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Assembly Welcome

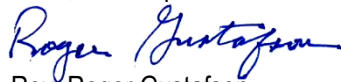
Welcome, voting members and guests, to the 2019 Assembly of the Central States Synod! We pray that your time at this Assembly will leave you refreshed, renewed, and recommitted to a life of joyful discipleship as followers of Jesus Christ.

The focus of this year's Assembly is Congregational Vitality, a theme we're exploring throughout the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Vital congregations are communities of Jesus that nurture life-changing relationships with God, one another, and the world. With this theme in mind we will also hear and experience presentations from the Rev. Dr. Rich Melheim. Vital congregations start with vital individual Christians, and since Dr. Melheim specializes in lifelong faith development he is sure to be an engaging presenter.

In addition to conducting the business of the synod, we will also elect people to a number of leadership positions, including that of Bishop. To lead that part of the Assembly, we are pleased to welcome Mr. Bill Horne, Vice President of the ELCA, who will also bring us a report from the churchwide expression.

May God richly bless your time at this Assembly, and may God guide us all as we work together in service to the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Peace and Hope,



Rev. Roger Gustafson
Bishop
Central States Synod, ELCA



Rev. Susan Candea
Director, Evangelical Mission
Central States Synod, ELCA



Rev. Donna Simon
Director, Evangelical Mission
Central States Synod, ELCA

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Agenda

(Agenda Subject to Change Due to Bishop Election)

Thursday, June 6, 2019 - Synod Assembly Day 1

11:00 AM	Synod Assembly Registration Check-in	Quail Creek Ballroom II
11:00 AM	Sign-in for Travel Equalization	Quail Creek Ballroom II
1:00 PM	Display Table Area Opens	Lobby and Quail Creek Ballrooms
1:00 PM	Synod Council Meeting	Hospitality Suite #1107
2:30 PM	Bishop's Election Task Force Meeting	Hospitality Suite #1107
3:00 PM	New Voting Member Orientation	Quail Creek Ballroom III/IV
4:00 PM	Youth Welcome Meeting	Hospitality Suite #1009
5:00 PM	WELCOME and OPENING of Synod Assembly Grand Ballroom	Grand Ballroom
5:15 PM	Thursday Evening Welcome Dinner	
6:30 PM	Opening Worship Service	Grand Ballroom
7:30 PM	<i>Registration & Credentials Closed for Bishop's Election Ballot #1</i>	
8:00 PM	Plenary Session I - Voting Session Bishop's Election - Ballot #1	Grand Ballroom
8:50 PM	Synod Assembly Registration Check-in for late arrivals	

Friday, June 7, 2019 - Synod Assembly Day 2

7:00 AM	Synod Assembly Registration Check-in Re-Opens for late arrivals	Quail Creek Ballroom II
	Breakfast on your own	
8:00 AM	Plenary Session II	Grand Ballroom
	Bishop's Election - Ballot #1 - Announce Results	
	Nomination Committee Report	
	Synod Vice President's Report	
	Synod Treasurer's Report & Presentation of Proposed Budget	
	Rev. Richard Melheim Keynote Presentation	
9:50 AM	<i>Registration & Credentials Closed for Bishop's Election Ballot #2</i>	
10:00 AM	Morning Break - Sponsored by Mission Investment Fund, ELCA	
10:20 AM	Plenary Session III - Voting Session	Grand Ballroom
	ELCA Churchwide Report - Mr. Bill Horne, II - ELCA Vice President	
	Elections for Synod Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer	
	Elections for Synod Council positions and Synod committees	
	Bishop's Election - Ballot #2	
11:45 PM	Synod Assembly Registration Check-in Re-Opens for late arrivals	Quail Creek Ballroom II
12:00 PM	Synod Assembly - Lunch break	
12:15 PM	Budget Hearing - Working Lunch	Grand Ballroom
12:15 PM	Compensation Guidelines - Working Lunch	Quail Creek Ballroom III
12:15 PM	Resolutions Hearing - Working Lunch	Quail Creek Ballroom IV
12:15 PM	Youth Lunch	Hospitality Suite #1009
12:40 PM	<i>Registration & Credentials Closed for Bishop's Election Ballot #3</i>	

