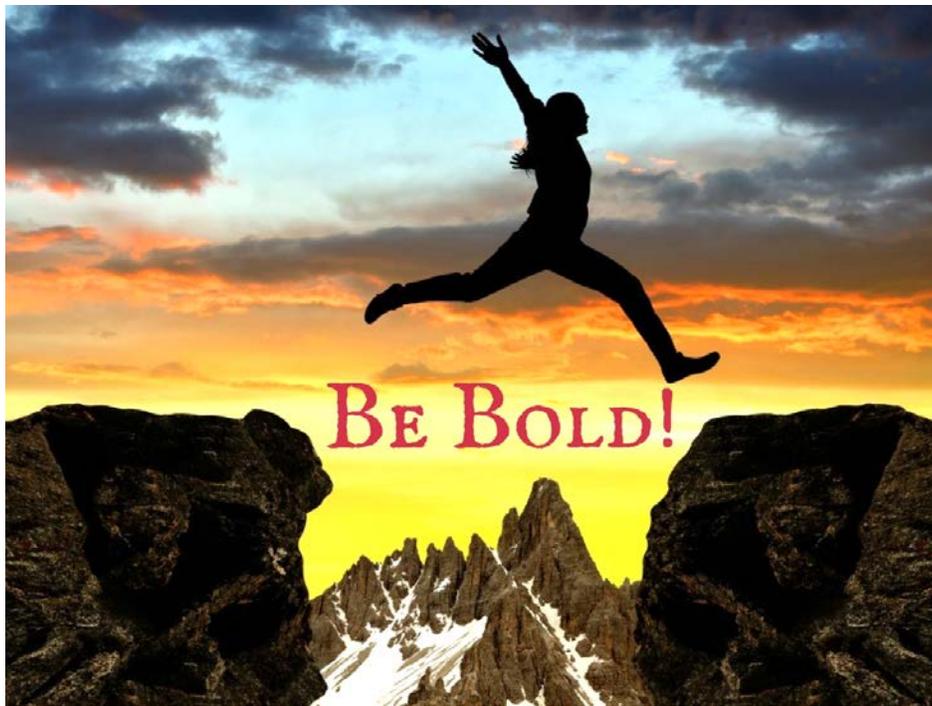


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for the
Thirty-Second Annual Assembly
of the
NEW JERSEY SYNOD, ELCA

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New Jersey Synod
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
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WELCOME

Welcome to the Thirty-second New Jersey Synod Assembly. Please read this Bulletin of Reports so you may be an informed Voting Member.

Assembly Vocabulary No Accident

It is important to note and remember that no delegates will be present for the assembly. “Voting members” are not delegates!

- The terminology related to the legislative process of this church is no accident.
- The words “Synod Assembly,” rather than convention, and “Voting Members,” rather than delegates, were deliberately chosen for our governing documents.

These words not only fulfill certain legal requirements, but also reflect that the ecclesial understanding of the three primary expressions of this church—congregations, synod, and church-wide organization—exist and serve within this *one church*.

The people of this synod are not sent as delegates; they are *not* gathered to act as some politicized delegates to a regional party convention. Rather, they *assemble* as duly selected members of this church with *voting* responsibilities for governance and elections on behalf of the synod. The Synod Assembly is just that, an assembly of the people of this church, some of whom have been granted the responsibility of being *Voting Members* of the *Synod Assembly*.

The people of this church, when gathered as *Voting Members* of the Synod Assembly, have the responsibility of electing the voting members of the *Church-wide Assembly*. Persons so chosen are given the responsibility of doing the work of the Church-wide Assembly on behalf of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

They are *not* sent to participate as politicized delegates from some regional or agenda-specific caucus at some national party convention.

The vocabulary that we use both shapes and reflects our understanding of this church.

We need to (a) understand more clearly, and (b) embrace more completely the conviction that the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America “shall seek to function as people of God through congregations, synods, and the church-wide organization, all of which shall be interdependent. Each part, while fully the church, recognizes that it is not the whole church and, therefore, lives in a partnership relationship with the others.” (ELCA Church-wide Constitutional Provision 8.11.)

