



January 22, 2025

Behold! I Make All Things New.

Greetings!

The 37th New Jersey Synod Assembly will take place in person on **June 5 -7, 2025** at the **Hilton East Brunswick Hotel**, 3 Tower Center Blvd, East Brunswick, NJ 08816, under the theme “**Behold! I Make All Things New.**” (Revelation 21:5)

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 21, 2025** (45 days prior to the Assembly, in keeping with our Synod Constitution). Late fees will apply after this date. Synod Council has designated funds to cover most of the costs for attending the assembly with the hope that relieving the financial burden of attendance will prompt all congregations to send a full contingent of voting members.

Voting Member: \$25 (includes Friday evening banquet) / **\$50 after April 21**

Visitor: \$100 (includes Friday evening banquet)/ **\$125 after April 21**

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 are: *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 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 **Sunday, April 6, 2025** (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 2024 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 by **Sunday, April 6, 2025**. The 2025 Bulletin of Reports will be posted online no later than May 15th. (secretary@njsynod.org)

HOTEL INFORMATION:

Rooms are blocked for the NJ Synod. Links to the hotel registration website as well as deadlines and other details can be found on the assembly webpage. Room cost per night is **\$179.00**.

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 prayer and conversation preparing to elect a new synod bishop. Please plan to attend. Contact your Mission District Dean with any questions.

Middle District:	March 1, 2025, 9:30 AM	St Paul, East Windsor
Shore District:	March 1, 2025, 10:00 AM	Zion, Egg Harbor City
Gateway/Northern/ Western Districts:	March 8, 2025, 9:30 AM	St John, Summit
Delaware District:	March 16, 2025, 3:00 PM	Holy Trinity, Magnolia

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