



Synod Assembly

Friday, June 16 and Saturday, June 17, 2017

March 20, 2017

Dear Congregation Members and Rostered Ministers:

The 30th Annual **Northern Illinois Synod Assembly** will be held at Augustana College, Centennial Hall, 3703 Seventh Avenue, Rock Island on **Friday, June 16 and Saturday, June 17, 2017**. You may access map and directions to Augustana College at nisynod.org/assembly/directions.

You will find enclosed Northern Illinois Synod Assembly registration materials and related Assembly information. These materials may be duplicated. You can also register online at nisynod.org/assembly.

Please note that this will be the only registration packet mailed.

Should you have any questions, feel free to contact Nancy Corey, Synod Registrar, in the Rock Island Synod office by phone 309-794-4004, fax (309-794-2088), e-mail at ncorey@nisynod.org, or Nancy Corey, Synod Registrar, Northern Illinois Synod, Augustana College, Sorensen Hall, 639 38th Street, Rock Island IL 61201-2210.

Northern Illinois Synod Assembly – June 16-17, 2017
Registrations and Resolutions Due Tuesday, April 18, 2017

Northern Illinois Synod Youth Assembly – June 15-16, 2017

Registrations Due Thursday, June 1, 2017

(Synod Youth Assembly Registration materials will be found near end of this packet.)

Congregational Voting Members

When registering your assembly voting members, please keep in mind these NI Synod guidelines: Two lay voting members are elected by each congregation, normally one of whom shall be male and one of whom shall be female. Additional members from each congregation normally shall be equally divided between male and female and normally there shall be no more than one voting member of the Synod Assembly from a single household. Also, each voting member of the Synod Assembly shall be a voting member of a congregation of this synod.

Per Synod Constitutional Bylaw S7.21.A11... *each congregation may elect 1 additional youth (a voting member who has not reached the age of 18 at the time of election or appointment for service) or 1 young adult (a voting member between the ages of 18 and 30 at the time of election or appointment for service) to attend as a voting member. A congregation's delegation will be responsible for the youth voting member. Please see the Youth Assembly activity information provided in this packet for additional opportunities for youth.*

Some congregations due to the size of their baptized membership are allowed additional voting members. You may refer to the **Additional Lay Voting Member Assignment List on page 5** to determine if your congregation may register more than two voting members in addition to a youth or young adult voting member. **All congregations not listed are to register two voting members and an additional youth or young adult.** Those persons selected as alternates may be registered as visitors.

Please note that rostered ministers On Leave from Call or Retired, *who are not elected as voting members, shall have voice but not vote at Synod Assembly.* {S7.23.} **Exception:** *Retired ministers on the roster of the Synod shall be voting members of the Assembly if they have pre-registered by the date of Assembly.* {S7.22.01.}

Office of the Bishop

Assembly Fees

Lay Voting Members: Congregations are responsible for all expenses.

Youth or Young Adult Voting Members: Congregations are responsible for all expenses.

Ministers of Word & Sacrament, Ministers of Word & Service, Interim Pastors, and Intern Pastors serving Congregations: Congregations, agencies and/or institutions are responsible for all expenses.

Ministers of Word & Sacrament and Ministers of Word & Service NOT Under Call, Agency and Institution Representatives: Unless otherwise provided for, they are responsible for their own expenses.

Retired Ministers of Word & Sacrament and Retired Ministers of Word & Service, and their Spouses: Registration fee is waived. Printed Bulletins of Reports are half price. All other costs will be their responsibility.

Visitors: Visitors are welcome to attend the assembly. Visitors are responsible for their registration fee, meals, and housing. Visitors are requested to send in a registration form.

