



## New Jersey Synod

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America  
*God's Work. Our Hands.*

May 21, 2026

Dear Synod Assembly Participants:

We look forward to welcoming you on Saturday, May 30, for a one-day assembly with the theme “Water and Witness” at the Doubletree by Hilton in Somerset, NJ [200 Atrium Dr, 08873]. The registration table will open at 8:45 am, and the assembly begins promptly at 9:30 with worship.

You can download the Bulletin of Reports and find other resources to review in preparation for the assembly here: [www.njsynod.org/bulletin-of-reports](http://www.njsynod.org/bulletin-of-reports)

### Bible Study

Join us tonight (May 21) for a “Water and Witness” Bible study led by Bishop Compton. It starts at 6:30 [on zoom](#). The Bible study is open to everyone.

### Voting

Some of our voting will utilize the VPoll platform. Please remember to bring your voting device - a smartphone or table with wifi or data plan – fully charged and ready to go. All voting members will need their own devices. You will receive your voting credentials on your name tag when you register.

### Honoring LuAnn

At Synod Assembly we will be honoring LuAnn Barnes’ many years of service to our synod in her role as Executive Administrator to the Bishop. LuAnn will be retiring after Synod Assembly, and we want to make sure we express our thanks to her for all that she has done in support of our shared mission and ministry. If you or your congregation would like to share a note of thanks, please bring it to Synod Assembly or mail it to the Synod Office ahead of time at 1930 Hwy 33, Hamilton Sq NJ 08690. We also invite you to make a donation to the Synod in LuAnn’s honor, which we will distribute to two organizations chosen by LuAnn: Global Refuge and the Amazon Synod. You can make these gifts [online here](#) or via a check made out to the NJ Synod. Thank you for helping us celebrate LuAnn!

### Pre-Assembly Workshops

Our pre-assembly workshops will be held on Tuesday, May 26 from 6:30-9:00. These workshops are also open to everyone, including those who are not attending Synod Assembly. Please share this invitation with others in your congregation. Most workshops will be offered twice. You can find the schedule, workshop descriptions, and the zoom link on our website here: [www.njsynod.org/assembly-workshops](http://www.njsynod.org/assembly-workshops).

We are excited to be together soon for the 2026 Assembly, where we will celebrate the call we share in baptism.

Wading in the water with you,  
~Your Synod Staff