Indeed, we together affirm and declare the primary principle of organization of our church, namely: “The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America shall be one church.” (ELCA Church-wide Constitutional Provision 5.01)

Within this one church, we, as voting members, advisory members, non-voting members, visitors, and staff will gather to carry out the work of this Synod Assembly.

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Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.

Spring 2019

“For if you keep silence at such a time as this,
relief and deliverance will rise for the Jews
from another quarter, but you and your father’s
family will perish. Who knows?
Perhaps you have come to royal dignity
for just such a time as this.”

– Esther 4:14

Dear Friends in Christ,

For such a time. The world has changed and is changing. But what shapes us as Lutherans is being God’s beloved people gathered around word and sacraments. In Christ through the Spirit, God has invited us into a deeply intimate and loving relationship with God and with each other for such a time as this.

This is our time to tell the story of the church we are becoming, a church confident about who we are in Christ and what God is calling us to do. As I have said previously, if God wills that there be a witness to the gospel through the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), no force on earth, not even our own, can stop it.

As we gather in synod assemblies, I invite you to pray for one another and listen for God’s will. Your prayers and discernment will be crucial as the assembly season culminates at the 2019 ELCA Churchwide Assembly in Milwaukee, Aug. 5-10. As part of our legislative business, we will be receiving and considering proposals from your synod assemblies. I hope you will have time and space to talk together, pray together and listen together as you consider resolutions and memorials before you. We need time for discernment.

This church continues to engage in God’s reconciling work through Christ in the world. At the churchwide organization, the ELCA Church Council is overseeing implementation of this church’s strategic plan, Future Directions 2025 (ELCA.org/future). Through this initiative, we’re cultivating new leaders and revitalizing congregations. Thank you for your faithful commitment.

Thank you also for your generosity to *Always Being Made New: The Campaign for the ELCA* (ELCA.org/campaign). Your continued support is an example of all the ways we are church, we are Lutheran, we are church together and we are church for the sake of the world.

God’s blessings to you as you gather as the living body of Christ. May you be guided by the Spirit as you do God’s will for God’s people for such a time.

With gratitude,

The Rev. Elizabeth A. Eaton
Presiding Bishop



Iglesia Evangélica Luterana en América

La obra de Dios. Nuestras manos.

Primavera, 2019

“Si ahora te quedas absolutamente callada, de otra parte vendrán el alivio y la liberación para los judíos, pero tú y la familia de tu padre perecerán. ¡Quién sabe si no has llegado al trono precisamente para un momento como este!”

– Ester 4:14

Estimados amigos y amigas en Cristo,

Para un momento como este. El mundo ha cambiado y está cambiando. Sin embargo, lo que nos moldea como luteranos es ser el pueblo amado de Dios reunido en torno a la palabra y los sacramentos. En Cristo, por medio del Espíritu, Dios nos ha invitado a una relación profundamente íntima y amorosa con Dios y entre nosotros para un momento como este.

Este es nuestro momento de contar la historia de la iglesia en la que nos estamos convirtiendo, una iglesia confiada en quiénes somos en Cristo y en lo que Dios nos está llamando a hacer. Como he dicho previamente, si Dios quiere que haya un testimonio del evangelio por medio de la Iglesia Evangélica Luterana en América (ELCA), ninguna fuerza en la tierra, ni siquiera la nuestra, puede detenerlo.

Los invito a que durante el tiempo de reuniones en las asambleas de los sínodos oren unos por otros y presten oído a la voluntad de Dios. Sus oraciones y discernimiento serán cruciales durante la culminación de la temporada de asambleas en la Asamblea Nacional de la ELCA 2019 en Milwaukee, en agosto del 5 al 10. Como parte de nuestros negocios legislativos, estaremos recibiendo y considerando las propuestas de las asambleas de sus sínodos. Espero que tengan el tiempo y el lugar para conversar juntos, orar juntos y escuchar juntos, a fin de considerar las resoluciones y memoriales que tienen ante ustedes. Necesitamos tiempo para el discernimiento.

Esta iglesia continúa participando en la obra reconciliadora de Dios en el mundo por medio de Cristo. En la organización nacional, el Consejo Eclesial de la ELCA está supervisando la implementación del plan estratégico de esta iglesia, Futuras Direcciones 2025 (ELCA.org/future). A través de esta iniciativa, estamos cultivando nuevos líderes y revitalizando congregaciones. Gracias por su fiel compromiso.

