

Registration

On-site registration is located in the North Lobby at the Mayo Civic Center and begins Friday at 7:30 a.m.

Meals

Registration fees include the following meals: Friday: Continental breakfast, lunch, buffet supper; Saturday: Continental breakfast and lunch.

Additional Friday evening meal tickets may be purchased for \$20 per person. Friday evening meal tickets are non-refundable, but may be transferred.

Your name badge is your meal ticket. Wear it at all times!

Housing

A block of rooms is available at the Radisson Hotel in Rochester. Call (507) 281-8000 by April 16 and request a room in the block reserved for "Southeastern Minnesota Synod of the ELCA" to receive a special rate of \$92/room plus tax. You or your congregation are responsible for paying for your room. A link to more hotels in Rochester is available at www.semnsynod.org/assembly.html.

Parking

See the downtown map of Rochester on page 10 to locate convenient parking lots and ramps. Downtown parking is free on Saturdays. The Rochester skyway system is also shown on this map.

Bibles

Assembly participants are asked to bring their own Bibles. Readings will not be distributed.

Quilts

As a demonstration of "God's work. Our hands." each congregation is encouraged to bring a quilt to display. Any size, style, design, or color is acceptable, though if there is an option to bring one with a cross, that is preferable. The quilts will be returned following the assembly. Most quilts will be pinned, so if your quilt shouldn't be, please attach a temporary four inch sleeve. Bring the quilts with to registration.

On-Site Phone Number

To leave messages for assembly participants during regular assembly hours, call (507) 421-1419.

Special Needs

Hearing amplifiers are available, but one must be reserved at least one hour prior to when you wish to use it. Reservations can be made in the on-site office in the Board Room off the North Lobby. If you have other special needs, contact the synod office at least two weeks prior to Assembly, (507) 280-9457 or (800) 426-6376 in Minnesota.

Environmental Stewardship

Please help recycle by returning all name badges, voting cards, unwanted paper, and completed evaluation forms to the appropriate boxes upon leaving the assembly. Also, please bring your own beverage mug. Disposable cups are provided for drinks, but their use is discouraged.

Blue containers are available for general recycling. Please be aware and dispose of waste appropriately.



Displays

Be sure to visit the displays from our synod committees, ministry partners, and other ministries. Organizations represented include:

Augsburg College
 Fair Trade products (for sale by
 Bethel Individuals Going Green)
 Book of Faith
 Children, Youth, & Family Network
 Christ Through Hands Ministry
 Church Mutual Insurance
 Global Mission/Companion Synods
 Committee
 Good Earth Village
 Gustavus Adolphus College
 Hunger Task Force
 Luther Seminary
 Lutheran Magazine
 Lutheran Men in Mission
 Lutheran World Relief
 Mission Investment Fund, ELCA
 Reconciling in Christ congregations
 Thrivent
 Wartburg College
 Women of the ELCA

There will also be additional information from organizations without displays. Make sure to check that table for other interesting information.

(Augsburg Fortress and Board of Pensions will not be present at this year's Synod Assembly)

Presenters' Books

The on-site office will have several books available for purchase including:

Glen Stassen:

Sermon on the Mount
Authentic Faith: Bonhoeffer's
Theological Ethics in Context
Just Peacemaking: The New
Paradiagm for the Ethics of Peace
and War (editor)

Rev. Stephen Bouman:

Grace All Around Us
They Are Us

Banners

Order forms will be available to order a 4' by 8' vinyl banner with the ELCA emblem and the message "God's Work. Our Hands." These are intended to be displayed outdoors. The cost will be \$65 plus shipping (if applicable). More about how congregations can promote "God's Work. Our Hands." is available at www.ELCA.org/ads/kit