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Friday, June 7, 2019 - Synod Assembly Day 2 (Continued)

1:10 PM	Plenary Session IV - Voting Session Rev. Richard Melheim Keynote Presentation #2 Bishop's Election - Ballot #2 Announce results Introduction of Bishop Nominees - Top 7 Bishop's Election - Ballot #3 (As needed) Discussion and Vote on Resolutions	Grand Ballroom
3:15 PM	Afternoon Break - Sponsored by Lutheran Planned Giving & ELCA Foundation	
3:15 PM	Registration and Credentials Re-opens for late arrivals	Quail Creek Ballroom II
3:30 PM	Plenary Session V Interview Sessions with Bishop's Nominees - Top 3	Grand Ballroom (Main), Quail Creek Ballroom, & Grand Ballroom (Salons A-D)
4:45 PM	<i>Registration & Credentials Closed for Bishop's Election Ballot #4</i>	
5:00 PM	Afternoon Break	
5:15 PM	Plenary Session VI - Voting Session Bishop's Election - Ballot #4 (As needed)	Grand Ballroom
5:30 PM	Break for Dinner	
6:30 PM	Assembly Banquet & Celebration of Anniversaries	Grand Ballroom

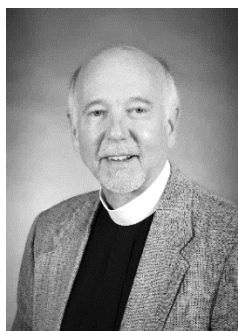
Saturday, June 8, 2019 - Assembly Day 3

7:00 AM	Registration and Credentials Re-Opens for late arrivals Breakfast on your own	
7:30 AM	<i>Registration & Credentials Closed for Bishop's Election Ballot #5</i>	
8:00 AM	Plenary Session VII - Voting Session Bishop's Election - Ballot #5 (As needed) Bishop Gustafson's Message to the Synod Discussion and Vote on Synod Budget Discussion and Vote on Compensation Guidelines Issues of Conscience	Grand Ballroom
9:25 AM	Bethany Home Association Meeting	Grand Ballroom
9:30 AM	Morning Break	
10:00 AM	Closing Worship	Grand Ballroom
11:30 AM	Closing of Synod Assembly Sign out for Travel Equalization	Quail Creek Ballroom II

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Presenters & Special Guests



Rev. Roger R. Gustafson, Bishop, Central States Synod, ELCA

In June 2013, the Rev. Roger R. Gustafson was elected bishop of the Central States Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. He was elected to a six-year term.

Before his election he had served Advent Lutheran Church, Olathe, Kansas, since being ordained a pastor in the ELCA in 1990. He earned his Bachelor of Arts degree in journalism from the University of Minnesota, he earned his Master of Divinity degree with honors from [Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary](#) in Berkeley, California, where he met his wife-to-be, Susan Langhauser. Roger's first career was in print journalism, and he worked on a variety of newspapers in the Midwest and West.

Roger has served in several capacities in the Central States Synod. He was a member of the Pastor-to-Pastor pilot project; a member of the Bishop's Pastoral Care Team; co-dean with Susan Langhauser of the Kansas City Area Ministry; co-chair of the Local Arrangements Committee for the 1993 Churchwide Assembly in Kansas City; a voting member at the 2005 Churchwide Assembly in Orlando; and chair of the synod's Evangelizing Strategy Task Force. He has chaired the Church Planters Missions team for the Kansas City metropolitan area. He has been a contributing writer for Lectionary Homiletics and Living Pulpit preaching journals. He has been a Kansas Supreme Court-approved mediator and has worked as a consultant for Children International, a not-for-profit organization in Kansas City.

He and Susan are parents of Andrew and parents-in-law of Megan, and grandparents of Henry James and Vivian Rose.

Churchwide Representative

Mr. William "Bill" Horne II, Vice President of the ELCA

Mr. William "Bill" Horne II was elected to serve a six-year term as ELCA Vice President at the 2016 ELCA Churchwide Assembly in New Orleans. Bill Horne grew up as a member of the National Baptist religious tradition and became a Lutheran while serving in the United States Air Force in 1982. Bill has served as congregational president in two ELCA congregations in Florida and is currently a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Clearwater, Florida. He served as a member of the Florida-Bahamas Synod Council and later as Synod Vice President.