Gracias por su generosidad hacia *Siempre siendo hechos nuevos: La campaña para la ELCA* (ELCA.org/campaign). Su apoyo continuo es un ejemplo de las formas en que somos iglesia, somos luteranos, juntos somos iglesia, y somos iglesia para el bienestar del mundo.

Bendiciones de Dios para ustedes mientras se reúnen como el cuerpo vivo de Cristo. Que sean guiados por el Espíritu mientras hacen la voluntad de Dios, para el pueblo de Dios, para un momento como este.

Con gratitud,

KVda. ELIZABETH A. EATON
Obispa Presidente

Meet our ELCA Churchwide Representative



Pastor Walter May
Office of the Presiding Bishop,
Executive for Synodical Relations

Pastor Walter May serves the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America as Executive for Synodical Relations in the Office of the Presiding Bishop, as well as serving as an assistant to Presiding Bishop since February 2009.

In these roles, Pastor May coordinates the work of the ELCA's Conference of Bishops and provides support to the staff and councils of the 65 synods of this church. In addition, he oversees the work of the ELCA's Bureau for Federal Chaplaincy Ministries and serves as the ELCA's liaison to Thrivent Financial for Lutherans.

Pastor May is a graduate of Marquette University, Milwaukee, and the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago (LSTC). He earned a doctorate in pastoral care and counseling in 1996 from LSTC, one of eight seminaries of the ELCA.

Ordained in the former Lutheran Church in America, May served as pastor of Christ the Mediator Lutheran Church, Chicago, and First Lutheran Church, Cedar Rapids, Iowa. From 1996 to 2008 he was an assistant to the bishop of the ELCA Southeastern Iowa Synod, Iowa City. From October 2008 to February 2009 May served ELCA Synodical Relations as director of administration and synod support.

May and his late wife D. Christine May, former Director for Racial Justice Ministries, ELCA Multicultural Ministries, are the parents of five adult children.

Meet Our Assembly Guest

Ryan P. Cumming, Ph.D.,
Program Director for Hunger Education
ELCA World Hunger

In his role as Program Director for Hunger Education, Ryan directs the development of ELCA World Hunger's educational resources, researches trends in hunger and poverty, and supports communications with partners and congregations.

In addition, Ryan teaches courses on Theological Ethics and Religious Studies at Central Michigan University and Loyola University, Chicago.

He is the author of *The African American Challenge to Just War Theory* (Palgrave, 2013), contributor to *The Forgotten Luther: Reclaiming the Social-Economic Dimension of the Reformation* (Lutheran University, 2016), and editor of *The Forgotten Luther: Reclaiming the Church's Public Witness* (Fortress, 2019.)

Ryan is a former interim editor of the Journal of Lutheran Ethics and was a member of the ELCA's criminal justice social statement task force.



**NEW JERSEY SYNOD
EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA
THIRTY-SECOND ANNUAL ASSEMBLY
June 6-8, 2019
Hyatt Regency, New Brunswick, NJ**

GENERAL INFORMATION

1. **ON-SITE CHECK-IN**: Thursday, June 6th, 3:00-5:00 PM / 6:00 -7:00 PM
PROMPT registration is requested as a quorum is needed to open the Assembly (at 8:30 PM).
2. **NAME TAGS**: Orange - Voting Members; Red - Voice/no vote; Yellow – Visitors, Guests & Non-Rostered Staff. Synod Council members will be identified with red ribbons and synod staff with purple ribbons.
3. **SEATING**: Seating will be marked for Voting Members, Synod Council and Visitors. Please respect designations. Voting Members will not receive ballots nor be allowed to vote unless seated in the voting member section. Thursday plenary session seating will be theatre style.
4. **BANQUET**: No seating designations will be made for the banquet. Admission to the banquet will be by Voting Member name tag or pre-paid visitor banquet ticket only. No tickets will be available on site.
5. **WORSHIP**: An Ordination Service with Holy Communion will take place Thursday at 7:00PM; A Morning Prayer Service will take place Saturday morning at 8:30AM.
6. **FLOOR NOMINATIONS**: Persons making nominations from the floor must submit a complete biographical form with the required number of Voting Member signatures to the Secretary by 8:00 PM Thursday. This form may be obtained on the floor of the assembly from the Secretary, or the synod office, prior to the opening of the Assembly.
7. **GERMANE MOTIONS FROM THE FLOOR**: When a Voting Member makes a motion from the floor, the Voting Member must present the motion on the proper form to the Secretary. This form is available from the Secretary at any time during the Assembly.
8. **HOTEL CHECK IN/OUT**: Hyatt Regency, New Brunswick, NJ Check in 3:00PM.
Check out 12:00 PM

