

Southern Ohio Synod Assembly

June 4, 2016

Wittenberg University Health, Physical Education and Recreation Center Springfield, Ohio

You and the entire Southern Ohio Synod are invited to participate in our annual Synod Assembly, being held June 4, 2016 in Springfield, Ohio.

It's time to come together as one body and celebrate, worship, share, and take care of synod business. Discussion groups/learning sessions will be incorporated into our time together led by the Rev. Dr. Cheryl Peterson.

Our theme for the Assembly is **Being Church Together: Building Up the Body of Christ, Telling the Good News.** Our focus scripture is Luke 2:8-17. We will hear from Dr. Kathryn Johnson of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, regarding the opportunities, blessings, and ongoing work God has placed before us. We will hear from our Synod Bishop about the exciting things that God is doing in our mission territory. Prepare to be inspired by the creativity and sensitivity to expanding the Kingdom on Earth. Stories of strength and courage from dedicated congregations will encourage the faith of all attendees. We will end our time together in worship. Bishop Dillahunt will preside and preach.

Below is an overview of what Assembly attendees can expect during the Assembly.

- A Synod-wide worship team will lead a special worship service to close the Assembly. The service will be held in Weaver Chapel at Wittenberg University.
- Assembly plenary sessions, including elections, Bible study, and Assembly business will be held in the HPER Center. Meetings will begin promptly June 4th at 9:30 am. All are welcome to attend, voting and non-voting members!
- All Clergy rostered in the Southern Ohio Synod, who are registered for the Assembly, are granted both voice and vote in accordance with the Southern Ohio Synod governing documents adopted at the 2015 Synod Assembly. Retired and on-leave clergy do not need to request the privilege to vote.
- Lunch will be served in the Wittenberg Student Center in conjunction with workshops designed for both Rostered Leaders and Laity. Lunches are included in the Assembly registration fee for those who pre-register.

We look forward to seeing you all at the 2016 Synod Assembly! Please spread the word and invite someone you know to come along!

Blessings,

The Synod Assembly Planning Team



Southern Ohio Synod Evangelical Lutheran Church in America God's work. Our hands.



Map Legend

HPER Center - Registration and Morning Assembly Session Benham Pence Student Center Cafeteria - Lunch for registered attendees Weaver Chapel - Afternoon Assembly Session and Closing Worship New Hall - Residence hall for overnight guests

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Shuttle Stop at HPER Center on Bill Edwards Drive, directly in front of the entrance

Shuttle Stop at Student Center on the circle drive near the flag poles

Shuttle Stop at Weaver Chapel on East Campus Drive at the handicapped entrance

Synod Assembly 2016 Schedule of Events

 8 am - Registration begins 8:45 am - 9:15 am: Robert's Rules of Order Tutorial * HPER Center, Wittenberg University For new voting members and anyone interested in better understanding parliamentary procedure for the Assembly. 	Synod Assembly Plenary Session 1 Saturday, June 4, 2016 • 9:30 am HPER Center **			
Group 1 Workshop • 11:30 am - 12:30 pm (Cincinnati, Dayton and Muskingum Conferences) Rev. Dr. Cheryl Peterson will lead a workshop/discussionLunch for Group 2 • 11:30 am - 12:30 pm (Central Ohio, Northwest and Scioto Conferences) Lunch served in the Student Center Cafeteria **				
Break 12:30 pm - 12:45 pm				

Lunch for Group 1 • 12:45 pm - 1:45 pm (Cincinnati, Dayton and Muskingum Conferences) Lunch served in the Student Center Cafeteria ** **Group 2 Workshop** • 12:45 pm - 1:45 pm (Central Ohio, Northwest and Scioto Conferences) Rev. Dr. Cheryl Peterson will lead a workshop/discussion

Break 1:45 pm - 2:00 pm

Synod Assembly Plenary Session 2 Saturday, June 4, 2016 2 pm - 4 pm Weaver Chapel

* Prior to the Robert's Rules Tutorial

Please review this Video Tutorial: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YX37HrbKNfs

The link may be accessed online on the Synod Assembly web page at

http://www.southernohiosynod.org/aws/SOS/pt/sp/ASSEMBLY_agenda

** Shuttle Service

Shuttle service will be provided to and from the HPER Center, the Student Center and Weaver Chapel. Please refer to the map on page 2 for the Shuttle Stops.

Registration Deadline is May 23, 2016

A detailed agenda will be available on the Synod Assembly website and in Assembly materials closer to the event.

