



18<sup>th</sup> Annual Synod Assembly  
Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod, ELCA  
June 10-11, 2005  
Sovereign Performing Arts Center, Reading PA

## 2005 Synod Assembly Program, Assembly Edition

**Friday, June 10, 2005**

- 9:00 AM Registration Opens; Displays open
- 9:00 Noon Complimentary chair massages, Leadership Develop. Min. Team Display
- 9:30 - 10:30 AM Forums, Session One
- 10:45 11:45 AM Forums, Session Two
- 11:45 1:00 PM Lunch at Trinity or on your own
- 1:00 - 1:15 PM Order for the Opening of an Assembly

### **1:15 - 4:00 PM Plenary Session One**

- Adoption of the Program
- Report of the Nominating Committee
- Reports of the Officers
  - Report of the Bishop
  - Report of the Vice President and Synod Council
  - Report of the Secretary
  - Report of the Treasurer
- Introduction to, First Report of the Committee of Reference & Counsel
- Introduction to Assembly Theme
- Recognition of Rostered Leaders Celebrating Major Anniversaries

#### **BREAK**

- Address by the ELCA representative, the Rev. Margaret Payne, bishop, New England Synod
- Leadership Development Ministry Team Report
- Remarks by Jill Schumann, president/CEO of LSA
- Greetings from the Rev. Leon Novak, Pastor of the Lutheran Parish in Murska Sobota, Slovenia, representing the Evangelical Church of the Augsburg Confession in Slovenia
- Greetings from Pastor President Alan Eldrid, United Evangelical Lutheran Church of Argentina and Uruguay
- Closing/dinner prayer

- 4:00 - 7:00 PM **International Festival**
- 4:00 5:00 PM Wine and cheese reception hosted by the social ministry organizations
- 4:30 5:45 PM** First Seating, Buffet at the Sovereign Performing Arts Center
- 5:45 7:00 PM** Second Seating, Buffet at the Sovereign Performing Arts Center
- 7:00 - 7:30 PM Worship

**7:30 9:00 PM Plenary Session Two**

Greetings from the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia  
Connection Building Ministry Team Report  
Sexuality Study: overview; information from Reference & Counsel on any resolutions; overview of the sexuality study process  
Quasi Committee of the Whole  
Closing announcements; prayer

9:15 PM Eucharist, Trinity Lutheran Church

**Saturday, June 11, 2005**

7:30 - 7:50 AM Morning Prayer, Trinity Lutheran Church  
Breakfast on Your Own or at Trinity Lutheran Church

**8:30 - 10:30AM Plenary Session Three**

Opening Prayer and Hymn  
First ballot for elections; ballots collected  
Worship and Spirituality Ministry Team Report  
Second Report of the Committee of Reference and Counsel  
Introduction of SALMs, Candidates for the roster; Rostered individuals new to the synod and who retired since the 2004 assembly  
Report from the Compensation Guidelines Task Force  
Action on 2006 Compensation Guidelines  
Second Presentation by ELCA Representative Bp Margaret Payne  
Announcements

10:30 10:45 AM **Break**

10:45 12:15 PM Worship with Eucharist; Installation of Deans

12:15 1:30 PM Lunch (Trinity, Sovereign Performing Arts Center, or on your own)

**1:30 - 4:00 PM Plenary Session Four**

Prayer and Hymn  
Report of First Ballot for Elections; Second Ballot if Needed  
Final Report of the Committee of Reference and Counsel  
Presentation, *Making Christ Known*  
Adoption of 2006 Program Proposal  
Witness and Service Ministry Team Report  
Report of Second Ballot for Elections (if needed)  
Unfinished Business  
Report of the Committee of Minutes  
Report of the Committee of Registration and Excuse  
Order for the Closing of an Assembly