



**Montana Synod**  
**Evangelical Lutheran Church in America**  
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April 1, 2019

Dear Members of the Montana Synod,

The Montana Synod Assembly is May 31– June 2, in Great Falls, with the theme of **“Meet the Future Boldly.”**

This packet contains the information that you will need to register your pastor and lay voting members for the Synod Assembly at the Heritage Inn, in Great Falls. **We will be offering a discount to people who register by the early deadline, May 15.** Please copy and share the contents with your voting members.

Enclosed you will find a draft agenda for the Assembly. **Please note that the Assembly will be electing a new Bishop. The first ballot will be at 3:30 on Friday, and only people registered by 3 pm will be eligible to vote.** Only names that appear on the first ballot will be considered in subsequent ballots. Please make sure you are registered on time, in order to participate in the first ballot.

Rev. Chris Boerger, Secretary of the ELCA, will be the Churchwide representative. He will preside over the election of the Bishop and give the Churchwide report. Pastor Laurie Jungling will be our Bible Study leader. Bishop Shelley Wickstrom from the Alaska Synod and Bishop Kristen Kuempel from the Eastern Washington-Idaho Synod will lead devotions. There will be two workshop opportunities on Saturday. Anyone is welcome to attend the workshops. We are expecting our South African Companion Synod Bishop, Motsumai Manong to be with us as well.

At the Assembly we will also be electing a Vice President and a Treasurer, as well as Synod Council members and other committee members. We will recognize new LPAs, commission Churchwide Assembly Voting members, and adopt a budget and consider resolutions.

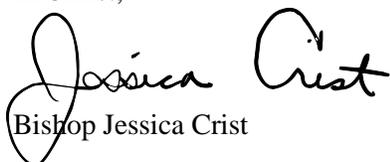
The Synod Council encourages congregations to elect youth (high school) and young adults (18-30) to be voting members. We have 20 youth voting member slots available. Contact your cluster Dean or synod office for more information.

Prior to the start of the Assembly there will be a Boundaries Workshop (Thursday-Friday).

Keep checking our website and watch for our Monday Assembly E-News and our Wednesday News of the Week for up-to-date information. Hotel registration information (**Deadline is May 15**) and other important information is enclosed, along with envelopes for the offering—designated for the Montana Synod Fund for Leaders in Mission. A proposed 2020 Budget, Constitutional changes, and other documents will be on the website assembly page: <https://www.montanasynd.org/assembly2019.html>

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact our office.

In Christ,

  
Bishop Jessica Crist

