

# 2026 PROPOSED ASSEMBLY AGENDA

## FRIDAY, APRIL 24

- 9:00AM Synod Council Meets
- 10:00 AM Registration and Displays Open  
*^Rostered/Authorized Leaders and Synod Council members are invited to have an individual photo taken in the Education Wing. This will be open throughout the assembly.*
- 1:00 PM Service of the Word and Opening of the Assembly
- 1:15 PM Assembly Begins - Business Session Bishop Gronberg and VP Don Heller
- Agenda
  - Rules of Procedure
  - Minutes of 2025 Assembly: Mr. Anthony Ormsbee-Hale, Synod Secretary
  - Parliamentarian –
- 1:20 PM Welcome to Advent-Arlington Rev. Eric Rude
- 1:25 PM Credentials Committee Report Mr. John Parsons, Chair
- 1:30 PM Nominating Committee Report for General Elections Rev. Austin Nickel, Chair
- Nominations from Committee & from the floor
- Vitas for floor nominated candidates will be due by 4pm (April 24) electronically via the synod website, and you must have the individual's permission to nominate them.*
- 1:35 PM First Ballot General Elections Mr. Lindy Patton, 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.*
- 1:45 PM Synod Secretary Constitution Report Mr. Anthony Ormsbee-Hale
- 2:00 PM Treasurer's Report and Presentation of 2027 Mission Plan Ms. Janet Kennedy
- 2:15 PM NT-NL Coaching Ministry Report Rev. Nathan Swenson-Reinhold
- 2:30 PM MEF Report Ms. Jennifer Hachmeister
- 2:40 PM Lutheran Foundation of the Southwest Report Mr. Kirk Barrett

2:50 PM	WELCA Report	Jane Winge
3:00 PM	NT-NL AI Companion/Lutherbot Presentation	Mr. Scott Lyon
3:20 PM	NT-NL PLMA Report	Dean Jeanne Heggen and Dean Jesus Escamilla
3:30 PM	Conferencia Latina	Dean Jesus Escamilla
3:40PM	Report of the Bishop	Bishop Gronberg
4:00PM	Discussion of Resolution re: New Starts	
4:30PM	Break to move to Sanctuary for Keynote (hall must be vacated for dinner setup)	
4:45 PM	Keynote Presentation in Sanctuary	Synod Attorney Mr. Craig Ongley
6:00 PM	Dinner with Anniversary and Fund for Leader Scholarship Recognitions	

### SATURDAY, APRIL 25

8:00 AM	Registration and Displays Re-Open <i>Rostered/Authorized Leaders and Synod Council members are invited to have an individual photo taken in the Education Wing. This will be open throughout the assembly.</i>	
8:30 AM	Opening Scripture and Prayer	
8:35 AM	Minutes/Credentials Committee Report	
8:45 AM	Ballot #2 if Needed	
9:00 AM	Report of the Bishop's Associate -Consideration of Care and Compensation 2027	Rev. Kelsey Fitting-Snyder
9:15 AM	Report of Synod VP	Mr. Don Heller
9:30 AM	Youth Ministry Connector and Gathering Update	Janelle Miller
9:45 AM	Report of the Director for Evangelical Mission (DEM)	Rev. Irma Banales
10:15 AM	Move to Sanctuary for Worship	
10:30 AM	Worship with Parish Lay Ministry Academy Graduation	Advent Sanctuary

12:00 PM	Lunch	
1:00 PM	Report from ELCA Churchwide Representative	Rev. Miguel Gomez-Acosta
1:30 PM	Public Witness Team	Mr. Todd Porter
1:45 PM	Consideration of the Mission Plan	Treasurer Janet Kennedy
1:55 PM	Minutes, Other Business including Resolutions of Gratitude	
2:00 PM	Closing Liturgy including Order for Closing of an Assembly	
2:15 PM	Adjourn	

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