



Preliminary Program for the 2009 Churchwide Assembly

The preliminary schedule printed below was accurate as of August 3, 2009, *but is subject to change*. When you arrive at the assembly, you will be given a complete program that will include locations for all events. Plenary sessions will be held in Exhibit Hall E of the Minneapolis Convention Center. Worship services will be held in Exhibit Hall D of the Convention Center, with the exception of the Service of the Word on Saturday, August 23, which will be held at Central Lutheran Church, 333 S. 12th St., Minneapolis. Opening and closing prayer for each plenary session will take place in the plenary hall, Exhibit Hall E.

Sunday, August 16

- 11:00 A.M. Church Council Executive Committee meeting
- 1:00 P.M. Church Council meeting
- 2:00 P.M. Conference of Bishops and Church Council meeting (*joint*)
- 3:00 P.M. Synodical Vice Presidents meeting
- 4:30 P.M. Conference of Bishops meeting
Church Council meeting
- 6:00 P.M. Church Council, Conference of Bishops, and Cabinet of Executives dinner

Monday, August 17

- 7:30 A.M. Conference of Bishops Executive Committee
Synodical Vice Presidents meeting
- 8:30 A.M. Conference of Bishops (*until 11:00 A.M.*)
Church Council (*if needed—until 9:30 A.M.*)
- 9:30 A.M. Church Council photo
- 9:45 A.M. Orientation for Church Council members
- 11:00 A.M. Registration Desk opens (*until 9:30 P.M.*)
- 12:00 NOON Nominations Desk opens (*until 4:00 P.M.*)
Lunch (*on own*)
Lunches: Youth and Young Adults Voting Members
Young Rostered Leaders
- 1:00 P.M. Choir rehearsal
- 1:30 P.M. News conference
- 2:30 P.M. Orientation for voting members (*until 3:30 P.M.*)
- 3:30 P.M. Pre-service music (Hall D)
- 4:00 P.M. Opening Service of Holy Communion (Hall D)
- 5:30 P.M. Dinner (Ballroom A-B) (*until 6:30 P.M.*)
- 5:45 P.M. Nominations desk re-opens (*until 7:30 P.M.*)

Plenary Session One

Hall E

7:00 P.M.—9:30 P.M.

- Order for the Opening of an Assembly
- Welcome
- Report: Credentials Committee
- Greetings: Host Synods
- Introduction to Electronic Voting
- Organization of the Churchwide Assembly:
 - Roll of Voting Members
 - Assembly Committees
 - Parliamentarian
- Adoption of Rules of Organization and Procedure
- Adoption of the Order of Business
- Announcements
- Hymn and Prayer

Tuesday, August 18

- Breakfast (*on own*)
- 6:00 A.M. Run, Walk, 'n' Roll, sponsored by the Board of Pensions (*until 7:30 A.M.*)
- 6:30 A.M. Stretch and Pray (*until 7:15 A.M.*)
- 8:00 A.M. Nominations Desk opens (*until 6:00 P.M.*)

Plenary Session Two

Hall E

8:00 A.M.—11:00 A.M.

- Hymn, Scripture, and Prayer
- Report of the Presiding Bishop
- 2010–2011 Budget, first presentation
- Report: Nominating Committee
- Report: Credentials Committee
- Introduction: Funding of HIV and AIDS Strategy
- Introduction: Proposed Social Statement on Human Sexuality
- Quasi Committee of the Whole: Social Statement (*60 mins.*)
- Announcements
- Closing Prayer
- 11:15 A.M. **Deadline** for separate consideration (removal from *en bloc*) of responses to synodical memorials
- Deadline** for substitute responses and amendments to synodical memorials
- 11:30 A.M. Service of Holy Communion (Hall D)

12:30 P.M. Lunch (Ballroom A-B)
 Lunches: Synodical Vice Presidents
 Synodical Secretaries
 Synodical Treasurers
 Synodical Bishops
 Bishops' Assistants
 Memorials Committee

2:00 P.M. **Deadline** for amendments to the proposed Social Statement on Human Sexuality and Implementing Resolutions

Plenary Session Three

Hall E

2:00 P.M.–4:00 P.M.

