



Southwestern Minnesota Synod
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

2024 Synod Assembly

Where: Gustavus Adolphus College

When: June 7-8, 2024

This will be a hybrid Assembly. This means voting members will have the opportunity to participate online or onsite.

Rev. Dr. Aaron Suomala Folkerds is the keynote speaker; Executive Director for Christian Community and Leadership, Phil Hirsch is the ELCA representative; and Bishop Myaka from the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Southern Africa will also be attending.

What congregations need to know when electing Synod Assembly voting members:

— Online voting members will need to have:

- their own device (cell phone, tablet, iPad, or a laptop).
- their own personal email address that is checked on a regular basis.
- the capability to log into Zoom and participate in voting using Zoom Polling.

A hybrid voting member must meet the criteria above.

— On-site voting members will have:

- their own devices (cell phone, tablet, iPad, or a laptop).
- opportunities to network in-person.
- on-site worship, workshops, and presentations.

Whether you attend the Assembly hybrid or on-site, it promises to be equally engaging and filled with new ways to participate.

The Assembly will begin on Friday around dinnertime with hors d' Oeuvres, networking, and inspiring programming. Saturday morning will begin at 9 am with worship in Christ Chapel. Plenary Sessions, with official Assembly business, will begin on Saturday morning. The Assembly will recess on Saturday no later than 5 pm.

The chart on the back of this page will help your congregation determine how many voting members to elect at your annual meeting. If you have questions, please contact Tammy Schacher, Assembly Manager, tammy.schacher@swmnelca.org or 507-627-9041.

Other important registration information will be sent out in late January.



Voting Members Chart

Congregation Size*	Voting Member #	Gender (as near as possible)
0 – 174	1 or 2	If only one registers, either male or female.
175 – 500	2	1 male, 1 female
501 – 1,000	3	1 male, 1 female + 1 either male or female
1,001 – 1,500	4	2 male, 2 female
1,501 – 2,000	5	2 male, 2 female + 1 either male or female
2,001 – 2,500	6	3 male, 3 female
2,501 – 3,000	7	3 male, 3 female + 1 either male or female
3,001 – 3,500	8	4 male, 4 female

**Numbers represent BAPTIZED membership.*

More than 3,500 baptized members, add one voting member for every additional 500 baptized members.



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