

South Central Synod of Wisconsin - Assembly Agenda

August 29, 2020

Note:

- **This is a remote assembly.** Voting members will register and be admitted by their electronic device. A requirement for such a remote meeting to be organizationally legal is the ability for all members to interact – speaking and hearing, able to make motions, etc. Every Voting Member will need to register with and be connected via their own email address. Online orientation sessions prior to the assembly will be provided, and all voting members should participate in one of these sessions.
- **Registration / sign-in** will close approximately 15 minutes before each of the three ballots for bishop, and will reopen after each ballot.

ASSEMBLY AGENDA

- 7:30 – 8:30 a.m. Online registration. **Please register early – then leave your computer on and relax until 8:30;** this will allow plenty of time to sign in and be admitted to the Zoom meeting.
 - 8:15-8:30 – instructional video shown
- 8:00 – Gathering Music
- **8:30 a.m. – 8:50 a.m. – Opening Worship**
- **Business Plenary #1¹**
 - Call to Order
 - Credentials Report #1
 - Introduction to How this assembly will work
 - Adoption of Rules, Agenda
 - Report of the Bishop
 - Reports of the Bishop Election Task Force and Bishop Call Committee
- **Election Plenary #1**
 - Secretary Rothmeyer: introduction and explanation to the election procedure
 - Four nominees address the assembly
 - 10-minute break –stretch and reflection
 - Credentials report #2
 - Prayer and **First Ballot** for bishop. (75% needed for election)
 - Mission Moment
 - **Report of the First Ballot for Bishop**

¹ Bishop Peter Rogness or Synod VP Jane Cahill Wolfgram will preside during Business plenary sessions; ELCA Secretary Deacon Sue Rothmeyer will preside during Election Plenary sessions.

- **Business Plenary #2**
 - Greetings
 - Andrea DeGroot Nesdahl – 1st ordained woman to serve in this synod
 - Report of our Churchwide ministries: ELCA Secretary Sue Rothmeyer
 - Including recorded greeting from Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton
 - Report of the Synod Vice President
 - Report of the Synod Treasurer, and
 - Adoption of 2021 Spending Plan
 - Adoption of Compensation Guidelines
 - Elections for positions other than bishop
 - Mission Moment(s)
 - Stretch Break

- **Election Plenary #2**
 - Q&A among the three nominees moving to the second ballot
 - Stretch break
 - Credentials report #3
 - Prayer and **Second Ballot** for bishop. 60% needed for election
 - Mission Moment
 - **Report of Second Ballot for Bishop**
 - Stretch Break

- **Business Plenary #3**
 - Report of the Secretary and Action updating constitution
 - (*Pending*) Reception of Common Ground Church, Lodi
 - Anniversary recognition / mission moments
 - Unfinished business
 - Other business
 - Mission moments
 - Announcements of coming synod activities

- **Election Plenary #3**
 - two remaining candidates address the assembly
 - Credentials final report #4
 - Prayer and **Third Ballot** for bishop. 50% needed for election.
 - Mission Moment(s)

- **Final Plenary**
 - Any Unfinished Business
 - **Report of the Third Ballot for Bishop**

- Remarks by the Bishop-Elect
 - Closing remarks by Secretary Rothmeyer
 - Closing remarks by Bishop Rogness
 - Order for the Closing of an Assembly
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- **Adjourn**