Hymn
 Consideration: Lutheran Malaria Initiative
 Greeting: Lutheran World Relief
 Report of the Vice President and Church Council
 Greeting: Lutheran Youth Organization
 Report of the Secretary
 Report: Memorials Committee
 Orientation to Hearings
 Announcements
 Hymn and Prayer

4:30 P.M. Hearings: (*until 5:30 P.M.*)
 2010–2011 Budget Proposal
 “Book of Faith”: Lutherans Read the Bible
 Evangelizing Congregations
 Lutheran Malaria Initiative (LMI)
 Middle East Strategy
 Recommendation on Ministry Policies
 Proposed Social Statement on Human Sexuality
 UMC Full Communion Agreement

5:30 P.M. Dinner (Ballroom A-B) (*until 6:30 P.M.*)

7:00 P.M. Hearings: (*until 8:00 P.M.*)
 Board of Pensions Update
 “Book of Faith”: Lutherans Read the Bible
 Evangelizing Congregations
 HIV and AIDS Strategy
 Recommendation on Ministry Policies
 UMC Full Communion Agreement
 World Hunger Appeal/Disaster Response

Wednesday, August 19

6:00 A.M. Breakfast (*on own*)
 Run, Walk, 'n' Roll, sponsored by the Board of Pensions (*until 7:30 A.M.*)
 6:30 A.M. Stretch and Pray (*until 7:15 A.M.*)
 8:00 A.M. Nominations Desk opens (*until 2:00 P.M.*)

Plenary Session Four

Hall E

8:00 A.M.–11:00 A.M.

Hymn, Scripture, and Prayer
 Consideration: Funding of the HIV and AIDS Strategy
 Report: Credentials Committee
 Elections: First Ballot for Vice President
 Greeting: Youth Convocation
 Report of the Treasurer and Mission Investment Fund
 Greeting: Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada
 Report: Reference and Counsel Committee
 Greeting: Military Chaplains
 Report: Memorials Committee
 Announcements
 Closing Prayer

11:15 A.M. **Deadline** for amendments to the governing documents and for requests for removal from the *en bloc* motion related to proposed amendments to the governing documents

Deadline for submission of proposed amendments to the Recommendation on Ministry Policies

11:30 A.M. Service of Holy Communion (Hall D)

12:30 P.M. Choir rehearsal (*until 1:00 P.M.*)

Lunch (Ballroom A-B) (*until 1:30 P.M.*)

2:00 P.M. **Deadline** for nominations from the floor

Plenary Session Five

Hall E

2:00 P.M.–5:45 P.M.

Hymn
 Bible Study
 Consideration: Proposed Social Statement on Human Sexuality
 Report of the *Ad Hoc* Committee
 Consideration: Social Statement Implementing Resolutions¹
 4:30 P.M.: College Corporation meetings
 Introduction: Recommendation on Ministry Policies
 Consideration: Resolution for a Quasi Committee of the Whole
 Elections Report: First Ballot for Vice President
 Announcements
 Hymn and Prayer

6:00 P.M. College and University Presidents' Reception

Dinner (*on own*)

College Receptions

¹The implementing resolutions for the social statement will be considered only if the social statement is adopted.

Thursday, August 20

- 6:00 A.M. Run, Walk, 'n' Roll, sponsored by the Board of Pensions (*until 7:30 A.M.*)
6:30 A.M. Stretch and Pray (*until 7:15 A.M.*)
7:00 A.M. Breakfast Conversation (Ballroom A-B) (*assigned tables—until 8:00 A.M.*)

Plenary Session Six

Hall E

8:00 A.M.—11:00 A.M.

- Hymn, Scripture, and Prayer
8:00 A.M.—9:30 A.M. (**Ballroom A/B**):
Quasi Committee of the Whole: Recommendation on Ministry Policies (*small groups*)
9:45 A.M.—11:00 A.M. (**Plenary Hall**):
Quasi Committee of the Whole: Recommendation on Ministry Policies (*cont.*)
Report: Memorials Committee
Announcements
Closing Prayer
- 11:15 A.M. **Deadline** for non-germane resolutions
11:30 A.M. Service of Holy Communion (Hall D)
12:30 P.M. Lunch (Ballroom A-B) (*until 1:30 P.M.*)

Plenary Session Seven

Hall E

2:00 P.M.—5:45 P.M.

