



Western Iowa Synod
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
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January 20, 2022

Dear Congregations of the
Western Iowa Synod ELCA:



**SOME
ASSEMBLY
REQUIRED**

Western Iowa Synod Assembly
Sioux City | April 20-23, 2022

Yes, "SOME ASSEMBLY REQUIRED!" We have not met in person since 2019 – it's time to gather together again! We want to gather safely, of course, and for the safety of all, we expect that you be fully vaccinated for Covid and wear a mask at all times indoors at the assembly. In addition, **voting members will need to bring an electronic device (such as a smart phone, laptop, Kindle/iPad) to be able to vote.** Please keep this in mind as you elect your voting members.

The assembly **timeline** looks like this:

Open to all Western Iowa Synod:

Wednesday, April 20 7:00 PM

Zoom-like welcome and Bible Study with Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton

Thursday, April 21 7:00 PM

Zoom-like discussion and Q&A on resolutions, budgets, elections, etc., and a diversity training session

Assembly members only:

Friday, April 22 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM

On-site check-in

Friday, April 22 5:00 - 6:30 PM

Dinner (on your own)

Friday, April 22 6:30 PM

Opening worship, plenary 1

Saturday, April 23 8:30 AM

Plenary 2

Saturday, April 23 11:00 AM

Off-site service projects, lunch

Saturday, April 23 3:00 PM

Closing worship, adjournment

Registration and offerings will begin online on February 1, 2022. All assembly **reports** will be available on the synod website at <http://www.wisynod.org/synod-assembly> by March 22, 2022 for downloading and/or printing. Assembly reports will not be printed or mailed out.

The deadline for submitting **resolutions** for consideration at the assembly is Monday, February 1, 2022. A Guide to Writing Resolutions, the Policy for Handling Resolutions, and a Resolution Submittal Form are available at www.wisynod.org. Please remember that resolutions may be authored by individuals and congregations as well as conferences.

The list of **nominations** needed is available on the synod website at <https://www.wisynod.org/synod-assembly-2022/nominations--90>.

The **assembly offering will be split** between Feeding the Hungry in Western Iowa Synod AND LSI Refugee and Immigrant Services. Please contribute generously to these important ministries. Congregations may either bring their offerings to the synod assembly or donate while registering.

Voting membership of the assembly includes rostered ministers and lay congregation members (including youth (up to age 18) and young adults (ages 18-30)). Also be mindful that, according to the current congregation model constitution, voting assembly members are to be elected from congregations.

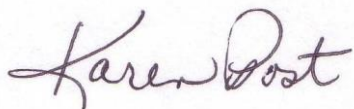
Online registration is encouraged and will be available on February 1 at www.wisynod.org. An assembly registration form is also enclosed. Registration **fees** are as follows:

All voting members: Voting members - \$210/person
Visitors - \$210/person

March 20th **Last day to register!** There will be NO walk-in registrations at the assembly.

Please share this preliminary information with voting members if they are not registering for themselves. If you have any questions, please contact the synod office at 712-732-4968.

Grace and peace,



Karen Post, Secretary
Western Iowa Synod ELCA

Enclosures:

Registration Form
Voting Membership of Synod Assembly
Lodging in Sioux City Area

Deadlines:

Resolutions – February 1, 2022
Registrations – March 20, 2022

Resources available at www.wisynod.org:

Membership of Synod Assembly
A Quick & Easy Guide to Writing Resolutions
Policy for Handling Resolutions at the Synod Assembly
2022 Resolution Submittal Form

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GOD'S *Grace* **ALL ARE WELCOME.**



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