



## 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 Resolutions<sup>1</sup>  
 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

<sup>1</sup>The 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 1<sup>2</sup>  
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

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<sup>2</sup> 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 Adjournment