Bill served on the ELCA Church Council, 2009-2015 and a member of the ELCA Theological Education Advisory Council, 2013-2015. He is currently serving as a member of the ELCA Inter-Religious Task Force and of the Lutheran Services Florida Board of Directors.

His post military retirement career has been in public management. He was appointed by the Clearwater City Council to serve as the Chief Administrative Officer (City Manager) of the city with responsibility for all departments except the City Attorney's Office. He is directly responsible for 1,746 employees and accountable for the annual operating and capital budget of \$441 million dollars. Bill was selected as Interim City Manager in 2000 and later appointed to the position of City Manager in 2001.

Bill served as a Colonel in the United States Air Force. He earned his Bachelor of Science Degree in Chemistry from the University of Tulsa, a Masters in Human Resource Management from Pepperdine University, and a Masters in Political Science from Auburn University in Montgomery.

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Presenter - Rev. Dr. Rich Melheim, Faith Inkubators



An ordained Lutheran pastor with a BA in Journalism (UND – 1977), an MDiv in Theology (Luther Seminary – Spring 1981) and a DMIN in Semiotics and the Future (George Fox Evangelical Seminary – spring 2013), Rich has invested his ministry in creating education systems that pull parents into the core of children, youth and family systems “every night in every home.”

Rich is the founder and initiating force behind:

- Faith Inkubators & the Faith Inkubators Foundation (www.faithink.com)
- FAITH5 (www.faith5.org)
- The Cross+Gen Movement (www.crossgenconference.com) and
- RICH Learning Global and RICH Learning International (www.richlearning.com)
- Luther 2017 (www.lutherstudy.com)

An entrepreneur, author, semiotician, cartoonist, comedian, speaker, publisher, playwright, songwriter, family counselor, business systems consultant, amateur complexity theorist, log cabin builder, preschool designer, and student of the human brain. Melheim has written and produced 6 musical comedy stage plays, authored two dozen books, produced 24 music albums, created an international preschool education project with 535 songs, taught in 1000 cities on five continents, and has appeared on 50 network television news shows from WNBC-NY to KTLA to CNN consulting on family issues.

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Individuals Milestone Anniversaries

<p>5 Years Ms. Cherri Jestmore, Deacon The Rev. Joshua Brecht The Rev. Micah Sievenpiper</p> <p>10 Years Ms. Sharon Custer, PMA Ms. Rita Gagelman, PMA Ms. Jayne Germer, PMA Ms. Ann McConkey, PMA The Rev. Delvin Strecker</p> <p>15 Years The Rev. Harry Grinstad The Rev. Chad Langdon The Rev. Meggan Prosser-Gebhardt</p> <p>20 Years The Rev. Gregory Eidell The Rev. James Erdman Ms. Nancy Mitchell, PMA The Rev. Jennifer Obermueller</p>	<p>25 Years The Rev. David Carlson The Rev. Linda Diepenbrock The Rev. Stephanie Doeschot (RCA) The Rev. Steven Little The Rev. Evelyn Phillips The Rev. Anita Strommen The Rev. David Strommen</p> <p>30 Years The Rev. Peter Jacobson The Rev. Peter Rehwaldt The Rev. Cynthia Schnaath</p> <p>35 Years Ms. Ruth Blundell, Deacon The Rev. Dr. James Brandt The Rev. William Yancey</p>	<p>40 Years The Rev. Bruce Adamson The Rev. John Backus The Rev. James Banner The Rev. Randall Chapman The Rev. Randy Gibbs The Rev. Russell Glaser The Rev. James Gleason The Rev. William McKay The Rev. George Pejakovich</p> <p>45 Years The Rev. William Buschbom The Rev. Michael Haar The Rev. Keith Holste The Rev. Elwyn Luber The Rev. Gary Teske The Rev. Gloria Weber The Rev. Arthur Wienandt The Rev. Keith Wiens</p>	<p>50 Years The Rev. James Beaty The Rev. John Binder The Rev. William Bullock The Rev. John Davis The Rev. Jeffrey Lindgren</p> <p>55 Years The Rev. Richard Hoffman The Rev. Eugene Moll The Rev. William Pape The Rev. Donald Thuss</p> <p>65 Years The Rev. Elwin Bergstraesser The Rev. Donald Conrad The Rev. J. Rolland Christenson</p>
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Congregational Milestone Anniversaries

