

VOTING MEMBER TASK

Your informed decisions and other input, guided by God's spirit, scripture, and your conscience, are important. Share this book with your congregation council president and your congregation council. Discuss resolutions and issues with your council. Read through this book. Pray. You have the privilege and responsibility to address the other voting members. You don't need to "have it all together" to speak. Your view will enhance the assembly. At the conclusion of the assembly, a brief voting member's summary will be posted on our website. Your own notes will also be valuable to you. Both will help you with the report which you (or another voting member) will give to your congregation or council.



VOTING KEY PADS

To assist with our election process we will be using the electronic voting key pads. This way of interactive voting will speed up the election results process, instantly capture opinion in the room, and allow for voting member participation in a fun and new way!

WHAT TO BRING

Please bring all the materials in your PreAssembly book to all assembly sessions. Additional necessary materials will be distributed to voting members and advisors at registration. In addition, please bring your worship offering. You may also wish to bring your own water bottle or coffee mug to use during the assembly. Additionally, plenary chairs are not the most comfortable after hours of sitting; we suggest bringing along a stadium cushion or fleece blanket for extra comfort. **Dressing in layers** may also be helpful as controlling the temperature for 600 people is a challenge. Thank you for your understanding.

REGISTRATION

Registration will open on **Friday at 8:00 a.m.** in **Lund Center**. This is a change from previous years. If you registered for housing you will still attain your room key in Jackson Campus Center. At registration, you will receive your name tag, lanyard, and additional assembly materials.

HOUSING

On-campus housing is available to those who request it. **If campus housing is requested, bedding and towels are provided. Please remember your bath robe as you are sharing restrooms.**

MEETING FACILITIES

Our worship services will be held in Christ Chapel. Plenary sessions will be in Lund Center. The Let's Do Lunch sessions will take place on Saturday in **Beck Hall**. Specific rooms will be listed in the "Let's Do Lunch" handout available at the assembly. However, please listen to the announcements for possible changes.

HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBILITY

Lund Center is handicapped accessible as well as Jackson Campus Center and a number of the campus dormitories.

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MEALS

Your meal ticket is the name tag you receive at registration. Your registration fee includes the following meals: Friday, June 9, lunch & supper; Saturday, June 10, lunch. Please bring your meal ticket (name tag) with you to **ALL** meals. They will be checked at the door. If you do not have your name tag you may not be allowed in the dining room to eat. So please keep it on you **at all times**. If you have registered for on-campus housing, Saturday breakfast is included.

CAMPUS BREAKFAST OPTION

For those voting members not staying on campus we have added a campus breakfast option. For only \$10 you may purchase campus breakfast for Saturday. This is available in your online registration. Tickets will be needed with this option and will be handed out with your name tag.

NAME TAGS

All white name tags designate voting members. Non-voting members have a colored name tag to identify themselves. Please wear your name tag at all times.

SEATING

Voting members and advisors will be seated at designated tables in the plenary session. ***ONLY voting members are allowed to sit in the designated voting section during voting.*** Visitors will be seated in the balcony of Lund Center. Seating in this manner helps the Elections Committee during the election portion of the assembly.

OFFERING

The offering sent by each congregation with their voting members will be received at the **Friday** worship service. Congregations are encouraged to send \$1 per baptized member for the offering. Please make checks payable to: Southwestern Minnesota Synod.

LET'S DO LUNCHES

Let's Do Lunches will be held in **Beck Hall** on Saturday afternoon. Exact room locations and schedule will be distributed at the assembly.

DISPLAYS

Please visit the displays on the second floor of Lund Center. Come and see the different missions of our synod and enjoy special **snacks and fresh coffee**.

EVALUATIONS

Your comments and ideas are important to us! Help us serve you better in the years ahead by filling out the evaluation included in your registration packet and leaving it at the exit at the conclusion of the assembly or by filling it out online at www.swmnelca.org, assembly page.

RECYCLING

Our synod is continuing to grow in its commitment to a greener future. Recycling bins will be available. Please pitch in.

PHOTO RELEASE

Janelle Curry, Synod Council member, will serve as the synod's photographer throughout the assembly. Photographs, video and electronic images will be used by the Southwestern Minnesota Synod for promotions including online sources such as Facebook, the Enews, Faithful & Fruitful Blog and your synod website. Should you have concern with your presence in these images, please contact **Tammy Sather** at the synod office.