

Preliminary Schedule

Thursday, May 30

- 1-6:00 Boundaries 1.0 at New Hope Lutheran Church
6:00 Executive Committee

Friday, May 31

- 9-noon Synod Council
Boundaries 2.0, New Hope
1-2:00 Budget Hearing
1-3:00 Registration
2:45 Orientation
3:00 Assembly Begins
Plenary I
3:30 First Ballot for Bishop
5:00 Dinner on your Own
7:00 Plenary II
8:00 Opening Eucharist

Saturday, June 1

- 7:00 Breakfast (w/ticket)
8:30 Plenary III
8:45 Morning Prayer
9:15 Bible Study
10:00 break
10:20 Workshops A
11:30 Bishop Candidate Speeches
12:15 Prayer
12:30 Lunch on your own
1:45 Plenary IV
2:20 Workshops B
3:45 Greetings from South Africa
5:00 Campus Ministry Reception
6:00 Banquet, Farewell to Bishop Crist

Sunday, June 2

- 7:00 Breakfast (w/ticket)
8:30 Morning Prayer
9:00 Plenary V
Installation of Vice President and Treasurer
Blessing of Churchwide Voting Members
10:30 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. Assembly Business
7. Nomination Form & Elections Information
8. Resolution Form and Information
9. Guidelines for Discussion of Resolutions
10. Guidelines for Consideration of Resolutions
11. Boundaries Brochure
12. Offering Envelopes
13. Draft Schedule
14. Schedule for the Ballot for Bishop

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Assembly

2019

Highlights

May 31 - June 2, 2019

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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 2:45 on Friday. Come and prepare yourself to participate in this important work on behalf of others.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Boundaries Workshop for Pastors and Lay Persons. Thursday afternoon and Friday morning: Thursday: Boundaries; Friday: Boundaries 2.0
- 2020 Budget hearing: Friday, 1-2:00
- Opening Worship in the evening. Special recognitions.
- Greetings from our South African Companion Synod
- Bible Study
- LPA Recognitions Saturday morning.
- Workshops (to be announced) Saturday morning and afternoon.
- Banquet and farewell to Bishop Crist Saturday Evening
- Election of Bishop
- Election of Vice-President
- Election of Treasurer
- Churchwide Report
- Commissioning of Churchwide Assembly Voting Members

Watch for our Monday Assembly E-News for updates.

Logistics

HOUSING RESERVATIONS

Your room reservation **must be received by the Best Western Heritage Inn by May 10**. 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 10th**) to get the best rate. Late registration fees will apply for any registrations postmarked May 11th through May 25th. On-Site registration fees will be significantly higher if you register May 26th through May 31st 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, both in manuscript and in audio format.

SUNDAY OFFERING

The Sunday offering will support the Montana Synod Fund for Leaders in Mission, which provides scholarships to seminarians. **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

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 12

- **Nominations are due**
- **Resolutions are due**

May 1

- **Questions for Bishop Due**

May 10

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

May 31 – Assembly begins

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

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

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