2017 Northern Illinois Synod Assembly Fees

Registration (*fee waived for retired ministers*) \$36.00

Meals

Complete Meal Plan \$45.00

OR choose only the meals you plan to eat

Friday Lunch \$11.00
Friday Dinner \$14.00
Saturday Breakfast \$ 9.00
Saturday Lunch \$11.00

Housing

On-campus housing*: single bed with shared bath (per person, per night) \$39.00

**Campus Housing is located in Swanson Commons, 1010 38th Street, Rock Island. It is a student dormitory with shared restrooms and equipped with basic furnishings for student use (only bed sheets provided; NO pillows, blankets, towels of any sort, drinking cups, toiletries, room service, etc.).*

Hotel Listings located near to Augustana College are enclosed for your information. Find additional hotel information at visitquadcities.com.

Assembly Bulletin of Reports

Download the Bulletin of Reports from the synod website to print or save electronically \$0.00

OR optional printed and bound Assembly Bulletin of Reports (*half price for retired ministers*)..... \$30.00

Those not purchasing a printed and bound Bulletin of Reports are expected to download it from the synod website and bring it to Assembly in printed and/or electronic form.

You may register online (nisynod.org/assembly) or by mail using the enclosed registration form. When registering online, you may either pay online or mail a check. If you choose to pay online, a small, non-refundable convenience fee per registration applies.

Resolutions

Voting members who wish to introduce resolutions should refer to the enclosed Resolution Writing 101. In keeping with our synod guidelines regarding resolutions the deadline for submission is April 18. Resolutions received after that date will not be accepted for consideration at this assembly, unless the Resolutions Committee judges it to be a matter of sufficient importance and urgency which is not adequately covered by documents already before the assembly.

Assembly Choir

Voting members and visitors are welcome to sing in the Assembly choir during Saturday worship. Please refer to the Synod Assembly Agenda in Assembly Bulletin of Reports for rehearsal times and location.

Special Needs and Child Care

Assembly participants with special needs should indicate such needs on their registration form (especially dietary and child care). Child Care will be provided at St. John's Lutheran Church, 4501 Seventh Avenue, Rock Island which is located a few blocks east from Augustana College campus.

Additional Synod Assembly Lay Voting Member Assignment

All congregations NOT listed below are to register two voting members and an additional youth or young adult. Those persons selected as alternates may be registered as visitors.

Four (4) Voting Members (plus 1 youth or young adult)	Three (3) Voting Members (plus 1 youth or young adult)
Algonquin, Light of Christ (Northeast Conference)	Byron, All Saints (Central Conference)
Bolingbrook, New Life (East Conference)	DeKalb, First (Northeast Conference)
Crystal Lake, Bethany (Northeast Conference)	Dixon, Immanuel (Central Conference)
Huntley, Shepherd of the Prairie (Northeast Conference)	Dixon, St. Paul (Central Conference)
Joliet, St. John (East Conference)	Galva, Messiah (Southwest Conference)
Loves Park, Grace (North Conference)	Geneseo, First (West Conference)
McHenry, Shepherd of the Hills (Northeast Conference)	Harvard, Trinity (Northeast Conference)
Moline, Trinity (West Conference)	Knoxville, Grace (Southwest Conference)
Naperville, Alleluia! (East Conference)	Mendota, St. John (South Conference)
New Lenox, Peace (East Conference)	Rockford, St. Mark (North Conference)
Orion, St. Paul (West Conference)	Rockford, Trinity (North Conference)
Ottawa, Trinity (South Conference)	Rockford, Zion (North Conference)
Rockford, Our Savior's (North Conference)	Roscoe, Cross & Crown (North Conference)
Sycamore, Salem (Northeast Conference)	Sandwich, Our Saviour (East Conference)
Woodstock, Grace (Northeast Conference)	Somonauk, St. John (South Conference)

Northern Illinois Synod Assembly Enclosures:

1. NI Synod Assembly Registration Form (3); 2. Resolutions Writing 101; 3. Campus Housing Information & Quad Cities Hotels List; 4. 2017 In-Kind Offering Flyer

Northern Illinois Synod Youth Assembly Enclosures:

1. NI Synod Youth Assembly Cover Letter; 2. Synod Youth Assembly Flyer; 3. Registration & Medical Release Form; 4. Youth/Adult Covenant; 5. Campus Housing Information