



South-Central Synod of Wisconsin  
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America  
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## Synod Assembly Summary 2018

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### ELECTIONS

#### BISHOP

Rev. Viviane Thomas-Breitfeld

#### Vice President

Jane Cahill Wolfgram, Christ Lutheran, De Forest

#### Secretary

Rev. Brad Pohlman, Luther Memorial, Madison

#### Synod Council

Gary Engelke, First English, Platteville  
Rev. Tim Hansen, Our Saviors, Sun Prairie  
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Debi Peters, Our Saviors, Sun Prairie  
Cindy Wuttke, Christ Evangelical, Sharon

#### Consultation Committee

Rev. Mae Jean Zelle, First, Janesville; Interim

#### Discipline Committee

Carl Anderson, Luther Memorial, Madison  
Rev. Don Glanzer, St Peter's, Loganville  
Deacon Bonnie Vize, West Middleton, Verona

#### Churchwide Assembly

Jane Cahill Wolfgram, Christ Lutheran, De Forest  
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Tyler Gold, Good Shepherd-Madison & Verona  
Deacon Vicki Hanrahan-Our Saviors, Sun Prairie  
Jessie Hodgson, First English, Platteville  
Deacon Lisa Huber, Bethel, Madison  
Rev. Erik Jelinek, Central, Edgerton  
Ben Johnston-Urey, First, Janesville  
Jen Kooistra, St. John's, Oregon  
Theo Kooistra, St. John's Oregon  
Emily Larson, Good Shepherd-Madison & Verona  
Rev. Felix Malpica, Faith, Janesville  
Rev. Matthew Poock, St Johns, Evansville  
Jason Xiong, Bethel, Madison  
Rev. Susan Schneider, Trinity, Madison  
Kathryn Small, Lake Edge, Madison  
Rev. Gordon Straw, Grace, Evanston, IL  
Trevor Thom, Immanuel Evangelical, Watertown  
Rev. Mae Jean Zelle, First, Janesville; Interim  
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The annual synod assembly was held May 5 & 6 at the Kalahari in Wisconsin Dells. Here are some fast facts:

### Our Theme Was:

**“Walking Wet: Waterlife”**

*Celebrating our baptismal promise and challenge.*

### Keynote Speaker

**Bishop Felipe Lozada-Montañez** of our partner synod, the Caribbean Synod of the ELCA, gave an update of the challenges still facing the people and congregations of Puerto Rico and what we can do to continue to walk with them through their recovery efforts. Bishop Felipe, and his wife, Ana, accepted the offering from our congregations and extended their deep appreciation for our synod's generosity and partnership.

### Special Music Throughout

Composer and musicians, Ben Johnston-Urey, Rev. Nancy Raabe, Ondra Williams, a worship ensemble, and the Synod Assembly Choir comprised of members from various congregations in our synod, led in song and praise during worship services on both Saturday night and Sunday. Saturday was the sending service of Bishop Mary Froiland.

### Offering

Designated for hurricane relief efforts for our brothers and sisters of our partner synod, the Caribbean Synod of the ELCA  
**\$19258.45**

### Million Dollar Mission Jar Challenge

Our one year challenge to raise money for the Campaign for the ELCA culminated at our synod assembly. In total, our congregations raised  
**\$9934.62**

### Heart & Hands Award

Three congregations received this year's Heart and Hands award for opening their doors and extending hospitality to congregations in our synod for equipping events.

First Lutheran Church (Janesville) - LEAD  
St. Matthew's New Life (Madison) - Racial Equity Events & More  
Trinity Lutheran (Madison) - Weekly Diakonia Classes

### Synod Assembly 2019

May 4 & 5, 2019 at the Marriott - Madison, WI