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THE SYNOD OF
WEST VIRGINIA - WESTERN MARYLAND
of the
EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA

AGENDA for the TWENTY-FIRST ANNUAL ASSEMBLY
May 30 and 31, 2008

WATERFRONT PLACE HOTEL AND CONFERENCE CENTER
MORGANTOWN, WV
(Telephone: 304-296-1700)

FRIDAY MORNING

9:30 a.m. – **Registration** begins in the **Martini Foyer** (in front of Salons A-C) of the Waterfront Hotel

10:30-11:30 a.m. – **Brunch** (Morgantown Benedict) will be served in **Salon A-D** on the main level

11:05-11:35 a.m. – **Orientation** for first time Voting Members will be held in the **Wharf Salon A** on the main level across from the Platinum Grand Ballroom where the Assembly will be held. The Passionate Parliamentarians will conduct this training.

All **business sessions** of the assembly will be held in the **Platinum Grand Ballroom (Salons E-H)** located on the main level.

- **Voting Members** are to use the chairs and tables in the **front** of the Assembly room
- **Visitors** are to use the chairs and tables in the **back** of the Assembly room

Displays will be located on the main level in the **Terrace Lobby** area, outside of Salons F,G,H.

The **Augsburg Fortress Store** will be located on the main level in **Wharf Salon B**.

The **Assembly Office** will be located on the main level in the **Puskar Boardroom**.

Workshops will be held on the main level in **Salons A-C, Wharf Salon A** and **the back of the assembly room**.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON – MAY 30

11:45 a.m. – Opening Devotions – Sext
Student leading (acapella)
Assembly Chaplain – The Rev. Brian Bennett and the Rev. Matthew Riegel
The Order for the Opening of the Assembly - The Bishop

12:00 p.m. – Organization of the Assembly
Report of the Registration Committee
Assembly Committee Appointments and Announcements

Recommendation # 1 of the Synod Council – Rules

Recommendation # 2 of the Synod Council – Agenda

Welcome, Rev. James Caton, Dean of the Monongahela Valley – Mountain Conference

Greetings from West Virginia University's spokesperson

Introduction of Special Presenters and Guests

12:15 p.m. – Report and Greetings from Campus Ministry – Rev. Matthew Riegel

Report of the Nominating Committee - Additional Nominees

Report of the Secretary – Marjorie Wolf (A listing of actions of the Synod Council and Referrals from the 2008 Synod Assembly)

Recommendation # 3 of the Synod Council – Synod Assembly 2009

Recommendation # 4 of the Synod Council – Amendments to By-Laws

Greetings from Barbara Carl for the ELCA Foundation

Greetings from Marc Bloomingdale and Lutheran Service Society

Project Connect – The Rev. Brian Bennett

Report of the Treasurer – The Rev. Matthew Riegel

Recommendation # 5 of the Synod Council - 2008 Assembly Offering

Recommendation # 6 of the Synod Council – Auditor's Report

Recommendation # 7 of the Synod Council – 2009 Budget

Recommendation # 8 of the Synod Council – 2009 Mission Support Formula

Global Missions – Peggy Blatt

Report of the Vice President – Dr. James Hansen

Pastoral Support Committee – 2009 Compensation Expectations - Dorcas Friedline

Resolutions

Campus Ministry Moment – Student

2:15 p.m. – **Break** (The Red Hat Tea)

2:45 p.m. – Nomination Speeches for Synod Elections

Distribution of Ballots for First Ballot

3:15 p.m. – **Keynote Address – The Rev. Dr. David Daubert**

4:15 p.m. – Deposit completed First Ballots in boxes at the doors

4:20 p.m. - Workshops

5:10 – 6:10 p.m. – **Dinner** (Breast of Chicken Duxelles) in Salons A-D

6:30 p.m. – **THE ASSEMBLY'S CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION – at St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church –**

The Celebrant is the Assembly Chaplain, The Rev. Brian Bennett

The Preacher is the Bishop, The Rev. Ralph Dunkin

The Organist is Robert Kleeb

8:15 p.m. – Groundbreaking at the WVU Lutheran Chapel

Party in the Undercroft

9:15 p.m. – **Compline**

Lead by a student or Chapline Riegel

SATURDAY MORNING – MAY 31

7:00 - 8:00 a.m. – Breakfast (The American) in **Salons A-D** – Please check out of the hotel prior to breakfast.

8:00 a.m. – Opening Devotions – Terce – Lead by a Student (acapella)

8:15 a.m. – Report of the Registration Committee
Report of the Committee on Minutes
Report of the Committee on Reference and Counsel
Report of the Elections Committee
Distribution of additional resolutions
Second General Ballot

8:30 a.m. – Report of the Bishop
Introductions of new pastors and seminarians
Recognition of Anniversaries
Report of the Committee on the Bishop's Report
Tour de Revs – Pastors Schlak, Soltow, Twedt
Campus Ministry Moment – Faculty Member

9:15 a.m. – Churchwide Representative: The Rev. Dr. Stan Olson

10:15 a.m. – Break (Coffee Break)

10:45 a.m. – Recommendation from Synod Council # 10 – Book of Faith Initiative
Presentation by the Rev. Larry Cantu and the Rev. Seminarian Robyn Kistemaker

11:15 a.m. – Greetings from Sarah Soltow and Community Lutheran Partners, Inc.
Camp Luther Report – Patricia Schillings
Greetings from Thrivent
Campus Ministry Moment – a parent

11:30 a.m. – Consideration of Resolutions and concluding reports
Report of the Elections Committee
Third Ballot (if necessary)
Campus Ministry Moment – Alumnus
Report of the Registration Committee
Report of the Committee on Reference and Counsel
Report of the Committee on Minutes
Report of the Committee on Elections
Report of the Committee on Resolutions

12:30 p.m. – Sext – Lead by a Student (acapella)

12:35-1:35 pm. – Lunch (Deli Day) in **Salon A-D**

SATURDAY AFTERNOON – MAY 31

1:45 p.m. – Closing Devotions – lead by a student (acapella)

The Order for the Closing of the Assembly and Adjournment

2:00-3:00 p.m. – At the close of the Assembly, The Hearing on the Proposed Social Statement on Human Sexuality will take place at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Morgantown.