**2023 Montana Synod Assembly Agenda**

**June 2 & 3, 2023**

**Heritage Inn, Great Falls MT**

**“Equipping For Generosity”**

(to be adopted by the Assembly with the privilege of the chair to adjust as needed)

**Thursday, June 1**

6-8:00 p.m. Early Check-in

8:00 p.m. Vigil for Missing and Murdered Indigenous People (Bethel Lutheran)

**Friday, June 2**

7:00 a.m. Check-in

8:30 a.m. Coffee and Pastries for Assembly (Sponsored by Concordia College)

8:45 a.m. Orientation for voting members

9:00 a.m. Call to Order: Welcome, Land Acknowledgment, Open Assembly

 Worship with Holy Communion

10:20 a.m. Break

10:30 a.m. Plenary I

 Introductions

 Credentials Report

 Adopt Agenda

 Adopt Rules of Assembly

Secretary’s Report

 Treasurer’s Report and the presentation of the 2023 Budget

 Announcements

 Prayer

12:00 p.m. Lunch – on your own

1:30 p.m. Plenary II

 Credentials Report

 Report of the Nominating Committee

 Election

 Vote on 2019 and 2022 Synod Constitution Update

 ELCA Churchwide Council Region 1 Representative – Ms. Loni Taylor

 Announcements

2:45 p.m. Break

3:00 p.m. Plenary III

Conversation on Equipping for Generosity – Prs. Peggy Paugh-Leuzinger and Tim Brown 4:30 p.m. Report of the Elections Committee

4:40 p.m. Announcements

4:45 p.m. Break

5:30 p.m. Reception (Sponsors: Christikon and Flathead Lutheran Bible Camps)

6:30 p.m. Banquet (tickets needed)

9:00 p.m. Evening Prayer

**Saturday, June 3**

7:30 a.m. Breakfast Buffet (Tickets needed) (Sponsored by Thrivent Finances and Thrivent Members, ELCA Foundation, Portico)

8:30 a.m. Opening Prayer with LPA Recognitions

9:00 a.m. Plenary IV

 Credentials Report (if necessary)

 ELCA Churchwide Office Representative – Ms. Marie Anne Sliwinskiu

Bishop’s Report

Announcements

10:30 a.m. Prepare for Worship

11:00 a.m. Healing Worship Service (no Holy Communion)

12:30 p.m. Lunch -- on your own

2:00 p.m. Plenary V

 Credentials Report

2024 Budget Conversation & Vote

Old Business

New Business

Report of the Resolutions Committee (as necessary)

Freedom in Christ – Pastor Marlow Carrels

Introduction to the Youth Gathering – Pastor Brenda Frelsi

4:15 p.m. Sending Worship and Close of the Assembly

4:30 p.m. Assembly Adjourns

On the road again! May God be with you on your journey.

5:00 p.m. Reception/Dinner for LPAs (registration required)

**Saturday, June 3**

8:30 a.m. Worship and Gathering LPAs (registration required)

12 noon LPA Gathering concludes