



January 12, 2023

We love because God first loved us. ~ 1 John 4:19

Epiphany Greetings!

The 35th Annual Synod Assembly will take place on May 13, 2023 at **Grounds for Sculpture**, 80 Sculptors Way, Hamilton Township, NJ 08619, under the theme “**Lead with Love**”.

Assembly information can be found online at www.njsynod.org/assembly
All are welcome!

REGISTRATION:

Online registration will open in February. The deadline for registration is **March 29, 2023** (45 days prior to the Assembly, in keeping with our Synod Constitution).

If you are unable to register online, please call the synod office at 609-586-6800.

\$130 per Voting Member (**\$180 after March 29, 2023**)

\$65 Retired Rostered Minister not serving in a congregation (**\$85 after March 29, 2023**)

\$75 Visitor or Non-voting Rostered Minister (**\$95 after March 29, 2023**)

All registrations include continental breakfast, cold lunch buffet, all day beverages, and entrance to Grounds for Sculpture on May 13 from open until close.

Please note: Every voting member will need an electronic device for voting purposes (i.e. smart phone/tablet). More details can be found on the assembly page.

In keeping with Synod policy, **registration fees must be paid prior to the Assembly**. You may pay online by credit card when you register or mail a check, with the congregation’s name, location, and registrant names to:

Assembly Registration, NJ Synod, ELCA
1930 Highway 33, Hamilton Square, NJ 08690
Make all checks payable to: NJ Synod, ELCA

Voting Members are: *Lay Voting Members elected in their congregation; Lay NJ Synod Council Members; Rostered Minister under call, special ministry, retired living in NJ.*

Visitors /Non-Voting Members are: *Visitors; Guests; Rostered Ministers on leave from call or retired out of state; Display persons (who do not attend as voting members)*

Each congregation is entitled to send two lay voting members of any age. In addition, the Synod Council adopted the following Continuing Resolution regarding Voting Members under the age of 30:

Congregations with fewer than 500 baptized members may elect one additional Voting Member under the age of 30, and congregations with baptized membership of 500 or more may elect two additional Voting Members under the age of 30; however congregations that failed to file a Parochial Report in the prior year are assumed to have fewer than 500 baptized members, and therefore may elect only one additional Voting Member under the age of 30.

CALL FOR RESOLUTIONS:

You are invited to submit Resolutions for consideration by the Assembly. The Office of the Secretary must receive all resolution submissions by Tuesday, March 14, 2023 (*60 days prior to the Assembly, in keeping with our Synod Bylaws*). Please use the resolution form found on the Synod website. Be succinct and to the point, following the guidelines on the "Resolution Worksheet." A resolution may be submitted by any voting member, synod council member or NJ Synod committee. Resolutions that are on time will be posted in the 2023 Assembly Bulletin of Reports. (secretary@njsynod.org)

BULLETIN OF REPORTS

All reports from synod committees, teams and mission partners are due to the Office of the Secretary by Tuesday, March 14, 2023. The 2023 Bulletin of Reports will be posted online no later than April 20th. (secretary@njsynod.org)

HOTEL INFORMATION:

Rooms have been blocked for the NJ Synod at three local hotels. Please visit the assembly webpage for details, costs, and deadline information.

MISSION DISTRICT MEETINGS & ELECTIONS:

We shall elect persons to serve in leadership of the synod. Please check the assembly website for dates and locations of district meetings.

On behalf of our synod secretary, I thank you for your faithful attention to these matters and ask that you share this information with your congregation so they might prayerfully consider full participation in this process. If you have any questions regarding assembly, please reach out. 609-586-6800 or assembly@njsynod.org

We look forward to our time together in assembly as we gather together to lead with love!

Epiphany Blessings,

Dawn Roberts, Assembly Registrar