

**2011 New Jersey Synod Assembly Letter from Secretary Roger Spencer  
January 2011**

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Grace and peace to you as the Light of this extended Epiphany enlightens our ways.

The Twenty-fourth Annual Assembly of the New Jersey Synod, ELCA, will be held at The College of New Jersey, Ewing, New Jersey, Friday, June 3 and Saturday, June 4, 2011. Items in this letter relate to the Assembly.

**CALL FOR NOMINATIONS**

I. We shall elect EIGHT persons (non-officers of the synod) to serve on the Synod Council. The categories to be elected are:

- Five (5) clergy, term ending 2014
- One (1) lay male, term ending 2014
- One (1) lay female, person of color/primary language other than English, term ending 2014
- One (1) lay youth, term ending 2013

**Members of the Synod Council** (Synod Constitution, Chapter 10): The Synod Council does the legislative work of the Synod between Assemblies. Also, each member of the Synod Council may serve on one Synod Council-related committee and/or may serve as a liaison member of a Mission Team. Term: Three years.

The following members of the Council are completing second terms and **may not** be re-elected:

- The Rev. Paul E. Lutz
- The Rev. Linda R. Wood
- Alyson Yee

The following members of the Council are completing first terms and **may be** nominated for re-election:

- The Rev. Matthew Cimorelli
- The Rev. Jennifer Sweitzer
- David Wirth

As you consider persons to nominate, you may also find it helpful to know the other members of the Synod Council and their geographic cluster location. A link to the list of the current Synod Council members is included in this posting. Please note, there are no representatives from the Essex, Central, Central Shore and Southwestern clusters.

A point of information; this year we shall also elect a Synod Vice President and Synod Secretary.

S.8.51.b. "The vice president, secretary and treasurer of this synod shall be elected to a term of four years and may be reelected."

S.9.05. "The nomination committee shall nominate at least two persons for vice president." However, S.9.06. stipulates that the Synod Council shall nominate two persons for secretary. Additional nominations may be made from the floor for both positions. If you have a suggestion for the Synod Council to consider for nomination, please make your suggestion to a Synod Council member.

Please use the 2011 Nomination Form to place persons willing to serve in these offices into nomination. Please return the form, via e-mail by February 28, 2011. However, a 2" x 2" picture of the nominee is needed also. (The Nominating Committee will meet on March 3, 2011.)

**YOUR PARTICIPATION IN THIS PROCESS IS THE KEY ELEMENT IN SECURING THE NECESSARY NUMBER OF QUALIFIED NOMINEES**

## **CALL FOR RESOLUTIONS**

You are invited to submit Resolutions for consideration by the Assembly. "On time" Resolutions will be printed in the 2011 Assembly Bulletin of Reports. Resolutions must be **received by the Office of the Secretary by Monday, April 4, 2011**, in keeping with our Synod Bylaws requiring submission "60 days in advance of the Assembly". Please use the resolution form. Copy as needed. (Please be succinct and to the point, following the guidelines on the "Resolution Worksheet".)

Please share this posting with your Congregation Council so that resolutions might be forthcoming and you all might prayerfully consider and nominate persons from your congregation for this important work. Our synod is diverse in its make-up. You can help our nominations reflect that diversity.

God grant you a blessed New Year.

Yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Roger W. Spencer". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'R'.

Roger W. Spencer  
Secretary, NJ Synod, ELCA

