



**New Jersey Synod Office of the Secretary**  
**Evangelical Lutheran Church in America**  
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Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

"Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God" (1 John 4:7). Grace and peace to you as the Light of the Epiphany reveals Christ to all people. It is with pleasure that I write to you about this year's New Jersey Synod Assembly. We will gather together Friday and Saturday, May 1 – 2, 2020, for the 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Assembly, at **The Westin Princeton Forrestal Village, 201 Village Boulevard, Princeton NJ 08540**. Our Assembly theme this year is "Love Matters!"

All are welcome! All assembly information can be found online at [www.njsynod.org/assembly](http://www.njsynod.org/assembly)

**REGISTRATION FEES:**

Voting Members (*includes banquet*) - \$125.00 **(\$175 after March 17, 2020)**  
Voting Retired Rostered Leaders not serving a congregation (*includes banquet*) - \$65.00  
Visitors/Non-Voting Rostered Leaders (*Registration ONLY*) - \$40.00 **(\$50 after March 17, 2020)**  
Visitors/Non-Voting (*Banquet Ticket - optional*) - \$65.00

If you have registration questions, please contact Dawn Roberts, Assembly Registrar, at the synod office. Online registration will open in mid-January. **The deadline for registration is March 17, 2020** (45 days prior to the Assembly, in keeping with our Synod Constitution). Please call the office if you are unable to register online.

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 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; 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 2<sup>nd</sup>** (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 or NJ Synod committee. Resolutions that are on time will be printed in the 2020 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 Sunday, March 2, 2020**. The 2020 Bulletin of Reports will be posted online no later than April 10<sup>th</sup>.

### **HOTEL INFORMATION:**

The hotel cost is \$129.00 per night + tax and fees. Reservations must be made under **"New Jersey Synod"** prior to the deadline of **Thursday, April 9, 2020**. The hotel reservation link can be found here:  
<https://www.marriott.com/events/start.mi?id=1553195590033&key=GRP>

### **MISSION DISTRICT MEETINGS & ELECTIONS:**

We shall elect persons (non-officers of the synod), to serve on the Synod Council. The Synod Council does the legislative work of the Synod between Assemblies. Also, each member of the Synod Council may serve on one Synod Council-related committee and/or serve as a liaison member of a Mission Team.

**The following elections will take place at the district meetings and be ratified by the assembly:**

Please check the assembly website for dates and locations of district meetings.

#### *Elections for Synod Council (Term ending 2023)*

Delaware District (Clergy \*); Gateway District (Lay Male \*); Middle District (Clergy \*)

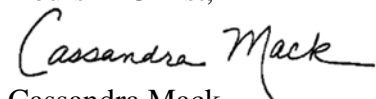
Northern District (Clergy \*); Shore District (Clergy \*); Western District (Lay Male)

(\* Current synod council member eligible for re-election)

Please visit the assembly webpage at [www.njsynod.org/assembly](http://www.njsynod.org/assembly) for more information.

I would like to take this time to say welcome to everyone. I look forward to our time together in assembly as we share God's love through mission, ministry and worship. I thank you for your faithful attention to these matters and I ask that you share this information with your congregation so that they might prayerfully consider full participation in this process.

Yours in Christ,



Cassandra Mack