or under as of May 6, 2011)      Young adult (ages 19-30 as of May 6, 2011)

**Please include payment with this registration.** Registration fee is \$150/person if postmarked by April 23 or submitted online by April 26. The fee for youth (ages 18 or under as of 5/4/12) who are filling the 1-2 extra voter roles designated for youth or young adults (see page 4 for details) is \$75. On-site registration fee is \$200/person payable by check at registration. All changes in early registrations must be received by April 26.

**A refund minus a \$25 administrative fee will be given only if requested by April 26.**

*Send checks with this form payable to:*  
Southeastern Minnesota Synod, ELCA  
1001 14th St. NW, Suite 300  
Rochester, MN 55901-2551

Questions? Call 1-800-426-6376 or 507-280-9457  
or see [semnsynod.org/assembly](http://semnsynod.org/assembly)

## Friday Evening Meal Registration

*Online registration is available at [semnsynod.org/assembly](http://semnsynod.org/assembly)*

*Registration Deadlines: Postmarked by April 23, online by April 26.*

Please list the names of those who are requesting additional Friday evening meal tickets:

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

**Please include payment of \$20/person with this registration. Payable to "Southeastern Minnesota Synod."**

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## Workshop Registration

*Online registration is available at [semnsynod.org/assembly](http://semnsynod.org/assembly)*

*Registration Deadlines: Postmarked by April 23, online by April 26.*

Please list the names of those who plan to attend the Saturday morning workshops and are NOT registered as voters or visitors:

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

*Send completed registration to:*  
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# Day Camp Registration

*Online registration is available at [semnsynod.org/assembly](http://semnsynod.org/assembly)  
Registration Deadlines: Postmarked by April 23, online by April 26.*

**Please fill out a separate form for each child age 5-12 wishing to participate in Saturday morning's Day Camp.**

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s) of Parent(s) or Guardian(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Parent'(s)/Guardian'(s) Daytime Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Doctor/Health Care Provider: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Health Information (please attach additional pages if more space is needed):

1. Skin Diseases: Yes / No If yes, please explain:
2. Allergies: Food, Drugs, Hay fever: Yes / No If yes, please explain:
3. Medication: List name(s) and dosage(s):
  
4. List any illness, chronic condition, or physical consideration the child has that may affect participation or safety:
  
5. Other information that may help us to make your child's morning more enjoyable (fears, anxieties, etc.)
  
6. Please indicate the approximate times your child will participate in Day Camp: \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_  
*The Day Camp is open from 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Snacks and juice drinks will be provided. Lunch is not provided.  
Hour-long workshops for adults will be held at 9:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m., and 11:30 a.m.*

I authorize the following people to pick up my child from the Day Camp. If there are any changes in these arrangements, I will give advance written notice. (Note: If there are any special instructions, or any persons listed above who are not authorized to pick up your child, please attach a specific note.)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Parent/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_

RELEASE: I hereby enroll and give permission for my child to participate in the activities of this Good Earth Village program. I agree that the Southeastern Minnesota Synod, ELCA and Good Earth Village as well as staff and volunteers from these organizations will not be held responsible for accidents or personal injury arising therefrom. I acknowledge the health of my child as being such that it is safe for him/her to participate. In the event I cannot be reached in an emergency, the staff will make every effort to contact me. I understand that my insurance has primary coverage and Good Earth Village insurance is secondary.

Signature of Parent/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_

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