



2022 Synod Assembly

May 13 & 14, 2022 | John S. Knight Center Downtown Akron



The Friday, May 13, Day One: Educational Seminars are open to anyone who would like to attend the educational seminars. The seminars are offered in-person only. Doors open at 7:30 am for check-in and continental breakfast. Following the opening worship the morning education seminars begin. The afternoon seminars will begin after lunch and fellowship time. We will end our time together with closing worship and a reception. For a list with descriptions of what education seminars are being offered visit <https://neos-elca.org/> and click on Assembly.

Saturday, May 14, Day Two: Business Sessions will be for conducting the business of the Northeastern Ohio Synod. Registered voting members will be conducted the business of the synod in-person at the John S. Knight Center. Doors open at 7:30 a.m. for check-in and continental breakfast before Morning Prayer in the main assembly hall. The Rev. Christopher Otten will be the ELCA Churchwide representative and Fr. Raymond P. Guiao, SJ, President, Saint Ignatius High School, will be the keynote speaker. Following a working lunch and the last of the business sessions the assembly will close with worship. Visitors are welcome to register and attend the Day Two: Business Sessions as observers.

Displays will be in Exhibit Hall I both days. Interested in having a display email assembly@neos-elca.org for more information.

2022 Synod Assembly registrations for the upcoming Day One: Education Seminars, Friday, May 13, 2022 & Day Two: Business Sessions, Saturday, May 14, 2022 and Display Registration have opened. Visit <https://conta.cc/3KDV9zk> for registration information and links.

Day One: Education Seminar



Full Day Education Seminar

Storytelling to Improve Engagement - *Jennie Wolf Smith and Mitzie Schafer*

There are many ways to tell a single story. This session is a hands-on seminar using the CAGA storytelling process.

1/2 Day Education Seminars Morning Session

Praying into a Flourishing Life and Leadership - *Rev. Dr. Paul Barbins*

This workshop will focus on spiritual practices and prayer methods to help deepen one's relationship with God.

Moving Our Youth Ministries from Pandemic to Endemic - *Stephanie Caro*

Ministry to our families has changed - drastically - over the last 2 years. In this seminar you'll discuss/share next steps together.

Understanding the Root Causes of Hunger - *Deacon Nike Bates*

This seminar will explore how hunger is interconnected to other issues and what our congregations can do to address the root causes of hunger.

Depolarizing Within - Braver Angels: Beverly Horstmann and Eugene Rutz

This workshop helps participants look within to see how they are engaging or participating in polarizing ways and offers tools to develop strategies for engagement.

1/2 Day Education Seminars Afternoon Session

Praying into a Flourishing Life and Leadership - *Rev. Dr. Paul Barbins (repeated)*

Thriving Youth Ministries in Smaller Churches - *Stephanie Caro*

Discover ways to move from surviving to thriving. Smaller churches are the new big!

Doing Justice: Congregational Justice Ministries - *Deacon Nick Bates*

What does Michah 6:8 mean 'Do justice?' This seminar will explore different ways congregations do justice, how meaningful change happens and the roll of the faith community in making change happen.

Skills for Bridging the Divide - *Braver Angels: Beverly Horstmann and Eugene Rutz*

This workshop helps you through difficult political conversations with people in your life. Learn how to talk across the divide in a constructive ways.