



Northeastern Minnesota Synod

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DATE: July 30, 2020
TO: Congregational Leaders
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RE: Procedure for Registration

Assembly Highlights

- The theme of the 2020 Synod Assembly is *You Are the Light of the World*. Our theme verse is Matthew 5:14-16.
- The Assembly will convene Friday, August 28, 2020 – Saturday, August 29, 2020 online via Zoom.

How to Register

Since the Assembly has moved online, there is now a three-step registration process.

- **Step 1 – Register via Eventbrite – Deadline is August 21, 2020**
 - As a congregational leader, you are responsible for ensuring that you and your voting members are registered.
 - **If you registered** yourself and/or your voting members for the May Assembly, you **DO NOT** need to re-register.
 - Because only voting members will be allowed into the Zoom meeting, current visitor registrations will be cancelled, and full refunds will be issued.
 - Non-voting members will be able to view the Assembly live on Facebook (<https://tinyurl.com/NEMNSynodfacebook>). View the Synod Website (www.nemnsynod.org) for more details. A recording will be available after the event.
 - **If your voting members have changed**, please contact Registrar Anne Laechel at 218-851-2214 or anne.laechel@gmail.com to update this information. The voting members must be the same for both days of the Assembly.
 - **If you HAVE NOT already registered** yourself and/or your voting members, please register online with the Synod for attendance at the Assembly. The link to register online is: <https://nemnsynod-sa2020.eventbrite.com/> If you don't have capabilities to do so online, please find someone in your congregation that can assist you or register for you. You may also call Registrar Anne Laechel at 218.851.2214 for assistance.
- **Step 2 – Register via Zoom – Deadline is August 21, 2020**
 - Each voting member (Clergy & Lay) must register via Zoom with a unique email address to receive the video link and participate in the online voting. Voting member couples who share an email address may need to create an additional email address so that they can register and vote separately online. The link to register for the Zoom Assembly is <https://bit.ly/39HJ5Mi> Please enter the required information. You will receive an email with a link to the online Assembly after your voting credentials have been confirmed.
- **Step 3 – Attend a Zoom Practice on August 20, 2020 at 11:00 am or 7:00 pm.** The Zoom link for either time is: <https://tinyurl.com/Zoompracticemeeting>

Registration Fee

Registration for the online Assembly is \$25 per person. **If you have already registered, you do not need to pay again.** If you would like a partial refund of the balance paid previously, please use the Eventbrite link you will receive via email or send a refund request to Registrar Anne Laechel at anne.laechel@gmail.com or 821-851-2214. **Partial Refunds are available upon request only.**

Assembly Materials

- The **Bulletin of Reports**, which includes the agenda, election information, resolutions, and other materials will all be available at <http://www.nemnsynod.org/synod-assembly-2020.html>. Please be certain that you, your voting members, and any others attending from your congregation **have read these materials before the Assembly and have printed out materials necessary to have in hand during the Assembly.** We will not be using the Guidebook app this year as it may decrease the internet strength needed to stream the Zoom meeting at your location. Using an ethernet connected device is highly recommended.

Entitled to Vote

According to the Northeastern Minnesota Synod constitution: *“a minimum of one lay member elected by each congregation with fewer than 175 baptized members and a minimum of two lay members elected by each congregation with 175 or more baptized members related to the synod, normally one of whom shall be male and one of whom shall be female, shall be voting members.”* *“All congregations having more than 500 confirmed members, shall be entitled to elect an additional voting member for each additional 500 confirmed members or major fraction thereof.”* The following churches are allowed more than two lay voting members:

First, Aitkin (3)
Lord of Life, Baxter (3)
Bethlehem, Brainerd (3)
Trinity, Brainerd (4)
Crosslake, Crosslake (3)
First, Duluth (4)

Good Shepherd, Duluth (3)
St. Andrew's, Grand Rapids (3)
Zion, Grand Rapids (3)
Our Savior's, Hibbing (3)
First, Little Falls (3)
Church of the Cross, Nisswa (3)

Our Redeemer, Pine City (3)
Trinity, Princeton (3)
Bethlehem, Two Harbors (3)
Hope, Walker (3)

Constitution Notes

S7.21 *“All ministers of Word and Sacrament under call on the roster of this synod in attendance at the Synod Assembly shall be voting members. b. All ministers of Word and Service, under call, on the roster of this synod shall be voting members in the Synod Assembly”*

S7.22.01. *All retired rostered ministers of this synod shall have the privilege of voice and vote at all meetings of the Synod Assembly.*

S7.22.02. *All rostered ministers on the roster of this synod who are on leave from call and available for call shall have the privilege of voice but not vote at all meetings of the Synod Assembly.*

S6.04.02. *“It is the goal of this synod that at least 10% of the voting members of the Synod Assembly...be youth and young adults...the term ‘youth’ means a voting member of a congregation who has not reached the age of 18 at the time of election or appointment for service. The term ‘young adult’ means a voting member of a congregation between the ages of 18 and 30 at the time of election or appointment for service.”*