



Life Overflowing Northwestern Minnesota Synod Assembly

May 14-15, 2010
Concordia College
Moorhead, Minnesota

Assembly Agenda – Friday, May 14

- 7:00 am - 7:00 pm** **Registration**, Offutt Concourse, Concordia College
Melberg's Christian Bookstore, Birkeland Alumni Lounge
Displays open in South Gym
- 8:00 am** **Orientation of Pages & Business Table Managers:** Freeman Classroom #137
 (near the registration area)
- 9:00 am** **Opening Service of Holy Communion:** Memorial Auditorium
- Dakota Road Music will lead liturgy
 - Pr. Tim Megorden, Concordia College, Presiding Minister
 - Dr. Marilyn Guy, Oak Grove Lutheran School, Assisting Minister
 - Bishop Lawrence R. Wohlrabe, Preacher
 - Offering: Seminary Scholarship Fund (Please make checks payable to NWMN Synod)

10:15 am **Plenary Session I: Memorial Auditorium**

Caring Conversations (at tables)
Opening of the Assembly
Adoption of 2010 Synod Assembly Agenda
Greetings from Concordia College--President Pamela Jolicoeur
Welcome from Synod Assembly Planning Committee—Ms. Carolyn Engebretson, Chair
Introductions of Assembly Personnel
 Synod Vice-President, Ms. Becky Cusey
 Secretary, Pr. John Martinson
 Treasurer, Mr. Wayne Drewes
 Parliamentarian, Dr. Fred Sternhagen
 The Rev. Dr. Mark Allan Powell, Presenter
 Ms. Sunitha Mortha, Presenter and ELCA Churchwide Representative
 Dakota Road Music, assembly musicians
 Synod Support Staff: Ms. Marsha Hendrickson, Mr. Robert Larson, Mr. Michael Stein, Ms. Shirleen Wyland, Ms. Cheryl Zeh

Synod Pastoral Staff: Mr. Erin Anderson, Pr. Laurie Natwick, Pr. Stephen Peterson, Pr. Keith Zeh
Mr. Bill Elmstrom, Lutheran Planned Giving of Western Minnesota

Adoption of 2010 Synod Assembly Rules of Organization and Procedure

Appointment of Assembly Committees

Introduction of Synod Council

Committee on Reference and Counsel

Committee for Elections

Registrar's Report—Mr. Robert Larson

Report Regarding Nominations: Ms. Tara Ulrich, Diaconal Minister, Synod Nominating
Committee

Nominations from the floor for Synod positions: Secretary, Council, Consultation
Committee, and 2011 Churchwide Assembly Voting Members

Closing of nominations for Synod positions

Report from the Committee on Reference and Counsel: Pr. Steve Sveom, chairperson

Introductions of representatives of ELCA churchwide and synod ministry partners

Introductions of 2010 First Call Candidates assigned to our synod

Introductions of rostered leaders new to the synod

Introduction of seminary interns serving in the synod

Other assembly business, including resolutions, as time permits

11:25 am

First Presentation

“Life Overflowing: Hearts and Treasures,” **Rev. Dr. Mark Allan Powell**

11.55 am

Announcements—Ms. Carolyn Engebretson

Table Prayer

12:00 -

Lunch served out of the North Gym

12:45 pm

Conferences are welcome to caucus during lunch at their assigned conference tables.

Book signing of *Giving to God* with Dr. Mark Allan Powell, Birkeland Lounge

12:50 pm

Gathering Music: Dakota Road Music

1:00 pm

Plenary Session II: Memorial Auditorium

Caring Conversations (at tables)

Opening Prayer

Registrar's Report—Mr. Robert Larson

Distribution of vita information for nominations from the floor for Synod positions

Greetings: Synod Women of the ELCA—Ms. Mavis Werner

Bishop's Report—Bishop Larry Wohlrabe

Treasurer's and Audit Report—Mr. Robert Larson

Introduction of Revised 2010 Revised Budget and 2011 Fiscal Proposal—Mr. Robert
Larson

