

AGENDA
NEW ENGLAND SYNOD ASSEMBLY

June 5-7, 2008

DCU Center and Crowne Plaza Hotel, downtown Worcester, Mass.

Theme: "God's Work. Our Hands."

Public hearing on sexuality draft prior to opening of 2008 Synod Assembly

A public hearing on the Draft of the ELCA Social Statement on Human Sexuality will be held Thursday, June 5, from 10:30 a.m. until noon at Trinity Lutheran Church, 73 Lancaster St., Worcester, MA 01609. This important hearing has been scheduled prior to the opening of the annual synod assembly in order to allow as many people as possible to attend, but it is not limited to assembly voting members.

ASSEMBLY AGENDA (tentative)

Thursday, June 5, 2008

- 12:15 p.m. Orientation, plenary hall, DCU
- 1 p.m. Opening of the assembly, DCU
- Secretary's report
- Adoption of the agenda
- ELCA Rep. Report, Pastor Rafael Malpica
- Reference and Counsel
- Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia
- Synod Council
- Interlude
- Keynote: Bishop Lloyd E. Allen of the Episcopal Church of Honduras
- Worship
- 5 p.m. Dinner on your own
- 7:15 p.m. Reference and Counsel, DCU
- Plan for Mission 2009 (budget)
- Synod Officers Recognition
- 8:30 p.m. Dessert Reception in Display Area
- 9:45 p.m. Compline, DCU

Friday, June 6, 2008

- 7 a.m. Global Mission Breakfast with Bishop Allen, Crowne Plaza Hotel
- 8:15 a.m. Gathering music, DCU
- Call to order, worship
- Elections
- Reference and Counsel

- Budget discussion and vote
- Interlude
- 10:45 a.m. Recognitions/Awards (Hands of LSS, Synod Council)
- Bishop's Report
- Elections (2nd ballot)
- 12:30 p.m. Lunch on your own / special luncheons
- Special luncheons (rostered leaders' spouses, Bishop's), Crowne
- 2 p.m. Keynote: Rubi Flores and Deaconess Janet Alcantara of the
- Lutheran Church of Honduras
- Hymn, Prayer, Elections (3rd ballot)
- 3:30 p.m. Workshops, DCU
- 5 p.m. Dinner, Crowne Plaza Hotel
- 7:30 p.m. Festive Eucharist with two ordinations, Trinity Lutheran Church,
- Worcester, Mass.
- Reception follows at Trinity

Saturday, June 7, 2008

- 7:30 a.m. Global Mission Breakfast with Rubi Flores and Deaconess Janet
- Alcantara of the Lutheran Church of Honduras, Crowne Plaza Hotel
- 9 a.m. Workshops, DCU
- 10:15 a.m. Gathering Music
- Compensation Guidelines
- Elections as needed, Reference and Counsel
- 12 noon Closing worship with installation of Synod Council

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