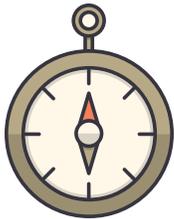


2017 SYNOD ASSEMBLY

A GUIDE TO THE PRE-ASSEMBLY REPORT



SECTION 1: A PREPARATORY GUIDE

Section 1 is a great place to begin your preparations for the 2017 Southeastern Minnesota Synod Assembly. It's like a compass to point you in the right direction. Look here for introductory information about the event, speaker bios, maps, nominations, resolutions, and all budget information. This year's budget is available in narrative, numerical, and infographic format. Be sure to take a look through this section prior to the event.



May 6, 2017 / Learning Event
10:00-5:30 pm / Rochester Civic Center
Register online at www.semnsynod.com/assembly2017

SECTION 2: THE LEARNING EVENT

There is a Learning Event on the afternoon of Saturday, May 6. The Learning Event is included in the general registration fee for assembly voting members. A \$25 registration fee is required for non-voting members who wish to attend. Online registration is required. Everyone is invited! This section of the report includes bios and workshop details from everyone presenting this year.

SECTION 3: OUR SYNOD STORY

Section 3 of this year's report highlights the way the Spirit has been at work through our synod structure over the past year. Read summaries from our tables, teams, and committees as well as Office of the Bishop staff members and conference deans. This section is a resource that can be used by congregations year-round to share the synod story.



SECTION 4: ORDINATION ANNIVERSARIES AND RETIREMENTS

Every year we honor retirements and significant ordination anniversaries. Section 4 highlights the 42 individuals who are celebrating retirements & ordination anniversaries this year. All participants submitted a baby, ordination, and current photo and responded to the prompt "Where have you recently witnessed the movement of the Holy Spirit?"



SECTION 5: WORSHIP MATERIALS

This section contains all of the worship materials that will be used at this year's assembly. Congregations are invited to use some or all of these materials in their local setting on Sunday, May 7. A printed and video version of Bishop Delzer's sermon for that day are available online. Assembly voting members will receive a worship booklet in their packets at assembly as well, so this section doesn't need to be printed off in advance.



SECTION 6: MINISTRY PARTNERS

We are grateful for our ministry partnerships! Some of our partners submitted annual reports to share with the congregations of our synod. These are available in section 6. As additional partners submit reports, they will be added to the materials we have stored online.



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