

January 6, 2020

MEMORANDUM

TO: All ELCA Rostered Leaders, Congregations and Authorized Worshipping Communities of the Metropolitan New York Synod

FROM: The Rev. Robert Schoepflin, Secretary of the MNYS

DATE: January 6, 2020

RE: 2020 Synod Assembly

On behalf of the Synod Council, I announce to you that the 2020 annual Metropolitan New York Synod Assembly will be held May 8-9, 2020, at the Melville Marriott in Long Island, New York.

We are pleased to announce the theme for this year's 2020 MNYS Synod Assembly: **We Are Church Together**. This inclusive sentiment truly represents the combined efforts of our synod to uphold and follow the Holy Spirit as we celebrate diversity in our communities. As Bishop Paul Egensteiner reminds us, *"In this church, we learn more from the diversity than we do from the uniformity of those who have gone before us. I have always tried in some way to communicate that, through recognizing that each and every person is a child of God who deserves my love and respect."* We all join in this caregiving and genuine acceptance as we begin this new decade as **Church Together**.

In addition, following the recommendation from our 2018 memorial titled, ***"The ELCA's Anniversary of the Ordination of Women,"*** we are planning a celebration and recognition of our ordained women during the 2020 MNYS Annual Assembly, and throughout the months leading up to our time together.

The registration fees are as follows:

January 6 – March 2

\$175 per voting member*

\$75 per visitor

\$175 per optional meal plan

**Payment must be received by March 2*



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March 3 – April 15

\$200 per voting member*

\$100 per visitor

\$200 per optional meal plan

**Payment must be received by April 15*

May 8-9

\$300 per voting member

\$150 per visitor

No meal plans available

For registration assistance, please contact Karina Teran at (212) 870-2379, or via email at kteran@mnys.org.

The special rate at the hotel is \$169 per room, per night; that rate expires April 10 or when our block of rooms is filled. Reservations should be made through the MNYS assembly webpage or by calling the Melville Marriott at (631) 423-1600 and stating that you are with the “*Metropolitan New York Synod*.”

The following formula has been adopted for the election of voting members by congregations and authorized worshiping communities based on the current year’s congregational statistics:

Congregations Up To 699 Baptized Members

2 lay voting members

Congregations of 700-999 Baptized Members

3 lay voting members

Congregations of 1,000 or More Baptized Members

4 lay voting members

Authorized Worshiping Communities

1 lay voting member

All congregations are encouraged to submit registrations for alternate voting members (at no cost) to account for changes.

ELCA rostered ministers of the synod (including retired or *on leave from call*) unable to attend the assembly must complete and submit an excusal form [here](#).

In Christ,
The Rev. Robert Schoepflin, Secretary of the MNYS