



## The Sweater Letter: Helpful Tips & Reminders

May 26, 2022

We are fast approaching the 2022 Synod Assembly at the Caribe Royale Orlando. The Assembly will begin with Opening Worship at 1:00 p.m. on Friday, June 3. Lots of information has been shared about this Assembly through weekly E-Spirits and is available at the Synod Assembly tab at [fbsynod.com](https://www.fbsynod.com). The following information will be instrumental in our gathered experience, so please review it and keep it handy.

### Before Assembly:

#### COVID Precautions

Masks are welcomed! If you feel sick, please stay home. We hope that if you are eligible and able, you have been vaccinated against Covid 19. These steps keep us all safer and able to continue to meet in-person.

#### Spending Plan (Budget) Forum

You are invited to join a Zoom call on Wednesday, June 1, at 3:00 PM, to review the synod's spending plan for 2022-2023. This is an optional meeting. View the [Spending Plan](#) and [Resolution](#) at the Synod Assembly tab on [www.fbsynod.com](https://www.fbsynod.com). Zoom link for June 1: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84465171067>; Meeting ID: 844 6517 1067; Passcode: 633959. Meeting ID: 844 6517 1067; Passcode: 633959.

#### Documents

All materials and documents are available at the Synod Assembly tab at [fbsynod.com](https://www.fbsynod.com). No printed copies will be available at Assembly. Check the website regularly, before and throughout the Assembly, as updates and changes will be made "up to the minute."

#### Nominations

Online nominations are closed. If you are open to being nominated from the floor for any open positions or if needed, Synod Council At-Large Female, Layperson, or Rostered Minister, 1 year term, please bring a completed [floor nomination form](#) with you.

### **Voting**

We will use Google Forms to vote. You will receive your unique voting ID number at check-in. Please bring an internet accessible device (smart phone, tablet, or laptop) so that you can vote. You may share devices if someone doesn't have one. Internet service will be provided. You **do not** have to have a Google account to access the ballots and vote.

### **Attention Youth Voting Members!**

Friday, June 3

**Noon-1:00 pm Youth Lunch:** There will be a FREE lunch for youth.

**8:00-9:30 pm Youth Fellowship:** Youth gathers for games, dessert, and discussion of the day's events!

Saturday, June 4

**Noon-1:15 pm Youth Lunch:** There will be a FREE lunch for youth.

**8:00-9:30 pm Youth Fellowship:** Youth gathers in for games, dessert, and discussion of the day's events!

-- Hi friends, I'm Kelly Wilkerson! If you'd like to bring a board game, cards, etc. to share while hanging out in the youth suite, please feel free to do so! If you have any dietary restrictions or special needs, please let me know at my email

[kelly@gracelutherantampa.org](mailto:kelly@gracelutherantampa.org) . Please also send me an email to **RSVP by June 1** so that we have enough food for all the youth coming to our lunch. My number is 813.562.9543. Text me if you need anything. Thanks! See you all at the assembly!

### **At Assembly:**

#### **Parking**

The daily self-parking fee is covered for those with reservations at the Caribe Royale, and your room key will open the gate. If you are not staying at the Caribe Royale, the daily self-parking fee is \$23.00.

## **Assembly On-Site Check-In**

Check-in opens at 8:00 a.m. on Friday, June 3, at the Caribbean Registration East desk. Previously and newly registered will be processed at this desk. Name badges are required for everyone. Please bring payment if you have an outstanding registration balance.

## **Orientation for New Voting Members**

For first-time voting members orientation is available from 11:00-11:30 a.m. in Boca I.

## **Service Project**

Remember to bring your non-perishable food and other items for Second Harvest. Collection bins will be available in the Foyer area. Thank you!

## **Connection Café**

Visit the Connection Café in Caribbean VI to explore the work of our sponsors and partners in ministry. You can purchase synod shirts at the Information Desk. Space is also available for gathering and dining.

## **Worship**

Do you like to sing? We need you for Sunday's Closing Eucharist. Please contact Tony Cruz from St. Mark's in Jacksonville at [cantortonycruz@gmail.com](mailto:cantortonycruz@gmail.com) or call 904-742-5136.

Opening and closing worship services will be projected. The services are also available on the website for you to download and print before you arrive at Assembly.

Offerings collected at the Opening Eucharist will go to **Fund for Leaders**, and those collected at the Closing Eucharist will go to **Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service (LIRS)**.

## **Workshops**

We have a variety of workshops available on Saturday afternoon. If you have not pre-selected the workshops you want to attend, please feel free to attend anyway.

## **Our Sponsors**

Our grateful thanks to Brown & Brown Insurance, Village on the Isle, Mission Investment Fund, Thrivent Financial, and Portico for sponsoring Breakfast and a Coffee Break on Saturday morning. Please visit their display tables in the Connection Café.

## **Synod Shirts**

Polo and t-shirts with the synod logo will be available for purchase in the Connection Café. Limited sizes are available. Polos \$20; t-shirts \$10.

## **Survey**

You will receive a brief survey at the conclusion of the Assembly via email. We look forward to your response and appreciate your reflections and suggestions. You can find the link to the survey on Sunday, June 5, at [fbsynod.com](https://fbsynod.com), Synod Assembly tab.

## **SAVE THE DATE!**

2023 Synod Assembly - June 8-10 (Thurs-Sat) - Caribe Royale Orlando. Top agenda item will be the Bishop's Election. More information will follow in the coming months.

And last, but not least, please bring a sweater or light jacket, as it can get chilly in the meeting room.

We look forward to seeing you next week!

Florida-Bahamas Synod Staff