<p>5 Years Southern Sudanese Worshipping Community, St. Joseph, MO</p> <p>10 Years The Bridge, St. Charles, MO</p> <p>15 Years Kaw Prairie Community Church, Lenexa, KS</p> <p>20 Years Cross of Glory Lutheran Church, Derby, KS</p> <p>30 Years All Saints Lutheran Church, Blue Springs, MO Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Overland Park, KS</p> <p>50 Years St. Matthew American Lutheran Church, Butler, MO</p> <p>55 Years Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Manchester, MO Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Creve Coeur, MO St. James Lutheran Church, Kansas City, MO</p>	<p>60 Years Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, Kansas City, MO Messiah Lutheran Church, Springfield, MO Our Savior Lutheran Church, Jefferson City, MO Resurrection Lutheran Church, Haysville, KS</p> <p>70 Years Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Washington, KS</p> <p>95 Years Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Hoisington, KS</p> <p>110 Years Hope Lutheran Church, Rush Center, KS St. Paul Lutheran Church, Wichita, KS Zion Lutheran Church, Ferguson, MO</p> <p>120 Years Immanuel Lutheran Church, Kansas City, MO</p> <p>125 Years First Lutheran Church, St. Joseph, MO Gethsemane Lutheran Church, St. Louis, MO</p>	<p>135 Years Hebron Lutheran Church, Burdick, KS St. Mark Lutheran Church, Emporia, KS Peace Lutheran Church, Albert, KS</p> <p>145 Years Zion Lutheran Church, Hanover, KS Andover Lutheran Church, Windom, KS First Lutheran Church, Manhattan, KS Garfield Lutheran Church, Garfield, KS</p> <p>150 Years Bethany Lutheran Church, Lindsborg, KS Christ Lutheran Church, Eureka, KS Salem'sburg Lutheran Church, Smolan, KS Sargent's Chapel Lutheran Church, Sedgewickville, MO Sedgewickville Lutheran Church, Sedgewickville, MO Upper Wolf Lutheran Church, Robinson, KS</p> <p>170 Years Immanuel (Brauersville) Lutheran Church, Cole Camp, MO</p>
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Congratulations to everyone who is celebrating an anniversary of note this year

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Synod Statistical Information July 2018 thru June 2019

New People in the Synod

	Effective Dates
The Rev. Daniel Johnson, 1st call Lutheran Church of the Atonement Florissant, MO, assoc. pastor	6/3/2018
The Rev. Elizabeth Kocher, from Southeastern Synod to First Lutheran Church Manhattan, KS, assoc. pastor	8/4/2018
The Rev. Barbara Chapman, retired from Western Iowa Synod	9/17/2018
Ms. Gail Brecht, Deacon, 1st call Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Manchester, MO	10/21/2018
The Rev. Anteneh Gebreselassie, from Metropolitan Washington DC Synod to Advent Lutheran Church Olathe, KS, assoc. pastor	10/5/2018

Seminarians Assigned to the Synod

Andrew Baumgartner from Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago, IL
Melissa Woeppel from United Lutheran Seminary, Gettysburg, PA

Moves Within the Synod

The Rev. Linda Bollenbach, from specialized ministry to Disability Status	4/10/2018
The Rev. Brenda Ulrich, from OLFC to Grace United Methodist Church Emporia, KS	7/1/2018
The Rev. Bradford Bray, from All Saints Blue Springs MO to Disability Status	10/10/2018
The Rev. Laura Smith, from Assaria to St. Francis Community Services, Salina, KS.	4/1/2019