On-Campus and Off-Campus Housing

On-Campus Housing

On-Campus housing reservations for the New Hall residence hall will be available to guests who submit their Assembly registration prior to the May 23, 2016 deadline. No rooms will be available for on-site reservations.

Guests may reserve a single or double room for June 3. Each guest will be provided with sheets, a pillow, a light blanket, a towel and washcloth as part of the room fee.

If you have a special request regarding your room, please contact Susan Barton-Nonno (sbarton-nonno@southernohiosynod.org) directly so we can try to accommodate your request.

- Room rates are \$90 for a single occupancy room per night and \$70 per guest per night for a double occupancy room.
- A continental breakfast will be served to those staying in New Hall. Breakfast will be set up in the lobby of New Hall and is included in the room rate.
- You may request a roommate on the registration form. If you choose a double room and no roommate is requested, you will be assigned a roommate.
- All rooms are air-conditioned and bathrooms are available on each floor.
- Guests checking in on June 3rd will pick up their keys at the Student Center Information Desk between 8 am and 7 pm.
- Checkout on Saturday, June 4 will be in the New Hall lounge between 8 am and noon.
- A \$50 fee will be assessed for any key not returned.

Off-Campus Lodging

If you want to and need to stay in Springfield before or after the Assembly, the following hotels are close to Wittenberg in the Springfield area:

Courtyard by Marriott 100 South Fountain Ave. Springfield, Ohio, 937-322-3600 Ask for the Synod Assembly rate of \$129.00

Fairfield Inn and Suites 1870 West First Street Springfield, Ohio, 937-323-9554

Comfort Suites 121 Raydo Circle Springfield, Ohio, 937-322-0707

Quality Inn and Conf. Center 383 E. Leffel Lane Springfield, Ohio, 937-323-8631

For more options, please visit the Springfield Ohio Visitors Bureau at www.greaterspringfield.com/cvb

Synod Assembly 2016 Registration

My name and contact information are:

(Please complete one registration form for each person attending. Please print clearly.)

Prefix Name	_	
Mailing Address		
Email Address		
Daytime Telephone Number		
I am a member/employee of (Write congregation/agency below. Include congregation city.)		
Congregation/Agency		
Congregation ID number	2	
Conference Affiliation: check one: Central Ohio Cincinnati Dayton Muskingum Northwest Scioto		

I would like to register for the following: (Check all that apply. At least one must be selected.)

	Advance registration	On- site **
Synod Assembly as a Clergy Voting Member (includes lunch, snacks, materials) (All ordained rostered leaders in the Southern Ohio Synod)	\$145.00	\$175.00
Synod Assembly as a Lay Voting Member (includes lunch, snacks, materials) (Lay rostered leader with call or Lay person)	\$145.00	\$175.00
Synod Assembly as a Non-Voting Member (includes lunch, snacks, materials) (Retired lay rostered leaders, Lay rostered leaders on leave from call, Visitors)	\$145.00	\$175.00
June 3 Campus Housing Single Occupancy per night, including linens and breakfast	\$90.00	N/A
June 3 Campus Housing Double Occupancy per person per night, including linens and breakfast Roommate	\$70.00	N/A
	TOTAL	\$

****** On-site registration does not include lunch

Synod Assembly 2016 Registration Continued

Party Responsible for Payment:

(Place "X" After Applicable Choice)

Congregation/Agency _____ Self _____

Payment Information:

Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$ _____ Check # _____

_____ Check is being mailed to Southern Ohio Synod, 300 S. 2nd Street, Columbus, OH 43215 by responsible party indicated above.

If you wish to pay by credit card, please register online, use the link below.

If payment is not received prior to May 25, 2016, attendee registrations will be cancelled. Attendees will be required to register on-site and pay the on-site fee. Please note that lunch is not included in on-site registration. Registrants will be notified by email if their registrations are cancelled due to non-payment.

Cancellation policy: If you cancel your registration by May 25, 2016, your paid fees will be returned to you minus a \$10.00 processing fee. Refunds will be issued after Synod Assembly and mailed to the address indicated on the registration form. No fees will be returned after this date.

Please mail checks to: Southern Ohio Synod Attn: Susan Barton-Nonno 300 S. 2nd Street Columbus, OH 43215

Registration Deadline is May 23, 2016

Please send to the address above to assist us with accurate accounting for this event.

You may register online at http://tinyurl.com/SOSAssembly