

## 2023 NORTHEASTERN IOWA SYNOD ASSEMBLY

### General Information

**DATE:** June 9-10, 2023. This will be a two-day, in-person Synod Assembly.

**LOCATION:** Luther Collage, Decorah, Iowa. Portions of the Assembly will be livestreamed, but all voting will take place in person.

**THEME:** Growing Together in Faith, Hope, & Love, based on 1 Corinthians 13:13

**RESOLUTIONS:** Resolutions must be submitted to the Secretary of the Synod by Monday, May 1. The Resolution Submittal Form can be downloaded at [www.neiasynod.org/2023/02/2023-synod-assembly](http://www.neiasynod.org/2023/02/2023-synod-assembly).

### PRE-ASSEMBLY ZOOM MEETINGS:

Voting members are invited to participate in two informational Zoom meetings to help prepare for the Assembly and to ask questions in an informal setting. These meetings do not replace discussion during the Assembly.

**Tuesday, May 30, 6:30 p.m.** - Review the budgets for 2024-2025 and 2025-2026 and the compensation guidelines for 2024 and 2025.

**Thursday, June 1, 6:30 p.m.** - Review resolutions that will be presented at the Assembly.

Log-in information for the Zoom meetings will be sent to registered voting members. Both Zoom sessions will be recorded so that those who can't join them live will have access to view them later.

### ASSEMBLY SCHEDULE:

The Assembly begins at 7 p.m. Friday with worship, orientation and social time. Saturday's schedule will start at 9 a.m. and will include three plenary sessions for synod business and reports, along with lunch, ministry exhibits, and closing worship. Synod business will include resolutions and elections for a synod treasurer, synod council members, nominating committee and other committee members.

### ELCA Representative:

Jill Beverlin, ELCA Coordinator of Coaching Ministries, will attend as the churchwide representative.

**COST:** Fees listed below are for early bird registration through May 1, 2023. **No registrations will be accepted after May 15.**

### Voting Members (Add \$25 after May 1.):

\$115 for commuters (includes lunch on Saturday)

\$155 for noncommuters staying on campus Friday night (includes breakfast and lunch Saturday)

### Visitors (Add \$25 after May 1.):

\$95 for commuters (includes lunch on Saturday)

\$135 for noncommuters staying on campus (includes breakfast and lunch Saturday)

There will not be a commuter option without meals.

### REGISTRATION:

Voting members and visitors can register online at [www.neiasynod.org/2023/02/2023-synod-assembly](http://www.neiasynod.org/2023/02/2023-synod-assembly). People can register individually or someone from the congregation can register everyone at once.

Paper and pdf registration forms are available by request. Call or email the synod office for assistance, 319-352-1414 or [glaspiej@neiasynod.org](mailto:glaspiej@neiasynod.org).

Please make checks payable to the Northeastern Iowa Synod and send with registration forms to:  
Northeastern Iowa Synod Assembly, PO Box 804, Waverly, IA 50677-0804.

### **WHO MAY REGISTER?**

Voting members must be voting members of their congregations. Each congregation is encouraged to elect a youth voting member.

#### **Voting members to the Synod Assembly will be the following:**

1. All rostered individuals under call on the roster of the synod.
2. The formula for congregational representation for the Synod Assembly follows:
  - The total lay delegation from any congregation be as nearly as possible 45% male and 45% female.
  - Two voting members elected by each congregation,
  - plus one youth voting member elected by each congregation (must be eligible to vote in their congregation),
  - plus an additional lay voting member for every 750 baptized members, i.e., 750=1 additional, 1500=2 additional, 2250=3, etc.
3. Members of the Synod Council.
4. All ministers of Word and Sacrament on the retired roster of this Synod shall elect 10 percent of their number to be voting members of the Synod Assembly; all other retired ministers of Word and Sacrament shall be advisory members with voice but not vote.
5. All ministers of Word and Sacrament on leave from call for reasons of disability shall elect 10 percent of their number to be voting members to the Synod Assembly. There shall be a minimum of one (1) such person provided both voice and vote.

**Pre-assembly materials will be emailed to registered voting members by May 10, 2023.**

### **VISITORS**

Any interested person may register as a visitor to the Synod Assembly. Visitors do not have voice or vote.

Rostered ministers not under call and retired clergy not elected to represent retired clergy are permitted voice but not vote.

No registration is necessary to view the live-streamed portions of the Assembly.

### **ON-CAMPUS HOUSING**

Housing for Friday night will be assigned on a first-registered, first-assigned basis in college residence halls. All rooms are air conditioned. Most rooms are double occupancy and have single beds; none are bunks. Sheets, blanket, pillow, pillow cover, towel, hand towel, and washcloth are provided. For your personal comfort, you may wish to bring an additional pillow or blanket. You will need to bring your own toiletries, such as soap and shampoo. Bathroom and shower facilities are shared, but designated as men's or women's.

### **OFFERINGS AND IN-KIND GIFTS**

The Synod Assembly offering will be designated for the H. George Anderson Fund for Leaders and the Bishops Crisis Fund.

### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

For updates about the Synod Assembly, visit the synod website, [www.neiasynod.org/2023/02/2023-synod-assembly](http://www.neiasynod.org/2023/02/2023-synod-assembly), or call the synod office, 319-352-1414.