

# Northwestern Minnesota Synod Assembly

June 9-10, 2017

Memorial Auditorium, Concordia College

Moorhead, Minnesota

## Friday, June 9

**12:00 noon**      **Registration Check-in begins, South Gym, Memorial Auditorium**

- Display tables and coffee available in Offutt Concourse
- Bookstore open in Birkeland Lounge

*1:30 p.m.*      *Choir Rehearsal, open to assembly participants. Hvidsten Hall, Room 149.*

**2:55 p.m.**      **Gathering Music, Memorial Auditorium**

**3:00 p.m.**      **Plenary Session I, Memorial Auditorium**

- Opening of the Assembly
- Greeting from Dr. Larry Papenfuss, Concordia College
- Welcome--Synod Assembly Planning Committee: Katie DeMarais
- Credentials Committee report
- Consent Agenda<sup>1</sup>
  - Approve Assembly Agenda
  - Approve Rules of Organization and Procedure
  - Receive reports on Assembly Committees, 2016 Resolutions, and Synod Council Actions
- Welcome and introductions
  - Partners in Ministry representatives
  - Rostered leaders new to the synod
  - Seminary graduate available for first call in the synod
  - ELCA Churchwide resource persons
- Caring Conversations
- Greeting from Synod Women's Organization: Sue Ellwanger, President
- Nominating Committee Report: Pr. Kathryn Rothman
- Introduction of nominees for synod secretary and synod treasurer
- Nominations from the floor for synod positions
- Hunger Presentation: Synod Hunger Table
- Greetings and Update from Portico Benefit Services: Andy Feller
- Bishop's Report: Bishop Lawrence Wohlrabe
- Report of the Reference and Counsel Committee: Pr. Rob Nelson
- Presentation of Financial Report: Carrie Clemens, Synod Treasurer
- Presentation of Proposed 2018 Compensation Guidelines
- Keynote Presentation #1: Rev. Dr. Mark Tranvik
- Elections, first ballot if needed
- Resolutions and other assembly business

**5:30 p.m.**      **Dinner, Memorial Auditorium**

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<sup>1</sup> A consent agenda groups the routine, procedural, informational and self-explanatory non-controversial items typically found in an agenda. These items are then presented to the board in a single motion for an up or down vote after allowing anyone to request that a specific item be moved to the full agenda for individual attention.

- 6:40 p.m. Gathering music
- 7:00 p.m. Lutheran Radio Hour, Memorial Auditorium**
- Thanks to Trinity Lutheran Church, Moorhead, MN
  - Music, humor, and memories
  - A free-will offering will be taken for the NW MN Synod Fund for Leaders Endowment. Make checks payable to **NW MN Synod**.
- 8:30 p.m. Root Beer & Hymns, Anderson Commons**
- Thanks to our co-sponsors: Concordia College and Oak Grove Lutheran School
- 9:30 p.m. End of the day

## **Saturday, June 10**

- 6:30 a.m. Breakfast, Anderson Commons, Knutson Campus Center**  
*Lutheran Advocacy-MN breakfast with Tammy Walhof, Brous Dining Room, Anderson Commons*
- 7:00 a.m. Registration Check-in, South Gym, Memorial Auditorium**
- Display tables and coffee available in Offutt Concourse
  - Bookstore open in Birkeland Lounge
- 7:55 a.m. Gathering Music, Memorial Auditorium
- 8:00 a.m. Holy Communion, Memorial Auditorium**  
Bishop Lawrence Wohlrabe, preaching  
Offering will be divided between Lutheran Campus Ministries at Minnesota State University, Moorhead and Bemidji State University (50%) and the NW MN Synod Fund for Leaders Endowment (50%). Make checks payable to **NW MN Synod**.
- 9:15 a.m. Plenary Session 2, Memorial Auditorium**
- Caring Conversations
  - Credentials Committee Report
  - Elections, second ballot if needed
  - Greeting: Lutheran Youth Organization
  - Greeting and Update: President Robin Steinke, Luther Seminary
  - Keynote Presentation #2: Rev. Dr. Mark Tranvik
  - ELCA Churchwide Report: Ms. Molly Beck Dean
  - Resolutions and other assembly business
  - LSS Servant of Christ Award
  - Other recognitions: roster anniversaries, retirements, congregational anniversaries, in memoriam remembrance of deceased rostered leaders
- 11:00 a.m. Growth Groups**
- 11:30 a.m. Recognitions Luncheon (by invitation only), Knutson Campus Center, Jones A & B*
- 12:00 p.m. Lunch, Memorial Auditorium**
- 12:55 p.m. Gathering Music, Memorial Auditorium

**1:00 p.m.**

**Plenary Session 3, Memorial Auditorium**

- Opening Prayer
- Caring Conversations
- Report of Credentials Committee
- Elections, third ballot (if needed)
- Keynote Presentation #3: Rev. Dr. Mark Tranvik
- Discuss and vote on Fiscal Proposal for 2017 and 2018
- Discuss and vote on Proposed 2018 Compensation Guidelines
- Committee of the Whole Discussion: Pr. Matthew Peterson
- Resolutions and other assembly business
- Preview of 2018 Synod Assembly
- Closing of the Assembly