



*<sup>9</sup> Let love be genuine; hate what is evil; hold fast to what is good; <sup>10</sup> love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. <sup>11</sup> Do not lag in zeal; be ardent in spirit; serve the Lord. <sup>12</sup> Rejoice in hope; be patient in affliction; persevere in prayer. <sup>13</sup> Contribute to the needs of the saints; pursue hospitality to strangers. (Romans 12:9-13)*

As we gather together as people of God for our Synod Assembly, we do so grounded in scripture to love genuinely, persevere in prayer, and care for one another. In a time that calls for both courage and compassion, we do this not only to conduct the work of our synod, but to encourage one another in hope, honor one another in love, and seek the guidance of the Holy Spirit among us. May our time together reflect Christ's welcome, generosity, and abiding grace.

## PREPARING FOR THE SYNOD ASSEMBLY:

### **\*HEARINGS.**

Plan to attend all the hearings, including the assembly orientation. **All hearings are on Zoom at 6:30 pm.** Links will be emailed to all registered voting members.

- **Resolution Hearing** – Tuesday, May 12
- **Assembly Orientation** – Monday, May 18
- **2027 Compensation Guidelines** - Tuesday, May 19
- **2028 FYE Budget Hearing** – Thursday, May 21

### **\*ASSEMBLY MATERIALS:**

- **Download from SYNOD WEBSITE** – [www.swmnelca.org/assembly](http://www.swmnelca.org/assembly)  
Assembly agendas, reports, and key documents. (It's important to download info prior to checking in at the assembly to ensure Gustavus Wi-Fi can sustain the workload.)
- **Download GUIDEBOOK APP** – [Click here for instructions](#)  
This app provides attendees with interactive schedules, maps, and networking tools. It gives access to **real time** updates and important announcements. Participants can share photos, post messages, and personalize their own calendar. More importantly, downloading the app saves on printing and ink.

### **\*PRAY. DISCERN. COLLABORATE.**

Meet with your pastor and other voting members from your congregation, community, and conference to discuss business items being voted on at the assembly. These items affect the future of your congregation as well as the greater church and your vote matters. Suggested discussion list:

- Voting items (FYE 2028 budget, 2027 Comp Guidelines, Constitution changes, synod elections)
- Review agenda
- Keynote speakers (read bios, google)
- Select your workshop (Friday – 1:30-2:30 pm)
- Map your route – lots of road construction!
- Pray. Discern. Collaborate

### **\*ONLINE VOTING MEMBERS.**

If you registered to attend the assembly **ONLINE**, you will be receiving an email to register in Zoom! You **MUST** do this in order to attend the assembly!

- Register in Zoom using your own personal email. (**you may not use the same email as anyone else**).
- Download "Speaking to the Assembly" for online voting members.

## WHAT TO BRING TO THE ASSEMBLY.

### \*VOTING MEMBERS.

- Cell phone and/or tablet, iPad, chargers – *all voting members*
- Assembly materials – *all voting members*
- Sweatshirt, sweater - *onsite*
- Coffee mug, water bottle, snacks - *onsite*
- Notepad, pen – *all voting members*
- Assembly offering – *all voting members*
- 8 oz water or less - *onsite*

### \*CAMPUS HOUSING:

If you registered and paid to stay in a dorm, remember linens are ***not provided.***

- Sleeping bag (OR twin **XL** sheets and blanket)
- Pillow
- Towel, wash cloth, shower shoes
- Toiletries (shampoo, conditioner, body wash, toothbrush/paste, etc.)
- Cards, games, book

## ARRIVING AT GUSTAVUS.

Gustavus Adolphus College is located at 800 W. College Dr. in Saint Peter, MN. Since classes are not in session, you may park in any available lot on campus. Our assembly sessions will mainly be hosted in **Jackson Campus Center** and **Christ Chapel**.

### \*DIRECTIONS and PARKING.

- **Jackson Campus Center:** If you're driving onto campus from College Avenue, follow the road up the hill and you'll reach **Three Flags Circle** – U.S Flag, Minnesota Flag, and Gustavus Flag – and also Jackson Campus Center. This is where you will check in for the assembly.
- **Road construction:** There is road construction around Saint Peter. Please map your route in advance!
- **Parking:** There are no parking restrictions. You may park in any available lot.

### \*CHECK IN.

As soon as you arrive on campus, please follow the signs to the onsite check-in to receive your lanyard, nametag, voting key, and other necessary assembly information. (You will only have to check in **one time.**) If you paid for campus housing, you will then be directed to pick up your room key.

- **Onsite check in:**  
Friday, June 5 – Jackson Campus Center: 12 pm – 5 pm.  
Saturday, June 6 – Alumni Hall – 8 am – 10 am.
- **Online check in:**  
Friday, June 5 – livestream only. Saturday, 9 am worship – livestream only.  
Saturday, June 6<sup>th</sup> – 9 am – 10:30 am.

### \*ACCESSIBILITY.

Jackson Campus Center is wheelchair accessible and there is a parking ramp near the entrance. Additionally, there is an elevator leading up to Alumni Hall where our business session will be held. If you need further accommodations, please contact Tammy Schacher at 507-627-9041 or [tammy.schacher@swmnelca.org](mailto:tammy.schacher@swmnelca.org)

### \*MEDICAL ESCORT.

If you need a medical escort please contact Tammy Schacher prior to arriving on campus at 507-627-9041 or [tammy.schacher@swmnelca.org](mailto:tammy.schacher@swmnelca.org)