

# PROPOSED AGENDA



## 2026 SOUTH DAKOTA SYNOD ASSEMBLY Our Savior's Lutheran Church Sioux Falls, SD May 29-30, 2026 **Proposed Agenda**

### THURSDAY – MAY 28

**2:00 PM – 5:00 PM – Display Setup – The Hub**

**4:00 PM – 5:30 PM – Early Check-In**

**5:30 PM – 6:30 PM – Pre-Assembly Workshops**

Conversation with Dr. Ryan Cumming, ELCA  
Director of Theological Ethics – *Celebrate Center*

LPGSD Will Signing Session (space is limited,  
and registration is required). Register  
at <https://bit.ly/4vYXSf6>. – *Friendship Room*

**7:00 PM – 8:30 PM – Ministry Celebrations and**

**Recognitions – The Gathering Space**

(Appetizers sponsored by Luther Seminary and  
Wartburg Theological Seminary)

### FRIDAY – MAY 29

**8:00 AM – 5:00 PM – Displays Open – The Hub**

**8:00 AM – 9:15 AM – Check-In**

**8:30 AM – New Voting Member Orientation –  
Chapel**

**8:40 AM – Worship Instructional Meeting – Sacristy**  
(worship leaders only)

**Check-In Closes at 9:15 AM**

**9:15 AM – 10:30 AM – OPENING WORSHIP WITH  
HOLY COMMUNION – Celebrate Center**

**Check-In Opens at 10:30 AM**

**10:30 AM – 12:00 PM**

#### **FIRST PLENARY SESSION**

**Music by Dakota Road**

**Welcome and Introductions– Bishop Constanze  
Hagmaier**

**Credentials Report**

**Adoption of the Rules & Agenda**

**Voting Practice**

**Greeting from Our Savior's Lutheran Church**

**State of the ELCA – Dr. Ryan Cumming**

**Presiding Bishop Video Greeting**

**Music by Dakota Road**

**Report on the ELCA Church Council – Emma Witt,  
ELCA Church Council Member**

**Video Greeting from Portico Benefit Services**

**Panel 1 - Associates to the Bishop Reports**

*Rev. Renee Splichal Larson*

*Rev. Jonathan Vehar*

**Greeting from Augustana University – Rev. Ann  
Rosendale**

**Greeting from Lutheran Planned Generosity –**

*Kathy McHenry*

**Announcements**

**Table Prayer – Rev. Denise Broveak, Assembly  
Chaplain**

**12:00 PM – 1:00 PM**

**Break for Lunch & Conference Caucuses**

(Conferences needing to caucus must meet in  
designated locations before heading to lunch.)

**1:00 PM – Resolutions and Nominations Deadline**  
(Turn-in at the temporary synod office)

**1:00 PM – Deadline to Remove Sections from  
Resolution #1** Resolution to Adopt Amendments to  
the Bylaws and Continuing Resolutions of the South  
Dakota (Form available at temporary synod office)

**1:00 PM – 3:00 PM**

#### **SECOND PLENARY SESSION**

**Music by Dakota Road**

**Panel 2 - Lilly Grants Update**

Equipping Leaders (Pasque)

Rural Ministries

Holy Playground Initiative

**Video Greeting from Wartburg Seminary**

**Narrative Budget – Rev. Jonathan Vehar**

**Video Greeting from Luther Seminary**

**State of the Synod – Bishop Constanze Hagmaier**

**Video Greetings from Companion Synods –**

*Lutheran Church, Faith and Hope of Nicaragua and  
the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Cameroon*

**2027 Compensation and Guidelines Conversation**

**Music by Dakota Road**

**Resolution #1 – Adopt Amendments to the Bylaws  
and Continuing Resolutions of the South Dakota**

**Resolution #3 – Elect South Dakota Synod**

**Council Members**

**ELCA Youth Gathering Update – Amanda Black**

**Video Greeting from ELCA Schools & Learning  
Centers (ELEA)**

**Holy Cow Award – Synod Hunger Team**

**Introduction to Fresh Expressions** – *Rev. Jonathan Vehar*

**Video Greeting from Lutheran Social Services of South Dakota**

**Introduction to Equipment Rooms**

**Table Prayer** – *Rev. Denise Broveak, Assembly Chaplain*

**3:00 PM – 3:30 PM Break**

*Sponsored by Malcolm Chapman (via Thrivent Charitable)*

**3:00 PM – Resolutions Committee Meets** –  
*Conference Room*

**EQUIPMENT ROOM BREAKOUT SESSIONS #1**

**3:30 PM – 4:10 PM**

**(choose one to attend)**

Augustana University Sacred Discoveries Initiative – *Celebrate Center*  
Holy Playground – *Friendship Room*  
Equipping Leaders (Pasque) – *Sanctuary*  
Rural Ministry – *Chapel*

**EQUIPMENT ROOM BREAKOUT SESSIONS #2**

**4:20 PM – 5:00 PM**

**(choose one to attend)**

Fresh Expressions – *Celebrate Center*  
Compensation & Guidelines – *Sanctuary*  
ELCA Social Statements – *Friendship Room*  
ELCA World Hunger – *Chapel*

**5:00 PM – 7:00 PM – Evening Activities**

Food Service at Food Trucks – *Parking Lot*  
Nurturing Hope Video Booth – *Library*  
Pickup Choir Rehearsal – *Celebrate Center*

**SATURDAY – MAY 30**

**8:00 AM – 12:00 PM – Displays Open** – *The Hub*

**8:00 AM** – Worship Instructional Meeting – *Sacristy*  
*(worship leaders only)*

**8:15 AM – 9:25 AM – Morning Worship and Holy Communion** – *Celebrate Center*

Installation of Synod Council Members

**9:30 AM – 10:00 AM** – Lutherans Outdoors Annual Meeting – *Celebrate Center*

**EQUIPMENT ROOM BREAKOUT SESSIONS #3**

**10:00 AM – 10:30 AM**

**(Activities in the Gathering Space)**

Lutheran Social Services of South Dakota  
Church on the Street

St. Dymas  
Campus Ministry (LuMin)

**10:30 AM – 11:00 AM – Break**

*Sponsored by Lutherans Outdoors in SD*

**11:00 AM – 12:00 PM\***

**THIRD PLENARY SESSION**

**Music by Dakota Road**

**Opening Prayer** – *Rev. Denise Broveak, Assembly Chaplain*

**Bible Study** – *Augustana University Sacred Discoveries Initiative*

**Video Greeting from Shepherd's Table**

**Credentials Report**

**Adoption of the 2027 Mission Plan**

**Nominating Ballot – Committees to be filled**

**Resolution #2 – 2027 Compensation and Guidelines for Rostered Ministers and Lay Staff**

**Discussion on Remaining Resolutions**

**Thank Yous, Announcements**

**Closing of the Assembly**

**Music by Dakota Road**

**Synod Council Meets** – *Friendship Room*

**\*Agenda Subject to Change**

Materials and information can be found online at [sdsynod.org/assembly](https://sdsynod.org/assembly) or in the 2026 South Dakota Synod Assembly Guidebook App