

*Stronger and Better Together...
On the Way*

Be Light!

*Let your good deeds shine out
for all to see!*

Matthew 5:15-16



SOUTHERN OHIO SYNOD ASSEMBLY

May 16, 2020

**Epiphany Lutheran Church
6430 Far Hills Ave
Centerville, OH**



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

What you need to know about the 2020 Southern Ohio Synod Assembly

The 2020 Southern Ohio Synod Assembly, for the first time ever, will be held at one of our synod congregations! Epiphany Lutheran Church, 6430 Far Hills Ave in Centerville, OH is opening its doors to welcome members of the Southern Ohio Synod for a day of worship, fellowship, bible study and business. Our time together is only one day this year--May 16, 2020--but the day will be packed with uplifting, edifying and engaging content you will want to be a part of and take back to your congregation.

Our theme for assembly is ***Stronger and Better Together: On the way...Be light!*** Our focus scripture is Matthew 5:15-16. Our good deeds should shine out for all to see so that our Father in heaven may be glorified!

We will be electing a few members to our synod council. This is an important leadership role in the synod, so please read over your materials regarding the candidates nominated to be a part of synod council and be prepared to vote when you arrive in May. Look for the Pre-Assembly Materials Packet online about 2 weeks prior to the assembly. Notifications regarding the posting of these materials will be sent via email, on our website and on Facebook.

We're honored to welcome The Rev. William Gufkajen, Bishop of the Indiana-Kentucky Synod, and former ELCA Conference of Bishops chairperson, as our ELCA representative and bible study leader. The Indiana-Kentucky Synod and the Southern Ohio Synod have much in common, including Deacon Cory Driver, Director of the Southern Ohio Synod Leadership Academy, who is working with Dr. C. Lynn Nakamura to develop our TEEM program curriculum and other lay leader curriculum. Bishop Gufkjen is a gifted speaker and Godly leader. We know you'll enjoy his presentations at assembly.

In addition, we will hear about the progress of the Thrive! Campaign and some exciting upcoming events you won't want to miss!

Below is a tentative schedule of events. You'll receive a more detailed agenda in your Pre-Assembly Materials in May.

Saturday, May 16

8:00-11:00 am	Registration & Check-In
9:30 am	Opening worship
10:30 am	Break
11:00 am	Session 1
12:15 pm	Lunch
1:15 pm	Session 2
4 pm	Close of assembly

As always, each congregation is encouraged to send two lay voting members, in addition to the rostered ministers serving their congregation under call. The new formula for assigning additional voting members for congregations was implemented in 2018. Please see the continuing resolution in this packet for details.

Please note: Photographs and video will be taken during synod assembly. By registering for the assembly, you are giving the Southern Ohio Synod permission to use your image for promotional material associated with the assembly and the Southern Ohio Synod. Photos and videos will not be sold to 3rd parties.

How many Voting Members may my congregation send?

According to the SOS constitution, each congregation may send two Voting Members, preferably one female and one male, in addition to its pastor(s) and deacon(s). (See below for information on additional Voting Members.)

How many additional Voting Members may my congregation send?

In 2018, the Synod Council approved the following resolution establishing a process for allowing additional Voting Members for the Southern Ohio Synod Assembly.

1. Congregations of the Southern Ohio Synod who meet the following baptized, confirmed and worship thresholds as stated on their submitted reports to the ELCA in the calendar year of the Southern Ohio Synod Assembly will receive the following additional voting members to the Southern Ohio Synod Assembly.

a. Congregations exceeding 750 baptized members, 500 confirmed members and 250 worshippers (average weekly attendance) shall receive one additional lay voting member at the Southern Ohio Synod Assembly.

b. Congregations exceeding 1500 baptized members, 1000 confirmed members and 500 worshippers (average weekly attendance) shall receive two additional lay voting members (one male and one female) at the Southern Ohio Synod Assembly.

c. Congregations exceeding 2250 baptized members, 1500 confirmed members and 750 worshippers (average weekly attendance) shall receive three additional lay voting members (at least one of a different gender) at the Southern Ohio Synod Assembly.

Congregations that desire additional voting members should submit a request to Susan Barton-Nonno (sbarton-nonno@southernohiosynod.org), including numbers of baptized members, confirmed members, and average weekly attendance as reported on the 2019 Parochial Report. After she has confirmed those numbers, she will contact the congregation with the number of Voting Members allocated.

Southern Ohio Synod Assembly 2020 Registration

Complete one registration form for each person attending from your congregation or organization.

First & Last Name _____

Congregation/Organization _____

Congregation ID # _____

Mailing Address _____

Daytime Phone _____

Email Address _____

Assembly Registration Options

Assembly fees include program, materials, continental breakfast, snacks, beverages and lunch.

I am a: (You must select one of the following options)

- Rostered Minister Retired Rostered Minister Lay Person

Registration Type	Assembly Fees
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Voting member	<input type="checkbox"/> \$100
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Non-Voting Member	<input type="checkbox"/> \$90
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Retired Rostered Minister	<input type="checkbox"/> \$90
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Deadline for registration is April 27, 2020

Mail registration form and payment to:
Southern Ohio Synod
Attn: Susan Barton-Nonno
300 S. 2nd Street
Columbus, Ohio 43215

***Register all your voting members
at once online at***
<http://bit.ly/SOSAssembly2020!>

***If you wish to pay by credit card,
please register online.***

Refunds: Refunds are only available before May 1. Refunds will be processed by the end of May 2020.