



East Central Synod of Wisconsin

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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REGISTRATION FOR VOTING MEMBERS AND VISITORS 2018 ASSEMBLY OF THE EAST CENTRAL SYNOD OF WI

Attention: May 18th and 19th at the Best Western Premier Waterfront Hotel & Convention Center, Oshkosh

Registration/Housing/Misc. Assembly Information – Due (Early Bird) April 9th.

The necessary work of the Synod will be conducted over two days, May 18th and 19th, beginning at 9:00 a.m. on Friday and 8:30 a.m. on Saturday. The Assembly is scheduled to end by 3:00 p.m. on Saturday.

- ❖ **We are Church Together: Feeding & Equipping Leaders** - The theme for this year's assembly. Main speaker will be John Roberto from the leadership team of Vibrant Faith.
- ❖ **The preprint** will be emailed and available on our website <http://ecsw.org/assembly/synod-assembly-2018/> 30 days prior to the Assembly. Individual copies should be made for all rostered staff and voting members attending the assembly from your congregation.
- ❖ **Voting Machines** - All elections and anything requiring a vote will be done with the voting machines that will be distributed at registration. These machines are assigned to you and you are responsible for returning your voting machine at the end of the assembly. Please do not give or allow anyone but you to use this voting machine. You will be charged **\$50** for any machine that is not returned.
- ❖ **Assembly Offering** - 50% going to **YAGM** the ELCA's Young Adults in Global Mission. One of the past participants in this program, Nate Zimdars, will be with us at the assembly to greet everyone and will be doing a breakout on this exciting program. For more information http://www.elca.org/Our-Work/Global-Church/Global-Mission/Young-Adults-in-Global-Mission?_ga=2.136785525.470268110.1516630970-2042452040.1381160693. The other 50% will go to the **Bishop's Resource Fund** which assists rostered staff with such needs as individual and family counseling, uncovered medical expenses, and other emergency needs.
- ❖ **Thursday Night Event** – “**Becoming a Vital and Vibrant Intergenerational Faith Community**” John Roberto will speak to something old is new again. Congregations across the United States are rediscovering the power of the intergenerational relationships, experiences, and community in forming the faith of all generations. Discover ways to strengthen your church's intergenerational character by fostering intergenerational relationships, faith sharing, and storytelling; by incorporating all generations in worship; by developing service projects that involve all ages, and by engaging all generations in learning together. Discover the faith forming influence of participating in the life of an intergenerational faith community where faith practices are experienced and learned through relationships and experiences.
- ❖ **Registration Form** - **VOTING MEMBERS and VOTING ROSTERED STAFF can register on-line through PayPal.** Go to <http://ecsw.org/assembly/synod-assembly-2018/online-registration/>

OR register by snail mail:

- ❖ Early bird registration of **\$150 if received by April 9th**, and **\$195 between April 10th and May 1st**. Specialized Ministry Voting, Retired Rostered, and Visitors (see the registration form for your costs). All meals are pre-paid; no meal requests or changes may be made at the Assembly and you cannot opt out of meals. All registrations and meal requests are due by May 1st. **Meals are included in the registration fee.** Forms available on-line in a PDF fill-in format at <http://ecsw.org/assembly/synod-assembly-2018/>
- ❖ **Non-Voting Visitors** (retired rostered, spouses, and visitors) may use the same form under **Visitors & Rostered Retired**. Visitors check meal choices and enclose payment for the assembly and meals. Feel free to make additional copies of the registration form.

Return the Registration Form, checked appropriately, along with the registration cost. Registrations for all attendees from your congregation may be included in one mailing (with one check and all the registration forms) or mailed individually with appropriate check and form. Make checks payable to the **East Central Synod of Wisconsin** or **ECSW** is sufficient and mail to the Synod office at 16 Tri-Park Way, Appleton, WI 54914

- ❖ **Hotels, Best Western Premier Waterfront Hotel & Convention Center – 1 N Main St., Oshkosh** – Link to web site for our Assembly participants to request rooms https://www.bestwestern.com/en_US/book/hotel-rooms.50139.html?groupId=4B8QU1E0 or Phone: 1-855-230-1900.
- ❖ Reservations are made directly with the hotel by May 1st. The room rate is \$99 single or double occupancy. If you plan to share a room, please indicate your roommate’s name when you register. A credit card number is required to confirm your reservation. If you are using a tax-exempt status, please supply your church tax exempt number. When checking in if a church credit card was used please be sure your church has a Credit Card Authorization Form on file with the Best Western to receive the tax exemption. This form is available on our website <http://ecsw.org/assembly/synod-assembly-2018/>. Verify the check-in and check-out time for your hotel.
- ❖ **Assembly Registration** - Friday from 7:30-9:00 a.m.
- ❖ **Session Times** - Friday, 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. Dinner at 6:15 p.m. Saturday, 8:30 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.
- ❖ **Parking** – Provided on the premises for overnight guests. Day visitors should use the parking lot adjacent to the Convention Center off of Ceape Ave. east of Main St.
- ❖ **Meals are included in registration fee. You cannot opt out.**

Fri. Morning Light Refreshments.
There is **NO** breakfast included for overnight guests.

Lunch Box Lunch

Dinner Bacon Wrapped Pork Tenderloin with mashed potatoes, fresh vegetables & a raspberry jus **or** Wasatch Pot Pie-Portobello mushroom cap rubbed with chipotle infused olive oil, packed with flame roasted black beans, zucchini, corn & sweet peppers, topped with creamy gorgonzola, with basmati rice.
Gluten free is available on both.

Sat. Morning Light Refreshments.
There is **NO** breakfast included for overnight guests.

Lunch Box Lunch



If you have special dietary needs, please specify on the registration form.

If you have questions, please contact the **Synod Office at 920-734-5381** or e-mail jodi.sullivan@ecsw.org

SEE YOU AT THE ASSEMBLY!