Report of Elections - First Ballot for Bishop
 Report of Secretary
 Report of the Committee of Reference of Counsel
 First Ballot
 Affirmation of Mission District Elections
 Vice President, Secretary, and Synod Council
 Report of Registration and Attendance
 Second Ballot - Bishop
 Report of the ELCA Churchwide Representative
 The Rev. Walter May
 Report of Treasurer
 Report of Synod Council
 Introduction of 2020 Spending Plan
 Report of Elections – Second Ballot - Bishop (7 names move forward)
 Greetings from Cross Roads Conference and Retreat Center
 Recognition of Retired Rostered Leaders
 Closing Prayer

12:00 Noon **LUNCH RECESS** *Cash and carry lunch available*
 12:30 – 1:00 PM 2020 Spending Plan Hearing (*Regency Ballroom*)
 12:30 – 1:30 PM Registration Open

1:30 PM **BUSINESS SESSION 3** (*Regency Ballroom*)

Necrology Report/Affirmation of Baptism
 Q & A w/ Seven Bishop nominees or *Dwelling in the Word*
 Report of Registration and Attendance
 Third Ballot - Bishop
 Ministry Celebration – EMU phase 1
 Report of Elections - First Ballot
 Mission District Elections
 Vice President/Secretary/Synod Council
 LEAMNJ greetings
 Candidacy Committee Report
 Report of Reference and Counsel
 Report of Elections – Third Ballot - Bishop

4:00 PM Three Nominees for Bishop Rotation or
Dwelling in the World (Regency Ballroom)

5:00 PM Recess

6:00 – 6:30 PM Registration Open

6:30 PM **ASSEMBLY BANQUET**

Congregation Anniversary Recognition
 Recognition of the Ministry of The Rev. Scott Schantzenbach
 Closing Prayer

SATURDAY, JUNE 8, 2019: *Cash and carry breakfast available*

7:30 – 8:15 AM United Lutheran Seminary Conversation (*Garden State Ballroom*)
The Rev. J. Jayakiran Sebastian, Dean
(*Bring your breakfast with you!*)

8:00 – 9:00 AM Registration Open
8:30 AM Morning Prayer

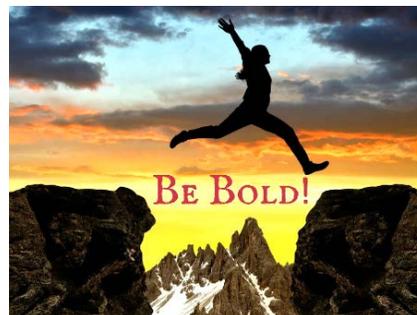
8:45 AM **BUSINESS SESSION 4** (*Regency Ballroom*)

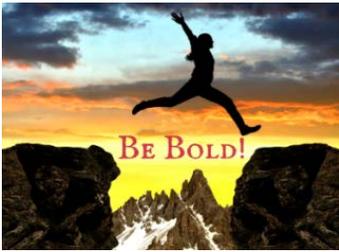
Hymn and Opening Prayer
Second Ballot - Vice President, Secretary, and Synod Council
Ministry Celebration
Bishop's Challenge for World Hunger
Adoption of 2020 Spending Plan
Fourth Ballot - Bishop (Candidates Address Assembly)
Greetings from United Lutheran Seminary
Report of Reference and Counsel (Cont'd.)
Report of Fourth Ballot - Bishop
Fifth Ballot - Bishop (Q & A w/Churchwide Rep)

