**Litany of Commissioning for Voting Members**

*(Voting members are invited to come forward)*

Leader/ Pastor: This coming Thursday – Saturday, May 3-5, we will join together in assembly as the Rocky Mountain Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. There are 163 congregations as well as numerous campus ministries, camps, and social ministries which make up the Rocky Mountain Synod. Each congregation is invited to send voting members to the assembly.

This year the focus of the assembly is “For the Life of the World.” During our time together we will focus our conversations on that the Body of Christ does not exist for itself but for the sake of the world. As people of faith, we have been called to new life in Christ so that we may serve as the Spirit’s instruments of healing and hope for every neighbor on our globe and the earth itself. We will gather as church to discuss where God is leading us together and during this assembly there will be a bishop’s election.

Leader: As in one body we have many members,

**Congregation: so we, who are many, are one body in Christ.**

Leader: Where two or three are gathered in my name, says the Lord,

**Congregation: I am there among them.**

Leader: Live a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called,

with all humility and gentleness,

making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit

in the bond of peace.

**Congregation: Let us pursue what makes for justice and peace,**

**and for mutual upbuilding.**

Our congregation has appointed/ elected \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to be voting members from our congregation.

Will you assume the office to which you have been *elected/appointed*,

and will you endeavor to carry out its duties faithfully,

to the glory of Christ our Lord and in service to the one holy church?

*Response:* I will, and I ask God to help me.

*The leader addresses the congregation.*

People of God, will you support and pray for *name/s* in this work?

**We will, and we ask God to help us.**

*The leader addresses those being installed.*

Let us pray,

Let us pray.

Gracious God, you call your people to service and give them varied tasks in the world and in your church. Grant *name/s* grace and strength, as *she/he/they* serve as voting members at the Rocky Mountain Synod Assembly may *she/he/they* serve you faithfully to the glory of your name; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

Note: This litany is intended to be used the weekend before the voting members go to assembly. If used earlier prior minor modifications may need to be made in the litany.

**Prayer Petition to be included with Prayers of the Church**

O God, we pray you open the hearts of your faithful people by sending your Holy Spirit. We ask that you direct those who gather as the Rocky Mountain Synod at the Synod Assembly by the light of that Spirit, that they may have a right judgment in all things and rejoice at all times in your peace. Help us all to serve as instruments of healing and hope for the life of the world. Guide all voting members to follow our Savior’s lead.

Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.