



New Jersey Synod
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
God's work. Our hands.

January 7, 2021

*I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?
I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.*

Isaiah 43:19

The 33rd Annual Synod Assembly will take place virtually on May 7 & 8, 2021 under the theme Springing Forth!

All are welcome! Assembly information can be found online at www.njsynod.org/assembly

REGISTRATION:

\$50.00 per Voting Member.

Voting Members may gather together to view the livestream, however, each Voting Member will need an individual device for voting purposes. More information on this will be shared as we get closer to assembly.

Visitors will not need to register to view the Assembly via livestream, however participation links will only be available to Voting Members.

If you have registration questions, please contact Dawn Roberts, Assembly Registrar, at droberts@njsynod.org. Online registration will open in February. The deadline for registration is March 22, 2021 (45 days prior to the Assembly, in keeping with our Synod Constitution). If you are unable to register online, please call the synod office at 609-586-6800.

In keeping with Synod policy, registration fees must be paid prior to the Assembly. You may pay online by credit card when you register or mail a check, with the congregation name, location, and registrants' names to:

Assembly Registration, NJ Synod, ELCA
1930 Highway 33, Hamilton Square, NJ 08690
Make all checks payable to: NJ Synod, ELCA

Voting Members are: Lay Voting Members elected in their congregation; Lay NJ Synod Council Members; Rostered Leaders (Clergy/Deacons who are under call; special ministry; retired living in NJ).

Non-Voting Members are: Visitors; Guests; Rostered Leaders (Clergy/Deacons who are on leave from call; retired out of state).

Each congregation is entitled to send two lay voting members of any age. In addition, the Synod Council adopted the following Continuing Resolution regarding Voting Members under the age of 30:

Congregations with fewer than 500 baptized members may elect one additional Voting Member under the age of 30, and congregations with baptized membership of 500 or more may elect two additional Voting Members under the age of 30; however congregations that failed to file a Parochial Report in the prior year are assumed to have fewer than 500 baptized members, and therefore may elect only one additional Voting Member under the age of 30.

CALL FOR RESOLUTIONS:

You are invited to submit Resolutions for consideration by the Assembly. The Office of the Secretary must receive all resolution submissions by Monday, March 8, 2021 (60 days prior to the Assembly, in keeping with our Synod Bylaws). Please use the resolution form found on the Synod website. Please be succinct and to the point, following the guidelines on the "Resolution Worksheet." A resolution may be submitted by any voting member, synod council member or NJ Synod committee. Resolutions that are on time will be printed in the 2021 Assembly Bulletin of Reports.

BULLETIN OF REPORTS

All reports from synod committees, teams and mission partners are due to the Office of the Secretary by Monday, March 8, 2021. (cmack@njsynod.org) The 2021 Bulletin of Reports will be posted online no later than April 17th.

On behalf of our synod secretary, I thank you for your faithful attention to these matters and ask that you share this information with your congregation so they might prayerfully consider full participation in this process.

We look forward to our time together in assembly as we share God's love in new ways.

Peace and blessings,
Dawn Roberts, Assembly Registrar