Report of Bishop

Report of Elections Second Ballot
Vice President, Secretary, and Synod Council
Dwelling in the Word
Report of Synod Council (Cont'd.)
Report of Fifth Ballot – Bishop
Report of Registration and Attendance

12:30 PM Installation of Synod Council and Officers
Sending Rites
Churchwide Assembly and Synod Mission Trips
Order for Closing of the Assembly





THIRTY-SECOND ANNUAL NEW JERSEY SYNOD ASSEMBLY
AFTERNOON WORKSHOPS
Thursday, June 6, 2019, 4:00 PM – 5:30 PM

❖ **Boldly Going Where Advocacy Has Not Gone Before** *Brunswick Ballroom A*

Join LEAMNJ board members as we share our exciting plans for Lutheran advocacy in NJ. We are growing into an organization that has as its mission cultivating emerging leaders for the church and public policy engagement! This new organization is being built from the ground up, so come and share your thoughts and ideas.

Leader: The Rev. Sara E. Lilja, Director, LEAMNJ

❖ **Bold Witness, Bold Action: ELCA World Hunger & the Forgotten Luther** *Brunswick Ballroom C*

Widespread economic inequality, unjust legal practices, and collusion between the church, government, and wealthy merchants – these were just a few of the issues facing Europe in the 1500s. Martin Luther believed that if the church was called to love and serve the neighbor, it must start by boldly confronting the injustices that left its neighbors hungry, marginalized, and impoverished. Learn more about Luther’s teachings and how the church today, through ELCA World Hunger, is drawing on this rich heritage and accompanying neighbors around the world and in the US as, together, we “strive for justice and peace in all the earth.”

Leader: Dr. Ryan P. Cumming, Program Director, Hunger Education, ELCA World Hunger

❖ **Imagine and Love Boldly** *Salon A & B*

Vital Congregations are not just welcoming, they are inviting. What might God be inviting us to today? How do we empower disciples to know their story, go and share their story, and invite others into Jesus’ story? Participants will be engaged as learners and teachers to grow spiritually, lead change, develop relationships with their neighbors, and see what God is up to outside the church!

Leader: The Rev. Maristela Freiberg, Assistant to the Bishop and Director for Evangelical Mission and partners.

❖ **Keeping the “syn” in Synod** *Garden State Ballroom*

Members of the Ad Hoc Team for Synod Priorities will lead a conversation about how we walk together as congregations. Attention will be given to changes in our synod staffing and what those changes mean for continuing to support congregations and their leaders moving into a bold future.

Leaders: Ad Hoc Team for Synod Priorities

❖ **Race Is A Social Construct!** *Conference Rooms B & C*

When did you become aware of your race? How does *race* impact *racism*? New Jersey is one of the most diverse states, and we struggle to live out our baptismal promise to **love all people following the example of Jesus**. We will explore these questions as well as upcoming opportunities in the New Jersey Synod to participate in crucial conversations on race.

Leader: The Rev. Kimberly Vaughn, Assistant to the Bishop

❖ **The EMU Farmer’s Handbook** *Conference Room I*

The “Excellence in Ministry Unleashed” (EMU.NJ) project has impacted congregations and pastors who live, love, and lead generously. At a time when congregations are financially vulnerable and fragile, having balanced and healthy leadership is critical to assuring excellence in ministry. The “EMU Farmer’s Handbook” will outline a path forward supported by financial incentives, fiscal literacy, and stewardship competency.

Leaders: The Rev. Fred Becker, Trinity, Dover, and the EMU Team

ROBERT'S RULES OF ORDER MOTIONS CHART
Based on Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised (1990 Edition)

The motions below are listed in order of precedence.
A motion can be introduced if it is higher on the chart than the pending motion.

