

# 2025 ASSEMBLY AGENDA

## FRIDAY, APRIL 25

- 9:00AM Synod Council Meets
- 10:00 AM Registration and Displays Open
- 1:00 PM Order for Opening of Assembly
- 1:05 PM Assembly Begins - Business Session Bishop Gronberg and VP Don Heller
- Agenda
  - Rules of Procedure
  - Minutes of 2024 Assembly: Synod Secretary Rev. Katheine Saunders-Allen
  - Parliamentary – Rick Bidne
- 1:10 PM Welcome to Lubbock/Panhandle Conference
- 1:15 PM Nominating Committee Report for General Elections
- Nominations from Committee & from the floor
- Vitas for floor nominated candidates will be due by 4pm (April 25) electronically via the synod website, and you must have the individual's permission to nominate them.*
- 1:20 PM Synod VP Welcome and Report Don Heller, Synod VP
- 1:30PM Treasurer Report/2027 Mission Plan Janet Kennedy, Synod Treasurer
- Any proposed changes to the presented Mission Plan (budget) must be made by 4pm (April 25).  
Proposed increases to one line must be accompanied by proposed decreases in a different line.*
- 1:40 PM Credentials Committee Report
- 1:45 PM First Ballot General Elections Committee on Elections Chair
- Uncontested ballots and ballots with no additional nominees from the floor will be voted on by acclamation of the assembly. For those with two or more nominees a ballot will be distributed for each election. 50%+1 is required for election. If there are more than two names on the ballot 50%+1 will still win election. If no nominee achieves that amount a runoff between the two highest vote getters will be held on Saturday morning.*
- 2:00 PM Report of Reference and Counsel/Initial Consideration of Resolutions
- 2:20 PM Keynote: Context and History of the Panhandle Rev. Edson Way (ECUSA)
- 3:00 PM Break

3:15 PM	ELEA Video and First Ballot Results	Committee on Elections Chair
3:20 PM	Lutheran Foundation of the Southwest	Deacon John Dellis and Kirk Barrett
3:25 PM	NTNL Coaching Ministry	Rev. Nathan Swenson-Reinhold
3:35PM	Portico Benefits Service	Rev. Tim Schroeder
3:45 PM	Bishop's Associate Report	Rev. Kelsey Fitting-Snyder
3:55 PM	DEM Team Session 1	Rev. Irma Banales
4:35 PM	1 <sup>st</sup> Breakout Session "Tell Your Story"	Panhandle Conference
5:15 PM	Report of the Bishop/2025 Candidates for Ordination	Bishop Gronberg
5:45 PM	Break/Reception	
6:30 PM	Dinner with Anniversary and Fund for Leader Scholarship Recognitions	
7:00 PM	Entertainment by Panhandle Conference	

### **SATURDAY, APRIL 20**

8:00 AM	Registration and Displays Re-Open	
8:45 AM	Minutes/Credentials Committee Report	
8:50 AM	Ballot #2 (if needed)	
9:00 AM	Worship with Holy Communion	
10:15 AM	Ballot 2 results (if needed)	
10:15 AM	Commission for a Renewed Lutheran Church Report	Anthony Ormsbee-Hale
10:25 AM	Mission Endowment Fund Report	Jennifer Hachmeister
10:45 AM	ELCA Church Council Member	Rev. Nick Billardello
10:55 AM	Plenary for Consideration of Resolutions	
11:05 AM	WELCA Report	

11:15 AM	DEM Team Session 2	Rev. Irma Banales
12:00 PM	Lunch	
12:45 PM	Ballot #3 results (if needed)	
12:45PM 1:05 PM	ELCA Churchwide Representative Public Witness Team Report	Rev. Phil Hirsch Todd Porter
1:15 PM	2 <sup>nd</sup> Conference Breakout Session “Hopes/Dreams for Future”	Panhandle Conference
1:50 PM	Plenary for consideration of resolutions	
2:15 PM	NT-NL Youth Ministry	
2:30 PM	Minutes, Other Business including Resolutions of Gratitude	
2:45 PM	Order for Closing of an Assembly	
3:00 PM	Adjourn	