Transfer out of the Synod

The Rev. Elizabeth Liggett, from OLFC to Montana Synod	1/16/2018
The Rev. James Davis, retired to Rocky Mountain Synod	11/29/2018
The Rev. Brian Hiordahl, from Atonement Overland Park, KS to Southwest California Synod	1/1/2019
The Rev. Katherine Kolodziejczyk, from Elim Marquette, KS to Indiana -Kentucky Synod	2/21/2019
The Rev. Gena Maria Koeberl, from Transitional Ministry to Southwestern Michigan Synod	3/13/2019
The Rev. Rebecca Boardman, from St. Louis Lutheran Campus Ministry, St. Louis, MO, to Grand Canyon Synod	6/1/2019

Necrology

The Rev. Donald Fallon, retired, Manhattan, KS	6/25/2018
The Rev. A. Karl Boehmke, retired, Pullman, WA	8/19/2018
The Rev. Kenneth J. Knutson, retired, Union, MO	8/28/2018
The Rev. Sally Fahrenthold, retired, Wichita, KS	11/21/2018
The Rev. Gerald Buss, retired, Hiawatha, KS	11/23/2018
The Rev. Henry Liskey, retired, Topeka, KS	2/9/2019
The Rev. John Mann, retired, St. Louis, MO	2/19/2019
The Rev. Edward Schroeder, retired, St. Louis, MO	3/1/2019
The Rev. Raymond A. Mai, retired, Lindsborg, KS	3/28/2019

On Leave From Call

The Rev. Dinah Dutta, from St. Mark Emporia, KS	4/5/2018
The Rev. Nate Haaland, from Advent Olathe, KS	6/16/2018
The Rev. Carrie McElfresh, from Hope St. Charles, MO	6/16/2018
Ms. Anne Chida, Deacon, from Unity Hospice, St. Louis, MO	6/21/2018
The Rev. Janai Robinson-Makarov, from Concordia, Concordia, KS	1/1/2019

Resigned Calls

The Rev. Dinah Dutta, from St Mark Emporia, KS	4/4/2018
The Rev. Linda Bollenbach, from Mercy Hospital, Springfield, MO as Ethics Coordinator (synod council call)	4/9/2018
The Rev. Nate Haaland, from St. Mark Olathe, KS as assoc. pastor	6/15/2018
The Rev. McElfresh, Carrie from Hope St. Charles, MO as assoc. pastor	6/15/2018
Ms. Anne Chida, Deacon, from Unity Hospice, St. Louis, MO as Spiritual Care Coordinator (synod council call)	6/20/2018
The Rev. Bruce Adamson, from Trinity Otis, KS	7/31/2018
Mr. Alan Saatkamp, from transitional ministry (synod council call)	7/31/2018
The Rev. Brian Elster, from Trinity Lawrence, KS	8/1/2018
The Rev. David Miller, from Christian Psychological Services, Overland Park, KS (synod council call)	8/31/2018
The Rev. Bradford Bray, from All Saints Blue Springs, MO	10/9/2018
The Rev. Loren Mai, from Bethany Lindsborg, KS	11/16/2018
The Rev. David Fulton, from St. Paul Lutheran Church Wichita, KS	11/30/2018

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Resigned Calls, cont.

	Effective Dates
The Rev. Kendra Nolde, from Gethsemane, St. Louis, MO	12/15/2018
The Rev. James Bennett, from Barnes Jewish Hospital, St. Louis, MO, CPE Educator and Staff Chaplain (synod council call)	12/28/2018
The Rev. Janai Robinson-Makarov, from Concordia, Concordia, KS	12/31/2018
The Rev. Brian Hiortdahl, from Atonement, Overland Park, KS as senior pastor	12/31/2018
The Rev. Gena Maria Koeberl, from Transitional Ministry Messiah Springfield, MO (synod council call)	1/6/2019
The Rev. Katherine Kolodziejczyk, from Elim, Marquette, KS	1/30/2019
The Rev. Laura Smith, from Assaria, Assaria, KS	3/31/2019
The Rev. Rebecca Boardman, from St. Louis Lutheran Campus Ministry, St. Louis, MO (synod council call)	5/31/2019