YOU WANT:	YOU SAY:	INTERRUPT?	2ND?	DEBATE?	AMEND?	VOTE?
Close meeting	I move to adjourn	No	Yes	No	No	Majority
Take break	I move to recess for...	No	Yes	No	Yes	Majority
Register complaint	I rise to a question of privilege	Yes	No	No	No	None
Make follow agenda	I call for the orders of the day	Yes	No	No	No	None
Lay aside temporarily	I move to lay the question on the table	No	Yes	No	No	Majority
Close debate	I move the previous question	No	Yes	No	No	2/3
Limit or extend debate	I move that debate be limited to...	No	Yes	No	Yes	2/3
Postpone to a certain time	I move to postpone the motion to...	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority
Refer to committee	I move to refer the motion to a committee	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority
Modify wording of motion	I move to amend the motion by...	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority
Kill main motion	I move that the motion be postponed indefinitely	No	Yes	Yes	No	Majority
Bring business before assembly (a main motion)	I move that (or "to")...	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority

Motions that bring a question again before the assembly - no order of precedence.
Introduce only when nothing else is pending.

YOU WANT:	YOU SAY:	INTERRUPT?	2ND?	DEBATE?	AMEND?	VOTE?
Take matter from table	I move to take from the table...	No	Yes	No	No	Majority
Cancel previous action	I move to rescind...	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	2/3 or Majority with notice
Reconsider motion	I move to reconsider...	No	Yes	Varies	No	Majority

Incidental Motions - no order of precedence.
Arises incidentally and are decided immediately.

YOU WANT:	YOU SAY:	INTERRUPT?	2ND?	DEBATE?	AMEND?	VOTE?
Enforce rules	Point of Order	Yes	No	No	No	None
Submit matter to assembly	I appeal from the decision of the chair	Yes	Yes	Varies	No	Majority
Suspend rules	I move to suspend the rules	No	Yes	No	No	2/3
Avoid main motion altogether	I object to the consideration of the question	Yes	No	No	No	2/3
Divide motion	I move to divide the question	No	Yes	No	Yes	Majority
Demand a rising vote	I call for a division	Yes	No	No	No	None
Parliamentary law question	Parliamentary inquiry	Yes	No	No	No	None
Request for information	Point of information	Yes	No	No	No	None

NEW JERSEY SYNOD, ELCA
RULES OF PROCEDURE
FOR THE THIRTY-SECOND ANNUAL SYNOD ASSEMBLY

1. Seating within the Assembly boundaries will be by “Voting Member” badge only. Visitors will be seated in the “Visitors” section. Members of the Synod Council will be seated in the “Council” section within the Assembly boundaries.
2. Ballots will be distributed only to those Voting Members seated within the Assembly boundaries.
3. In order to vote, Voting Members must be seated within the Assembly boundaries.
4. All motions are to be presented to the Secretary in writing on the proper form.
5. Debate shall be limited to two minutes per person per issue.
6. The Synod Council and/or Executive Committee may submit resolutions directly to the Assembly.
7. Late resolutions, as defined in the Bylaws, must be submitted to the Chairperson of the Committee of Reference and Counsel, or to the Secretary of the Synod, Cassandra Mack, by **8:00 PM, Thursday, June 6, 2019**. Late resolutions must be signed by no less than ten (10) Voting Members registered and present. Properly signed late resolutions may be considered only by majority vote of the Assembly. (Forms for late resolutions are available at the dais.)
8. All resolutions shall be reviewed by the Committee of Reference and Counsel, which, when reporting to the Assembly, may:
 1. recommend approval;
 2. recommend disapproval;
 3. recommend referral to the Synod Council; or
 4. recommend a substitute motion to the Assembly.The Synod Assembly will vote on whether it wishes to consider a late resolution. The Committee of Reference and Counsel will submit its recommendation to the Assembly for it to either consider or refuse to consider the late resolution.
9. Nominations from the floor of the Assembly must be submitted to the Nominating Committee in writing, with signatures of ten (10) Voting Members registered and present, using the floor nomination form, by **8:00 PM, Thursday, June 6, 2019**.
10. Two (2) lay representatives, one female and one male, of Synodically Authorized Worshipping Communities and Ministries under Development on the territory of the New Jersey Synod shall be given voice and vote during the Assembly.
11. The NJ Synod Youth Ministry Specialist shall be accorded voice, not vote, during the Assembly.
12. Chairs of Synod Program Units listed by the Synod Council shall be given voice, not vote, on matters pertaining to the work of their Program Units during the Assembly.
13. Persons on the roster of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) in a Synod other than the New Jersey Synod, but who are serving New Jersey Synod congregations by special appointment, shall be given voice, not vote, during the Assembly and be allowed to sit with the voting members of their respective congregations during the Assembly.

