



Synod Assembly 2017
Real Presence: In our neighborhoods, with our neighbors

Proposed Order of Business – Draft
Minneapolis Area Synod Assembly
May 5-6, 2017

Friday May 5, 2017

- 9:00 am** Pre-assembly workshop: “Blessed by Jesus in our Neighbors” with Rev. Ruben Duran, Director for New Starts, ELCA (Advent Lutheran Church, Anoka)
- 12:00 pm** Exhibits and Displays Open
- 1:00 pm** Orientation for Voting Members
- 1:30 pm** Doors to Plenary Hall Open
- 2:00 pm** **Opening Worship**
Bishop Ann Svennungsen, Presiding and Preaching
Bruce Henry Band, Music
- 3:30 pm** **Plenary 1**
Liturgy to Open an Assembly, Introduction to Assembly Theme
Introduction to Guidebook App
Adoption of Rules, Order of Business, Credentials Report
Keynote: Ruben Duran
“Detectives of Divinity”
Bishop’s Report
Introductions of New to Synod, Interns, Elected Leaders, Committees
Table Conversations: Racial Justice
- 5:30 pm** **Dinner**
Servant of Christ Award from Lutheran Social Service, Minnesota
- 6:45 pm** **Plenary 2**
Bible Story: Barbara Lundblad
“A Certain Woman Named Lydia” Acts 16: 11-15
Report of the Reference and Counsel Committee
Keynote: David Lose
“Surprised by God’s Unlikely Presence”
Resolution: Solidarity with Muslims

Saturday, May 6, 2017

- 8:00 am** Pre-plenary Conversation on Social Statement: Faith, Sexism, and Justice
- 8:30 am** Deadline for submitting Nominations & Resolutions
Registration and Exhibits/Displays Open
- 8:45 am** **Plenary 3**
Bible Story: Barbara Lundblad
"Paul and the Poets" (Acts 17: 16-32)
Nominating Committee Report
Elections: First ballot
Presiding Bishop's Message to the Assembly
ELCA Churchwide Report – Ruben Duran
"My American Blues" - Bruce Henry Band
- 10:05 am** Break
- 10:30 am** **Plenary 4**
Second Ballot (if needed)
Keynote: David Lose
"Faith, Hope, and Love and the End of Religion"
Vice President's Report
Treasurer's Report
- 12:15 pm** **Lunch**
Focused Conversations Include:
Budget Hearing
Youth Lunch with the Bishop
Cherish All Children
- 1:00 pm** **Plenary 5**
Constitution Resolution
Budget Resolutions
Youth Presentation
Table Conversations: Immigration
Unfinished Business
Real Presence in **Your** Neighborhood
- 3:00 pm** Closing of the 2017 Synod Assembly