



Florida-Bahamas Synod

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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Dear Brothers and Sisters of the Florida-Bahamas Synod:

The Florida-Bahamas Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America shall meet on **October 12-14, 2017**, at the Embassy Suites in Kissimmee, Florida. The Synod Assembly is the highest legislative authority of the Synod. The Assembly shall convene at 1:00 p.m. on October 12 for the purpose of:

- (a) Conducting the election of a Bishop and conducting the election of synod council members and other offices as described in detail in a letter from the chair of the Nominations Committee, a copy of which can be found on our website (www.fbsynod.com),
- (b) adopting the synod's ministry spending plans,
- (c) receiving and acting upon reports from ministry areas and agencies of the synod, and
- (d) conducting other business as the synod council or assembly may deem necessary.

The 2017 Synod Assembly also provides opportunities for worship and fellowship. The theme is "Freed and Renewed in Christ," observing the 500th anniversary of the Reformation.

All rostered ministers whose photo is not in the 2016 Synod Photo Directory, are invited to sit for a photo portrait for a pictorial directory on Friday, October 13, between 10 am and 6 pm.

Please note that all congregations may elect one Youth Voting Member between the ages of 15 and 22 in addition to the number of lay voting members as authorized by the constitution. In support of greater participation by youth, registration fees for youth voting members have been reduced.

The following pertinent assembly information will be available online at www.fbsynod.com under the Assembly tab:

1. Online Assembly and Hotel Registration Information
2. Proposed Agenda
3. Travel Equalization Guidelines
4. Nomination Form ♦ Biographical Information

Please note:

- **ONLINE REGISTRATION OPENS: May 15, 2017** at www.regonline.com/2017synodassembly1
- **ONLINE REGISTRATION DEADLINE: September 1, 2017.**

We have been pleased by the increasing attendance at Assembly and urge you to reserve your hotel room ON OR BEFORE September 1, as we will not hold our room block after that date.

Please join me in prayer for all those who are at work preparing for this important Synod Assembly. We look forward to sharing this opportunity to provide oversight of our mission and ministries, for learning, and for worshiping together.

In Christ's Service,

Rusty May

Rev Rusty May, Secretary Pro-Tem
Florida-Bahamas Synod