

January 29, 2026

"Water and Witness"
Water marks us. Witness moves us.



Greetings! The 38th New Jersey Synod Assembly will take place in person on **Saturday, May 30, 2026** at the **DoubleTree Somerset Hotel**, 200 Atrium Dr, Somerset, NJ, under the theme **"Water and Witness."** *Water marks us. Witness moves us.*

All 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 **April 15, 2026** (45 days prior to the Assembly, in keeping with our Synod Constitution). Late fees will apply after this date. All registration fees include continental breakfast and a cold lunch buffet.

Voting Member: **\$125 / \$175 after April 15**

Retired Clergy (not serving a congregation): **\$65 / \$80 after April 15**

Visitor: **\$100 / \$125 after April 15**

Please note: Every voting member must be present in person to vote and will need an electronic device for voting purposes (i.e. smart phone/tablet with internet capability or data plan). 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 to the synod office. More details available when registration opens.

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

Visitors /Non-Voting Members: *Visitors; Guests; Rostered Ministers on leave or retired out of state; Display persons (not attending 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 31, 2026** (*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 2026 Assembly Bulletin of Reports and should be sent to the Office of the Secretary at secretary@njsynod.org.

BULLETIN OF REPORTS

All reports from synod committees, teams, and mission partners are due to the Office of the Secretary (secretary@njsynod.org) by **Wednesday, April 15, 2026**. The 2026 Bulletin of Reports will be posted online no later than May 7th.

HOTEL INFORMATION:

There is a limited block of rooms for the NJ Synod at the DoubleTree Somerset for Friday night, May 29, 2026. Links and other details will be posted on the assembly webpage.

MISSION DISTRICT MEETINGS & ELECTIONS:

Voting members of the assembly, along with any interested congregation members, are encouraged and invited to attend their mission district meeting. In addition to electing persons to serve in leadership of the synod, we will spend time in listening sessions with Bishop Compton to learn more about your ministry joys and challenges. Please plan to attend. Contact your Mission District Dean with any questions.

Shore District, Saturday, February 21, 2026 (10:00 AM), Christ, Whiting

Western District, Saturday, February 28, 2026 (10:00 AM), Redeemer, Succasunna

Northern District, Saturday, March 14, 2026 (11:00 AM), Grace, Teaneck

Delaware District, Sunday, March 15, 2026 (4:00 PM), St. Stephen, Woodbury

Gateway District, Sunday, March 22, 2026 (4:00 PM), St. Paul, Jersey City

Middle District, Saturday, April 11, 2026 (2:00 PM), Hope, Freehold

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 ext. 107 or assembly@njsynod.org.

We look forward to our time together in assembly!

Epiphany Blessings,
Dawn Roberts, Registrar

*"I have summoned you by name; you are mine;
When you pass through the waters, I will be with you..."*
(from Isaiah 43:1-2)