

Preliminary Schedule

Friday, June 2

- 8:00 Pedal for Peas Bike Ride
1:00 Registration begins
3:30 Orientation
4:00 Assembly Begins
Plenary I
5:00 Dinner Break
7:00 Plenary II
8:00 Opening Eucharist

Saturday, June 3

- Breakfast on your own
8:30 Morning Prayer
9:00 Keynote
10:00 break
10:15 Plenary III
11:30 Lunch Break
2:30 Keynote
3:45 Workshops
6:00 Banquet, Recognitions
Evening Prayer

Sunday, June 4

- Breakfast on your own
8:30 Morning Prayer
9:00 Plenary IV
10:30 Close Assembly
11:00 Closing Worship

Included in this packet:

1. Copy Reminder
2. Welcome from Bishop Crist
3. Highlights Brochure
4. Assembly Rules
5. Registration Form
6. Business Information
7. Estimate of Giving Information
8. Nomination Form
9. Elections Information
10. Resolutions Form
11. Guidelines for Consideration of Resolutions
12. Pedals for Peas Registration
13. Pedals for Peas Bulletin Insert
14. Offering Envelopes

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Promote Unity

Assembly

2017

Highlights

June 2-4, 2017

**BEST WESTERN HERITAGE INN,
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Program

ORIENTATION FOR VOTING MEMBERS

Voting members play a key role in making decisions that shape our ministry together. Orientation will help all voting members have a better understanding of the agenda, business, and rules of the assembly. Join us at 3:30 on Friday. Come and prepare yourself to participate in this important work on behalf of others.

ESTIMATES OF GIVING

At Friday's opening worship during the offering, voting members will process to the altar with a copy of their congregation's "Promote Unity" estimate of giving form as a sign of our partnership in mission. (Copies will be distributed at registration).

HIGHLIGHTS

Friday morning: Pedal for Peas Bike Ride to benefit World Hunger

Opening Worship in the evening.

An opportunity to meet with the new ELCA Vice President, Bill Horne.

Saturday morning: Keynote 1: **Reconciled to God**, 2 Corinthians 5:20, Dr. Michael Trice, Seattle University

Lunch Break: Travel to the building site of the new Synod House, see the progress, and have lunch from a food truck. Sponsored by Mission Investment Fund.

Keynote 2: **Reconciled to the World: A Lutheran App**, 2 Corinthians 5:16-17, Dr. Michael Trice

Workshops (yet to be determined). Subscribe to our E-News of the Week for assembly updates.

Banquet and special Recognitions

Logistics

HOUSING RESERVATIONS

Your room reservation **must be received by the Best Western Heritage Inn by May 15**. After that date, space and rate will be on an available only basis. The sleeping room rate is \$94.99 + tax per night. All reservations must be guaranteed with a credit card. **Please call the Heritage Inn (406) 761-1900** to make your reservation. Let them know you are there for the **Montana Synod Assembly**.

ASSEMBLY REGISTRATION

This year we have 3 fee categories for Assembly registration: "Early, Late, & On-Site." Register early (**on or before May 15th**) to get the best rate. Late registration fees will apply for any registrations postmarked May 16th through May 26th. On-Site registration fees will be significantly higher if you register May 27th through June 2nd or at the Synod Assembly. **Again, please register early for the best rate.** The fee list and refund policy is on the 2017 Assembly registration form. **New this year: Online registration and payments by credit card or PayPal will be accepted.**

SERMON

The Synod office will make available a sermon for use in your congregation by a layperson on Sunday, June 4. This sermon will be available on the Montana Synod website after May 15.

SUNDAY OFFERING

The Sunday offering will support *Intermountain Children's Home in Helena, Montana*. **Make checks payable to the Montana Synod**. Offering envelopes have been provided in the registration packet. Place them in the offering basket Sunday morning, or mail to the Montana Synod.

More Logistics

TRAVEL EQUALIZATION REIMBURSEMENT

Voting members who drive will be reimbursed on the basis of miles driven and number of voting members who are passengers. Reimbursement will be allowed for all voting members from Montana Synod congregations who reside 100 miles or more from Great Falls. Travel equalization is paid beginning at .14 per round-trip mile if driving alone and increases with each voting member passenger. ***Cash reimbursements will be made at the Assembly registration desk.***

DATES AND TIMES TO REMEMBER:

April 28

- **Nominations and Resolutions are due to the Synod Office**

May 15

- **Housing DEADLINE to Best Western Heritage Inn, Great Falls**
- **EARLY REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT due in synod office**

June 2 – Assembly begins

All documents in the Registration Packet may be found on our website:

<http://www.montanasynod.org/assembly.html>

If you have any questions, call Susan or Colter at the Synod office (406) 453-1461