- Hymn
Bible Study
Report: Credentials Committee
Consideration: Amendments to the ELCA *Constitutions, Bylaws, and Continuing Resolutions*
En Bloc Amendments
Amendments Removed from *En Bloc*
Other Proposed Amendments
Elections: First Common Ballot
Elections: Second Ballot for Vice President
Consideration: Full Communion with The United Methodist Church
Report: Reference and Counsel Committee
Ecumenical Greetings: Full-communion partners
Conciliar partners
Bilateral partners
Report: Memorials Committee
Announcements
Hymn and Prayer
- 6:00 P.M. **Deadline** for First Common Ballot
Dinner (*on own*)
7:00 P.M. Women of the ELCA Reception (*Hyatt Hotel*)
Seminary Presidents' Reception (*Hyatt Hotel*)

Friday, August 21

- Breakfast (*on own*)
6:00 A.M. Run, Walk, 'n' Roll, sponsored by the Board of Pensions (*until 7:30 A.M.*)
6:30 A.M. Stretch and Pray (*until 7:15 A.M.*)
8:30 A.M. **Deadline** for amendments to 2010–2011 Budget Proposal

Plenary Session Eight

Hall E

8:00 A.M.—11:00 A.M.

- Hymn, Scripture, and Prayer
Consideration: Ministry Policies Recommendation
Report of the *Ad Hoc* Committee
Resolution 1²
Resolution 2
Resolution 3
Resolution 4
Report: Memorials Committee
Announcements
Closing Prayer
- 11:30 A.M. Service of Holy Communion (Hall D)
12:30 P.M. Choir Rehearsal (*until 1:00 P.M.*)
Lunch (Ballroom A-B) (*until 1:30 P.M.*)

Plenary Session Nine

Hall E

2:00 P.M.—5:30 P.M.

- Hymn
Bible Study
Report: Credentials Committee
Elections: Second Common Ballot
Elections Report: Second Ballot for Vice President
Elections: Question and Answer Forum for Seven Nominees for Vice President
Consideration: Recommendation on Ministry Policies (*cont.*)
Report: Reference and Counsel Committee
Report: Memorials Committee
Elections: Third Ballot for Vice President
Elections Report: Third Ballot for Vice President
Announcements
Hymn and Prayer
- 5:30 P.M. Dinner (Ballroom A-B) (*until 6:30*)
6:00 P.M. **Deadline** for Second Common Ballot
7:30 P.M. Benefit Concert for Lutheran Malaria Initiative and HIV and AIDS: Peter Mayer Group

² The Church Council transmitted the resolutions comprising the Recommendation on Ministry Policies as four separate actions. The Churchwide Assembly will determine how it will consider the resolutions. Depending on the assembly's actions, some may not be in order.

Saturday, August 22

- Breakfast (*on own*)
6:00 A.M. Run, Walk, 'n' Roll, sponsored by the Board of Pensions (*until 7:30 A.M.*)
6:30 A.M. Stretch and Pray (*until 7:15 A.M.*)

Plenary Session Ten

Hall E

8:00 A.M.–11:00 A.M.

Hymn, Scripture, and Prayer
Bible Study
Consideration: 2010–2011 Budget Proposal
Elections: Addresses by Three Nominees for Vice President
Report: World Hunger Appeal and Program
Greeting: Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service
Consideration: Proposed Social Statement on Justice for Women
Greeting: The Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod
Greeting: Lutheran World Federation
Report: Credentials Committee
Elections: Fourth Ballot for Vice President
Elections Report: Fourth Ballot for Vice President
Greeting: Lutheran Men in Mission
Report: Reference and Counsel Committee
Announcements
Closing Prayer

- 11:30 A.M. Service of the Word, Central Lutheran Church
12:30 P.M. Lunch (Ballroom A-B) (*until 1:30 P.M.*)

Plenary Session Eleven

Hall E

2:00 P.M.–5:45 P.M.

Hymn
Greeting: Lutheran Services in America
Report: Credentials Committee
Elections: Fifth Ballot for Vice President
Elections Report: Fifth Ballot for Vice President
Greeting: Women of the ELCA
Introduction: Quasi Committee of the Whole
Quasi Committee of the Whole: Our Evangelical Mission
Report: Memorials Committee
Report: Reference and Counsel Committee
Announcements
Hymn and Prayer

- Dinner (*on own*)
7:00 P.M. (Evening plenary session may be scheduled, if necessary.)

Sunday, August 23

- Breakfast (*on own*)
8:30 A.M. Service of Holy Communion (Hall D)

Plenary Session Twelve

Hall E

10:30 A.M.–12:00 NOON

Prayer
Recognition of Service: Church Council Class of 2009
Unfinished business
Announcement of 2011 Churchwide Assembly
Order for Closing the Churchwide Assembly

- 12:00 NOON Adjourment