Resigned from roster

Mr. Kyle Olson, Deacon, Hiawatha, KS	8/16/2018
Mr. Loren Mai, Lindsborg, KS	11/16/2018
Mr. Alan Saatkamp, Deacon, Normal, IL	12/28/2018

Retirement

The Rev. Bruce Freeman, from OLFC	6/1/2018
The Rev. Bruce Adamson, from Trinity Otis, KS	8/1/2018
The Rev. David Miller, from Christian Psychological Services, Overland Park, KS	9/1/2018
The Rev. Brian Elster, from OLFC	10/31/2018
The Rev. Steven Little, from disability	11/1/2018
The Rev. David Fulton, from St. Paul Lutheran Church Wichita, KS	12/1/2018
The Rev. Kendra Nolde, from Gethsemane, St. Louis, MO	1/1/2019
The Rev. James Bennett, from Barnes Jewish Hospital	1/1/2019
The Rev. John Mann, from disability	1/1/2019
The Rev. Lawrence Block, from OLFC	5/1/2019

Congregational changes

Respectfully submitted
Sandra Van Tuyl, Synod Statistician

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Helpful Information

Please note: for this year's assembly

- **Assembly voting member registration:** registration (check-in) at assembly will close ½ hr prior to each plenary session to allow for accurate credential reports. You only need to register once, but please register as early as possible.
- If you have not registered online prior to the assembly, you can register once you arrive at the assembly, please note there will be a \$25.00 fee for on-site registration. Register at the assembly office, you will not be allowed to vote until the next plenary session, so the office has time to make the name tag and put you into the system for credentialing purposes.
- You must have your nametag on in order to vote otherwise you will have to sit in the visitor's section.

- Assembly registration and office: located in Quail Creek II
- Displays: located in hallway and Quail Creek I & II
- Prayer room: located in assembly hall. The prayer room will be open beginning 1:00 p.m. on Thursday. Please bring your prayer requests to the prayer room.
- Lunch time opportunities on Friday - listed in this section
- Speaking on Assembly Floor: In order to assist the chair to allow for opposing discussion on an issue, during regular business sessions, please take your voting cards with you to one of the three microphones. Show your green card to speak in favor of the topic at hand. Show your red card to speak against. To raise a question or a point of order display your white card. You will be called upon in order by the presider. Identify yourself by name and congregation/organization before making your statement(s). Amendments to motions on the floor *must* be submitted in writing as well as from the floor. Written amendments should be taken to the Rev. Chad Langdon at the front of the hall after the amendment is made from the floor.
- Recycling, please place all recycled goods in marked receptacles.
- Cell phones: Please turn off or set to vibrate during all sessions of the assembly
- Messages – Messages will be projected from time to time on the large screens in the Assembly Hall. To have a message/announcement posted, please submit it in writing at the "Tech Area" at the back of the hall.
- In the event of a fire: Please leave the building by the nearest exit.
- In the event of a medical emergency: Please dial 911.

Travel Equalization

- Travel Equalization: Any congregation who has traveled further than 100 miles (one way) to the assembly site is eligible to submit for travel equalization. Reimbursement will be for travel by ONE car per congregation.
- Travel Equalization sheet requires two signatures one to sign in (must be signed no later than 6:00 p.m. Friday, June 7) and one to sign out after the assembly closes on Saturday, June 8th.
- Reimbursements will not be sent without a second signature.
- Checks will be mailed in July to the congregation's treasurer.

Synod Assembly Offering 2019

The offering from this year's synod assembly will be divided between the three ministries listed below:

- **PMA Scholarships**—Within the Central States Synod
- **Pantry Pack Program**—A Harvesters agency located in Salem Lutheran, Lenexa KS
- **ELCA Young Adults in Global Mission** —Invites young adults into a transformative, year-long journey in international service

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Assembly App and Downloading Instructions

We have a mobile phone/tablet app as a communications tool at Synod Assembly. The app contains information included in the binder, as well as announcements and updates made during the assembly. Attendees can download prior to assembly.