14. Persons who are not on the roster of the ELCA, but who are serving New Jersey Synod congregations/worshipping communities by special appointment, shall be given voice, not vote, during the Assembly and be allowed to sit with the voting members from their respective congregations/worshipping communities during the Assembly.
15. Persons who are not on the roster of the ELCA, but who are serving New Jersey Synod congregations/worshipping communities by special appointment and are ordained ministers of another Lutheran church body that is a member of the Lutheran World Federation or of a church body with which a relationship of full communion has been declared and established by a Churchwide Assembly of the ELCA shall be given voice and vote during the Assembly.
16. All reports published in the Bulletin of Reports shall be received by the Assembly by virtue of that fact without vote.
17. Persons who are on the roster of the New Jersey Synod, ELCA, On Leave From Call or Retired, Living Out-of-State, but who are serving New Jersey Synod congregations/worshipping communities by special appointment, and those Retired Pastors Living Out-of-State who are actively engaged in the life and ministry of the New Jersey Synod shall be given voice and vote during the Assembly.

RULES OF PROCEDURE FOR ADOPTION OF THE 2020 SPENDING PLAN

1. At the time of the introduction of the Spending Plan, discussion shall be limited to questions for clarification and information and the serving of notices of intent to move an amendment to the Spending Plan.
2. Voting Members desiring to present motions germane to the Spending Plan shall be given until **6:00 PM, Friday, June 7, 2019**, to submit written notice of such intent to the Chair of the Fiscal Management, Administration, and Property Committee.
3. The Fiscal Management, Administration, and Property Committee shall meet with voting members proposing an amendment.
4. At the time appointed for the adoption of the Spending Plan, the Fiscal Management, Administration, and Property Committee shall report to the Assembly all proposed amendments, with the Committee's recommendations.
5. When motions germane to the Spending Plan are presented on the Floor of the Assembly, the Fiscal Management, Administration, and Property Committee shall have an opportunity to respond to the recommendations. Any Voting Member wishing to increase a line item in any area of the Spending Plan shall propose a source of funding.

ADDENDUM TO THE RULES OF PROCEDURE
FOR THE THIRTY-SECOND ANNUAL SYNOD ASSEMBLY
ELECTION OF THE BISHOP

1. The bishop shall be elected by ecclesiastical ballot and must be an ordained pastor in good standing on the clergy roster of the ELCA.
2. On the first ballot, the name of any eligible individual may be submitted.
3. Three-fourths of the legal votes cast shall be necessary for election on the first ballot.
4. Unless the first ballot results in the election of the Bishop, the names of all eligible persons nominated on the first ballot shall appear on the second ballot, unless removed at the request of the individual named.
5. Persons wishing to withdraw their names must do so following the announcement of the results of the first ballot and by the appointed time before the second ballot by striking their name from the ballot listing held by the Secretary and initialing their action.
6. Unless the first ballot results in the election of the Bishop, the following information will be provided to the voting members prior to the second ballot for anyone receiving at least 5% of the votes cast: age; degrees, earned and honorary; pastorates; other positions held in the church; civic and community activities; memberships on boards, commissions and special committees of the church.
7. Three-fourths of the legal votes cast shall be necessary for election on the second ballot.
8. The third ballot shall be limited to the seven persons (plus ties) who received the greatest number of legal votes on the second ballot, and two thirds of the legal votes cast shall be necessary for election. Prior to this ballot, the seven remaining candidates will have opportunity to respond to questions.
9. The fourth ballot shall be limited to the three persons (plus ties) who received the greatest number of legal votes on the third ballot, and 60% of the legal votes cast shall be necessary for election. After the report of the third ballot, the three persons (plus ties) will be engaged with Voting Members in three separate venues, responding to questions. Prior to the casting of the fourth ballot, each of the three remaining candidates will have up to ten minutes to address the Assembly.
10. Subsequent ballots shall be limited to the two persons (plus ties) who received the greatest number of legal votes on the previous ballot, and a majority of the legal votes cast shall be necessary for election.