

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 – 9:00 AM – Check-In

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

**8:40 AM – Worship Instructional Meeting
(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

Narrative Budget – Rev. Jonathan Vehar

Video Greeting from Wartburg Seminary

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**

Panel 2 - Lilly Grants Update

Equipping Leaders (Pasque)
Rural Ministries
Holy Playground Initiative

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 –

Friendship Room

EQUIPMENT ROOM BREAKOUT SESSIONS #1

3:30 PM – 4:20 PM

(choose one to attend)

Augustana University Sacred Discoveries Initiative – *Celebrate Center*
Holy Playground – *Friendship Room*
Equipping Leaders (Pasque) – *Youth Room*
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, Fellowship Time, Nurturing Hope Video Booth Available

SATURDAY – MAY 30

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

8:00 AM – *Worship Instructional Meeting (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 or in the 2026 South Dakota Synod Assembly Guidebook App