How to Download Our Assembly App

1. Go to the App Store (for iPhone and iPad devices) or Google PlayStore (for Android devices) on your device
2. Search for ELCA Organizations & Events (you will see the ELCA globe icon)
3. Download and open the App
4. Tap the "Enter Passphrase" button and enter "centralstates2019" (without quotation marks)
5. Open the 2019 Central States Synod Assembly guide
6. Tap the menu icon (three horizontal lines) located in the upper left corner to navigate through the guide.

Voting Member Information regarding Assembly Procedures for the 2019 Central States Synod Assembly

INTRODUCTION

Each synod assembly's authority and procedures must conform to the requirements of the constitution, bylaws and continuing resolutions of the Central States Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. The parliamentary procedures are shaped by the most current version of *Robert's Rules of Order*. Further, each assembly may adopt other specific rules in order to better conduct its business. Finally, time and experience has led to a number of ordinary practices that are carried over from assembly to assembly simply because they have proven to be effective.

For the most part, all of these organizational factors work well to provide an orderly framework within which each voting member may be fully and actively involved in the deliberative process of the assembly. However, at times, these same factors may seem artificially restrictive and notably frustrating if voting members do not know why a specific procedure is being followed or how they may participate at a particular moment.

The chart and notes which follow are a first opportunity for you to understand the procedures of this assembly in order that you may fully and actively participate. Another opportunity is the **Orientation for Voting Members** which will be held on Thursday, June 6 at 3:00 p.m. (in Quail Creek III & IV.) All voting members are invited to attend this orientation, but new voting members are especially encouraged. Finally, during the assembly, if you have any questions, please feel free to approach the synod's officers or council members, Dallas Rakestraw, assembly parliamentarian, Rev. Phil Vickers, Chair of the Resolutions Committee, or the Rev. Susan Candea, Bishop's Associate.

Whether you are attending your first assembly, or you have attended previous assemblies as a voting member, your full and active participation is both welcomed and necessary for the continued wellbeing of our synod. We recognize that for many of you the travel will be lengthy; arranging the time has been something of an inconvenience for you and your family; and, the expense to your congregation has not been insignificant. For all of these things and the work you will do, thank you and may God bless your participation.

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Voting Member Information

To accomplish this:	You say this:	Interrupt the speaker?	Is a second necessary?	Is it debatable?	Can it be amended?	Necessary vote?	Can it be reconsidered?
Introduce business	"I move that..."	NO	YES	YES	YES	MAJORITY	YES
Amend a motion	"I move to amend the motion by..."	NO	YES	YES	YES	MAJORITY	YES
Give further study	"I move to refer the matter to committee."	NO	YES	YES	YES	MAJORITY	YES (unless it has gone to committee)
Postpone discussion for stated period of time	"I move to postpone discussion until..."	NO	YES	YES	YES	MAJORITY	YES
End debate and amendments	"I move the previous question."	NO	YES	NO	NO	2/3	NO (Unless vote is not taken)
Suspend consideration of an issue temporarily	"I move to table the motion"	NO	YES	NO	NO	MAJORITY	NO
Raise a question about noise, etc.	"I rise to a question of privilege"	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO VOTE	NO (usually)
Call for an intermission	"I move we recess for..."	NO	YES	NO	YES	MAJORITY	NO
Adjourn the meeting	"I move that we adjourn."	NO	YES	NO	NO	MAJORITY	NO
Request information	"Point of information"	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO VOTE	NO
Reconsider an action	"I move to reconsider the vote on..."	YES	YES	YES (if motion to reconsider is debatable)	NO	MAJORITY	NO
Take up a matter previously tabled	"I move to take from the table..."	NO	YES	NO	NO	MAJORITY	NO
Verify a voice vote by having members stand	"I call for a division."	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO VOTE	NO
Vote on a ruling of the chair	"I appeal from the chair's decision."	YES	YES	YES	NO	MAJORITY	YES
Protest a breach of rules or conduct	"I rise to a point of order."	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO VOTE (unless it is unclear)	NO
Avoid considering an improper matter	"I object to consideration of this motion"	YES	NO	NO	NO	2/3	YES (if main motion was not considered)
Suspend rules temporarily	"I move to suspend the rules so that..."	NO	YES	NO	NO	2/3	NO

