

**Metropolitan Chicago Synod, ELCA  
30<sup>th</sup> Annual Synod Assembly**

**Preliminary Agenda**

**Friday, June 9, 2017**

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| <b>7:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.</b>   | <b>Registration</b>  |
| <b>7:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.</b>   | <b>Display Area Open</b>   |
| <b>7:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.</b>  | <b>Nominating Center Open</b>  |
| <b>8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.</b>   | <b>New Voting Member Orientation</b>   |
| <b>9:00 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.</b>   | <b>Plenary Session 1</b><br>Opening Devotions<br>Welcome<br>Opening of Assembly<br>Appointment of Parliamentarian<br>Introduction of Assembly Planning Committee<br>Introduction and Appointment of Assembly Committees<br>Report of Credentials and Courtesies Committee<br>Declaration of a Quorum<br>Approval of Agenda<br>Explanation of the Bar of the Assembly<br>Explanation and Adoption of Rules of the Assembly<br>Instruction on Resolutions<br>Report of Nominating Committee regarding Nomination Process<br>Introduction of Guests<br>Ecclesiastical Ballot for Synod Secretary and Synod Vice President |
| <b>9:45 a.m. – 10:0 a.m.</b>   | <b>Refreshment Break</b>   |
| <b>10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.</b> | Introduction of Keynote Speaker<br>Keynote Speaker<br>Ecclesiastical Ballot for Synod Vice President and Synod Secretary<br>Mission Moment<br>Introduction of His Eminence, Cardinal Blase Cupich, Archbishop of Chicago<br>Cardinal Blase Cupich Address<br>Lutheran Catholic Dialogue Committee<br>Mission Moment<br>Announcements and Meal Prayer   |
| <b>11:30 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.</b> | <b>Box Lunch Pick Up and Transition to Conference Meetings</b>   |
| <b>11:45 p.m. – 12:30 p.m.</b> | Conference Meetings  |
| <b>11:30 a.m.</b>              | <b>Nominations Center Closes</b>   |
| <b>12:30 p.m. – 12:45 p.m.</b> | <b>Transition to Plenary Session 2</b>   |
| <b>12:45 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.</b>  | <b>Plenary Session 2</b>   |

Portico  
 ELCA Foundation  
 ELCA Credit Union  
 LSSI  
 Mission Moment  
 Report of the Secretary  
 Report of the Treasurer / Introduction of the Budget  
 Report of the Vice President  
 Mission Moment  
 Report of the Nominating Committee  
 Instructions for General Ballot  
 First General Ballot  
 Report of the Ecclesiastical Ballot  
 Introduction of Constitutional Changes  
 Mission Moment  
 Second Ballot for Synod Officers  
 Mission Moment

- 2:05 p.m. – 2:20 p.m. Transition to Hearings and Workshops**
- 2:20 p.m. – 3:05 p.m. Hearings and Workshops**
- 3:05 p.m. – 3:20 p.m. Transition to Hearings and Workshops with Refreshment Break**
- 3:20 p.m. – 4:05 p.m. Hearings and Workshops**
- 4:05 p.m. – 4:20 p.m. Transition to Plenary 3**
- 4:20 p.m. –5:05 p.m. Plenary Session 3**  
 Mission Moment  
 Vote on Budget  
 Report of the Second Ballot for Synod Officers  
 Comments/Q&A – Officer Nominees  
 Third Ballot for Synod Officers (if needed)  
 Mission Moment  
 Report of the First General Ballot  
 Second General Ballot  
 Announcements
- 5:05 p.m. – 5:30p.m. Transition to Worship**
- 5:30 p.m. – 6:45 p.m. Worship with Eucharist**

**Saturday, June 10, 2017**

- 7:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Registration**
- 7:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Display Area Open**
- 8:30 a.m. – 9:45 a.m. Plenary Session 4**  
 Opening Devotions  
 Final Report of Credentials and Courtesies  
 Mission Moment  
 Report of the Third Ballot for Synod Officers

Greetings from the Synod Vice President-elect  
Greetings from the Synod Secretary-elect  
Report of the Bishop  
Report of the First General Ballot

**9:45 a.m. – 10:00 am**

**Refreshment Break**

**10:00 a.m. – 11:40 a.m.**

**Plenary Session 5**

Debates on Resolutions

Voting on Resolutions

Mission Moment

ELCA Report

Introduction of Rostered Leaders new to the Synod

Acknowledgement of Congregation and Ordination Anniversaries

Reception of New Congregations

Report of the Second General Ballot

Resolution of Thanks

Authorization of Approval of Minutes

Announcements

Closing Prayer and Order for the Closing of the Assembly