



# Northeastern Ohio Synod Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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## CALL AND NOTICE OF SYNOD ASSEMBLY

In accordance with Section S7.13.01 of the Northeastern Ohio Synod constitution, I hereby call and give notice of the synod assembly which will be held virtually and broadcast from the John S. Knight Center, and will commence on the eleventh day of September, 2020.

*David Lenz, Secretary*

## FEATURING

- \* Virtual and video worship, prayer, speakers, business sessions, budget approval, resolutions
- \* Virtual elections for Synod Bishop, Synod Council, Secretary, Consultation Committee, and Discipline Committee
- \* Amendments to synod governing documents
- \* Recognition of 50/40/10 (50 years of Lutheran women being ordained in the United States, 40 years of women of color being ordained, and 10 years of LGBTQIA+ individuals being able to serve freely)
- \* ELCA representative - Mr. William "Bill" Horne II, ELCA Vice President
- \* Visit <https://neos-elca.org/2020-synod-assembly/> for additional Synod Assembly information

## DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF RESOLUTIONS WAS March 31, 2020

In accordance with earlier versions of the Call and Notice, resolutions to be considered by the assembly were to have been submitted in writing to the synod office by March 31, 2020 for consideration by the Reference and Counsel Committee. Because of the conditions of the virtual assembly, it is recommended that no resolutions be submitted after this date unless such a resolution is determined by the Reference and Counsel Committee to be of an emergency nature, in which case the committee may recommend to the assembly that debate at the assembly be considered.

## NOTICE OF VOTING MEMBERSHIP

### VOTING MEMBERS

- ◆ Ministers of Word and Sacrament (Clergy) on the roster of the Northeastern Ohio Synod and ordained ministers from a church body with which a relationship of full communion exists and are under service in a congregation of this synod in accordance with S7.27.A13
- ◆ Ministers of Word and Service (Deacons) on the roster of the Northeastern Ohio Synod
- ◆ Synod officers and voting members of synod council
- ◆ **Two lay voting members** from each congregation, congregation under development, or synod authorized worshiping community
- ◆ **One additional lay voting member, for** a maximum total of three lay voting members, from each congregation, congregation under development, or synod authorized worshiping community ***provided that such one additional member qualifies as a youth (under age 18), young adult (age 18-30), person of color, LGBTQ+, or person whose primary language is other than English.***
- ◆ All voting members must be able to satisfy the technology requirements for participating in the Assembly.