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Voting Member Information

- Voting procedures for the bishop's election are outlined in that section.
- If you can, please attend the New Voting Member Orientation on Thursday 3:00 pm to answer any questions.
- Once you are registered please sit at a **NUMBERED** table – the floors volunteer for that table will give you a sticker for your nametag. This will be your assigned seat for **ALL** plenary sessions. Visitors will be asked to sit in special areas during these plenary sessions. During meals and worship, voting members and visitors may sit at any table they choose.
- The floors volunteer assigned to your table will pass out and collect ballots and help with the voting machines. They will help with any questions you have.
- You must be wearing your voting member nametag to vote in all sessions. If you do not have your nametag please sit in the visitors section.

Please note: for this year's assembly

- Assembly voting members' registration: registration (check-in) at assembly will close ½ hr prior to each plenary session to allow for accurate credential reports. You only need to register once, but please register as early as possible.
- If you have not registered online prior to the assembly, you can register once you arrive at the assembly, **please note there will be a \$25.00 fee for on-site registration**. Register at the assembly office, you will not be allowed to vote until the next plenary session, so the office has time to make your name tag and put you into the system for credentialing purposes.

Voting Member Information - Voting Machines

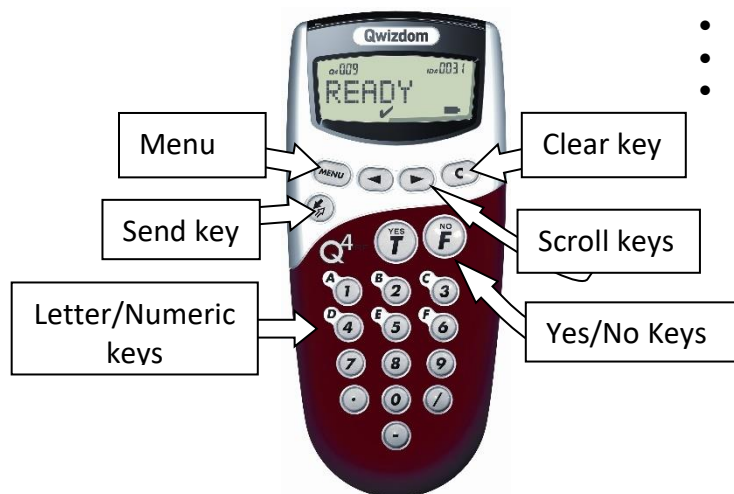
There will be training prior to using the voting machines. Below is information to familiarize yourself with the machines

- To turn on/off the remote, press and hold the menu key for about 2 seconds (words will appear on the remote).
- To send your vote press "yes" or "no" or the letter or numeric choice then press the "send" key. In a multiple mark question (e.g. choose 2) input appropriate number of letter choices then "send".
- To change your answer, press the "clear" (c) key. Retype your answer and press "send."

If you accidentally press the "menu" key rather than the "send" key, your remote may say "help", "User ID", or "Session". Simply use the scroll keys to scroll to "Exit" and press "send."

Notes:

- Numeric and "vote for more than one" questions – remote screen will be blank
- "push key" is sleep mode, push a button to wake up remote
- "no net" – press the "send" key to connect
- "low batt" indicates new batteries are needed – raise hand for help



Locations of Hearings offered at Lunch, Friday, June 7, 2019

Please pick up one of the box lunches provided and take them to the rooms for the following topics. There are signs to direct you.

Budget Hearing Facilitator: Scott Schulte, Central States Synod Treasurer • Location: Grand Ballroom

Resolution Hearing Facilitator: Phil Vickers, Resolution Chair • Location: Quail Creek IV

Compensation Guidelines Facilitator: Mari Larson • Location: Quail Creek III

Youth Voting Member Conversation with synod leadership (for voting members 18 and under)
Facilitator: Roger Gustafson, Bishop, Central States Synod, and leadership
• Location: Hospitality Room

Other Locations

Registration & Synod Assembly office • Location: Quail Creek II

Travel Equalization • Location: Quail Creek II

Prayer Room • Location: Assembly Hall

Display Tables: Located Hallway and in Quail Creek I & II

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