Introduction of 2011 Compensation Guidelines—Ms. Jan McCormick

First ballot for synod positions

LYO Presentation

Report on disposition of 2009 resolutions

Reception of Peoples Church, Bemidji as a congregation of the ELCA

Update on Frazee-Vergas new mission start

Update on “The Project”

Other assembly business, including resolutions, as time permits

- 2:35 pm** **ELCA Churchwide Report** – Ms. Sunitha Mortha
- 3:05 pm** **Announcements:** Ms. Carolyn Engebretson
Song
Closing Prayer
- 3:45 -**
4:45 pm **Growth Groups** at assigned locations
- 5:00 –**
6:00 pm **Growth Groups** at assigned locations
- 6:05 pm** **Dinner: Group One**, Anderson Commons, Knutson Campus Center
Discussion of the ELCA *Living into the Future Together* (LIFT) task force with Ms. Sunitha Mortha, in the Brous Dining Room, Anderson Commons, Knutson Campus Center
- 6:30 pm** **Dinner: Group Two**, Anderson Commons, Knutson Campus Center
- 7:30 pm** **“*Splashing in the Spirit*”:** Centrum, Knutson Campus Center
Dakota Road Music
Program and Recognitions – LSS of Minnesota “Servant of Christ” Award, rostered persons who have retired, rostered persons observing anniversaries, remembrance of rostered persons who have died, representatives of congregations observing anniversaries.
- 9:00 pm** **Reception** in Knutson Campus Center atrium, courtesy of the ELCA Mission Investment Fund

Assembly Agenda—Saturday, May 15

- 7:00 -**
8:30 am **Check out of dormitories**, etc.
- 7:00 am** **Registration:** Offutt Concourse, Concordia College
Melberg’s Christian Bookstore: Birkeland Alumni Lounge
Displays Open in South Gym
- 7:00 -**
8:15 am **Breakfast**, Knutson Campus Center
Breakfast table offering for Haiti Earthquake Relief (sponsored by Synod Hunger Team)
Synod Council meets to reorganize for 2010-2011, Brous Dining Room, Anderson Commons, Knutson Center
- 8:30 am** **Holy Communion**, Centrum, Knutson Campus Center
- Bishop Lawrence R. Wohlrabe, Presiding Minister
 - Mr. David Holtz, Luther Crest Bible Camp, Assisting Minister
 - Ms. Sunitha Mortha, Preacher
 - Offering received for The Project (Please make checks payable to **NWMN Synod**)

9:50 am **Gathering Music:** Dakota Road Music, Memorial Auditorium

10:00 am **Plenary Session III: Memorial Auditorium**

Caring Conversations (at tables)

Opening Prayer

Registrar's Report—Mr. Robert Larson

Report from the Elections Committee on Synod positions

Second ballot for Synod positions, if needed

Second Presentation: “*Life Overflowing—Duty and Delight,*” Rev. Dr. Mark Allan Powell

Committee of the Whole discussion of the mission of our synod in our current context

Other assembly business, including resolutions, as time permits

11:25 am **Third Presentation**

Ms. Sunitha Mortha

11:55 am **Announcements**—Ms. Carolyn Engebretson

Table Prayer

12:00 - **Lunch** served out of the North Gym

12:45 pm **Conference Deans Meeting:** Freeman Classroom #137 (near registration area)

12:50 pm **Gathering Music:** Dakota Road Music

1:00 pm **Plenary Session IV: Memorial Auditorium**

Caring Conversations (at tables)

Opening Prayer

Registrar's Report—Mr. Robert Larson

Report on Second Ballot for Synod positions

Additional ballots, if needed

Vote on Revised 2010 Revised Budget and 2011 Fiscal Proposal

Vote on 2011 Compensation Guidelines

Other assembly business, including resolutions, as time permits

Announcements—Ms. Carolyn Engebretson

Announcement of dates, theme and speaker for 2011 Synod Assembly

Closing of the Assembly

**Please leave nametag holders, voting cards and assembly evaluation form
at the Business Tables as you leave. Thank you!**