



La Crosse Area Synod 2017 Synod Assembly

English Lutheran Church & Western Technical College
– La Crosse

AGENDA

Please attend all plenary sessions. The agenda may be adjusted as needed.



QUESTIONS? Seek out Someone with a “?” on their Name Badge or Volunteers in Red Vests

QR Code for Giving

May scan w/ smart phone QR Code app for direct giving to synod programs and projects.

FRIDAY, JUNE 9

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| 1:30 pm | Executive Committee meeting, synod office |
| 2:30 pm | Synod Council meeting, synod office
Deans meet following council |
| 4:30 pm | Hospitality training for volunteers |
| 5-7 pm | REGISTRATION OPENS: English Lutheran Church, 1509 King St., La Crosse |
| 6:30 pm | <i>Choir Rehearsal – English Lutheran sanctuary (all are welcome to attend)</i> |

PLENARY SESSION 1 – ENGLISH LUTHERAN CHURCH

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| 7 pm | <p>Opening of Assembly
 Song with Dave Adams, assembly musician, and
 prayer by Rev. Meg Hoversten, South Conference Dean
 Greeting from Rev. Dr. Mark Solyst, English Lutheran
 Introduction of Guests who are present
 Recognition of anniversaries (pastors, deacons and congregations)</p> <p>Mission Moment
 <i>(Mission Moments will occur periodically throughout the assembly)</i></p> <p>Guest Speaker: Beth Lewis, President & CEO, 1517 Media
 (parent corporation of Augsburg Fortress, Fortress Press and Sparkhouse)</p> |
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WORSHIP

Preacher – Rev. Libby Howe, Dir. for Evangelical Mission/Asst. to the Bishop
Offering – voting members encouraged to choose between a variety of ministries and the Synod General Fund *(yellow envelopes handed out at worship or at registration desk)*

SATURDAY, JUNE 10

7:15 am **REGISTRATION:** Lunda Center, Western Technical College

PLENARY SESSION 2 – LUNDA CENTER, WESTERN TECHNICAL COLLEGE

8:15 am Opening Song – Dave Adams, assembly musician
 Adoption of Agenda and Rules
 Orientation of Voting Members by Parliamentarian – Rev. April Ulring Larson

Devotional Reflection – Twyla Sandvick, member of Middle Coon Valley Lutheran Church and native of Belize

Prayer – Rev. Wendy Ruetten, East Conference Dean

Announcements – to be given throughout assembly by co-chairs of the Assembly Planning Committee, Lori Toso or Pr. Libby Howe

Introductions – Bishop Arends

Introduction of Synod Council – Synod Vice Pres., Lori Toso

Report of the Treasurer – Khris Kleba, Synod Treasurer pro-tem
 Second Reading of 2018 Budget
(first reading at pre-assembly conference caucuses)

Report of the Nominating Committee – Stephen McDougal, Synod Secretary

Mission Moment

Bishop's Report - Rev. Jim Arends
 (Bishop's Statistical Report printed in assembly book, pgs. 12-13)

Greeting from Bishop Gordy, Southeastern Synod – our partner synod

10:10 am Break

10:30 am Reconvene with song

Portico Video - Sarah Holt / Rachel Dexter

Report of the ELCA, Mikka McCracken,
 Director for Planning and Engagement, ELCA World Hunger

Report of the Registrar

Reference and Counsel - Resolutions

Greeting from Bishop Munib Younan, Evangelical Lutheran Church of Jordan and the Holy Land / Pres. of Lutheran World Federation

Mission Moment

Announcement/Instructions for lunch & time to visit displays
Deadline for submitting Resolutions to Reference & Counsel Committee
 Reference & Counsel Committee to meet in Kumm Center at noon
 Prayer – Rev. Wendy Ruetten, East Conference Dean

12 Noon **LUNCH** – Walk across the courtyard to Kumm Center for lunch.
 Name badge is your “ticket” for lunch

Noon -1 pm Visit the Displays – Lunda Center

12:40 pm Choir Rehearsal – Lunda Center

PLENARY SESSION 3 – LUNDA CENTER, WESTERN TECHNICAL COLLEGE

1 pm **WORSHIP**
 Preacher – Bishop Jim Arends
 Offering – Companion Synod Connections
(green envelopes handed out at worship or at registration desk)

2 pm **PLENARY 3** convened with Prayer – Rev. Karyn Bodenschatz, West Conference Dean

Mission Moment

“RE-FORMATION Greeting”

Guest Speaker: Wanda Deifelt, Professor of Religion, Luther College

Reference & Counsel - Resolutions

Mission Moment

Announcements
 Prayer – Rev. Karyn Bodenschatz, West Conference Dean

3:10 pm Break – then proceed directly to Workshops

3:30 pm **1st Workshop Session**
 See workshop list for session descriptions and locations.
(each session 45-50 min. long)

4:40 pm **2nd Workshop Session**
 See workshop list for session descriptions and locations.

Following workshops, take a break and proceed directly to Lunda Center for Banquet –
same hall as plenary sessions

6 pm **BANQUET – Recognition of Rev. David Larson** who has served for 15 years as
 President & CEO, Lutheran Social Services of Wisconsin and Upper Michigan
 Lunda Center – *same hall as plenary sessions*

SUNDAY, JUNE 11

7:50 am Rehearsal for worship leaders – Lunda Center
Choir rehearsal – Lunda Center

PLENARY SESSION 4 – LUNDA CENTER, WESTERN TECHNICAL COLLEGE

8:30 am Plenary 4 convened with song – Dave Adams, assembly musician, and
Prayer by Rev. Peter Jonas, North Conference Dean

8:35 am **Report of Director for Evangelical Mission/Asst. to the Bishop**
Rev. Libby Howe

Mission Moment

Report of the Registrar

Elections

2018 Budget
Salary Guidelines for 2018

Reference & Counsel – remaining resolutions

Mission Moment

Greeting from Luanne Neumann, synod Missionary in Bratislava, Slovakia
(Luanne is a member of St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran in Prairie du Chien)

Report of Elections

Mission Moment

10:30 am Announcements

Break – then reconvene for worship

WORSHIP – Service of Holy Communion

Preacher - Mikka McCracken, Dir. of Planning/Engagement, ELCA World Hunger

Offering – Lutheran Social Services in honor of Rev. David Larson, Pres/CEO,

LSS of Wisconsin & Upper Michigan

(blue envelopes handed out at worship and at registration desk)

Closing of Assembly

Go in peace