

## Preliminary Schedule

### Thursday, May 31

3:30 Boundaries, New Hope  
Lutheran Church

### Friday, June 1

9:30 Boundaries, New Hope  
1-2:30 Budget Hearing  
1-2:30 Justice for Women Hearing  
1-3:00 Registration  
2:45 Orientation  
3:00 Assembly Begins  
Plenary I  
5:00 Dinner on your Own  
7:00 Plenary II  
8:00 Opening Eucharist

### Saturday, June 2

8:30 Morning Prayer  
9:00 Keynote I  
10:00 break  
10:15 Keynote II  
11:15 Travel to Synod House & tours  
11:45 Dedication of Synod House  
12:15 Lunch on your own  
2:15 Hymn Sing and Regather  
2:30 Workshops Session A  
3:30 break  
3:45 Workshops Session B  
4:45 break  
6:00 Banquet, Celebrations and  
Recognitions  
Evening Prayer

### Sunday, June 3

8:30 Morning Prayer  
9:00 Bible Study - Pr. Mark  
Gravrock  
9:45 Plenary III  
10:30 Close Assembly & Break  
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. "Here We Are" Intents
8. Nomination Form
9. Elections Information
10. Boundaries Brochure
11. Offering Envelopes

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## Montana Synod



Support Congregations

### Assembly

### 2018

### Highlights

**June 1-3, 2018**

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## Program

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### **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 2:45 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 "Support Congregations" estimate of giving form as a sign of our partnership in mission. (Copies will be distributed at registration).

### **HIGHLIGHTS**

Thursday afternoon and Friday morning: Boundaries Workshop for Pastors and Lay Persons

Friday, 1-2:30: A 2019 Budget hearing; and a hearing on Justice for Women Social Statement.

Opening Worship in the evening. Celebration and Reconciliation of American Indian and Alaska Natives. Estimate of Giving Procession

Saturday morning: LPA Recognitions

Keynote 1: "Strengthen Congregations: Congregational Vitality" Linda Bobbit

Keynote 2: "Strengthen Congregations: Faith Practices" Pr. Brenda Smith

At 11:15, travel to the new Synod House get a tour, participate in the dedication, then lunch on your own.

Workshops (yet to be determined) all Saturday afternoon. Watch for our Wednesday E-News of the Week for assembly updates.

Banquet and special Recognitions Saturday Evening

## Logistics

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### **HOUSING RESERVATIONS**

Your room reservation **must be received by the Best Western Heritage Inn by May 14**. After that date, space and rate will be on an available only basis. The sleeping room rate is **\$96.00** + 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**

We have 3 fee categories for Assembly registration: "Early, Late, & On-Site." Register early (**on or before May 14<sup>th</sup>**) to get the best rate. Late registration fees will apply for any registrations postmarked May 15<sup>th</sup> through May 25<sup>th</sup>. On-Site registration fees will be significantly higher if you register May 26<sup>th</sup> through June 1<sup>st</sup> or at the Synod Assembly. **Again, please register early for the best rate.** The fee list and refund policy is on the 2018 Assembly registration form. **Online registration and payments by credit card or PayPal will be available on April 11.**

### **SERMON**

The Synod office will make available a sermon for use in your congregation by a layperson on Sunday, June 3. This sermon will be available on the Montana Synod website after May 14.

### **SUNDAY OFFERING**

The Sunday offering will support ELCA congregations in Puerto Rico. **Make checks payable to the Montana Synod**. Offering envelopes have been provided in the registration packet (one for your congregation and two for voting members). Place them in the offering basket Sunday morning during worship, or mail to the Montana Synod.

## More Logistics

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### **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 27**

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

#### **May 14**

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

#### **June 1 – 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**