



Delaware-Maryland Synod Assembly 2011
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
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DATE: December 6, 2010

TO: Ordained Ministers
Associates in Ministry
Deaconesses
Diaconal Ministers
Congregations
Visitors

FROM: Nancy L. Gordon, Secretary, Delaware-Maryland Synod

SUBJECT: 2011 DELAWARE-MARYLAND SYNOD ASSEMBLY

The 2011 Assembly of the Delaware-Maryland Synod will be held on June 2-4, 2011 at The Roland E. Powell Convention Center, Ocean City, Maryland with registration beginning at 11:00 a.m. Thursday, June 2.

The registration period for the assembly will be **January 3, 2011-April 15, 2011**. You will register for meals and childcare at the same time that you register for the assembly. Copies of the meal application and childcare request are included in the mailing to assist in your selections for registration. *Please make additional copies as needed.*

REGISTRATION

- ❖ **The primary mode for registration will be the online registration. If you register online, all subsequent correspondence about the Synod Assembly will be electronic. You may contact the Synod office to request assistance with the on-line procedures.**
- ❖ **If you want to submit registration by mail, please contact the Synod Assembly Coordinator-**

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ONLINE REGISTRATION PROCEDURES



- Online registration will be available from **January 3, 2011 - April 15, 2011**.
- Go to the Delaware Maryland Synod website: www.demdsynod.org .
- Click on the **2011 Synod Assembly Registration** link on the *Home* page or the *Events* page.
- Payment will be by credit card or electronic check. This is a secure site for registration.
- Multiple registrations may be completed under one account.
- **Lay voting members must enter an access code to initiate the registration process and be officially recognized as a lay voting member.**
 - **Enter the code shown below**

☆Enter your access code:

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- **If your registration is paid by the synod, you will receive instructions regarding a discount code in this mailing.**

☆Enter your discount code

Use the code received here

REMINDER: At the 2000 Synod Assembly, voting members approved a budget predicated upon making the Assembly self-sustaining.

“As per the Delaware-Maryland Synod Constitution and Bylaws, S7.21.A01: “This synod expects its congregations to pay for the necessary expenses of their voting members to attend both regular and special meetings of the Delaware-Maryland Synod Assembly.”

REPRESENTATION

Each congregation of the Delaware-Maryland Synod will be represented by one or more lay persons, normally one male and one female, up to the first 388 reported baptized members. For each additional reported 388 baptized members, or major fraction thereof, a congregation will be entitled to one more lay representative, male or female.

- All ordained ministers on the roster of the synod in attendance at the assembly are voting members.
- All certified associates in ministry on the roster of the synod in attendance at the assembly are voting members.
- All certified deaconesses on the roster of the synod in attendance at the assembly are voting members.
- All certified diaconal ministers on the roster of the synod in attendance at the assembly are voting members.
- All lay members of the Synod Council in attendance at the assembly are voting members.

Check the card included in this packet- Congregation Delegation Count.

YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT REPRESENTATION

At the 2009 Churchwide Assembly the following amendment to the synodical constitution was passed:

It is the goal of this synod that at least 10 percent of the voting members of the Synod Assembly, Synod Council, committees, and organizational units of this synod be youth and young adults. The Synod Council shall establish a plan for implementing this goal. For purposes of the constitution, bylaws, and continuing resolutions of this synod, the term "youth" means a voting member of a congregation who has not reached the age of 18 at the time of election or appointment for service. The term "young adult" means a voting member of a congregation between the ages of 18 and 30 at the time of election or appointment for service.

At its January 2010 meeting the Synod Council passed the following action:

To allow each congregation to send one additional youth or young adult voting member to the Synod Assembly and, further, to suspend the subsidy provided for such voting members at previous assemblies.

REGISTRATION FEES for 2011 are as follows:

Ordained Ministers	\$145.00
Lay Voting Members	\$145.00
Youth/Young Adult Voting Members	\$145.00
Associates in Ministry	\$145.00
Deaconesses	\$145.00
Diaconal Ministers	\$145.00
Retired Ordained Ministers	\$ 50.00
Retired Associates in Ministry	\$ 50.00
Retired Deaconesses	\$ 50.00
Retired Diaconal Ministers	\$ 50.00
Visitors	\$ 50.00
One Day Visitors' Pass	\$ 30.00



SCHOLARSHIPS

Limited scholarships are available for **voting members only**. Requests for scholarships should be sent in writing to the synod office- Attention: *Cindy Van Vliet*



ONE DAY VISITORS' PASS

Please consider having members of your congregation attend the assembly on either Thursday or Friday. They will receive valuable information about the work of the Synod which will help them in their leadership roles.

ROOM RESERVATIONS



Make your room reservations directly with one of the assembly hotels **by April 29, 2011** in order to receive the group rate. Be sure to tell the hotel representative that you are with the *Delaware-Maryland Synod Assembly*. Reservations received after April 29, 2011 will be provided on a space available basis at prevailing rates.

- You are renting a room that will accommodate 1-4 persons. *All of the rooms are efficiencies.*
- **A deposit of 1 night's rent and taxes is due upon the reservation request**
- Prices range from \$69-\$139 for Wednesday (6/1) and Thursday (5/28); \$199-\$269 for Friday (6/3) and Saturday (6/4). Although the hotels are offering special rates for participants, this is during the regular vacation season so rates are higher than during the off-season (as was the case in 2009)
- Make your reservations early to get the hotel of your choice.
- Indicate any special accommodations when making your room reservations.
- The assembly hotels are:

Hotel	Address	Phone	Rates 6/1 and 6/2	Rates 6/3 and 6/4
Holiday Inn Oceanfront	67 th Street and Oceanfront	800-837-3588	\$109	\$199
Quality Inn Oceanfront	54 th Street and Oceanfront	800-837-3586	\$79	\$164
Flagship Oceanfront	26th Street and Broadway	800-837-3585	\$69	\$159
Holiday Inn Hotel/Suites	17 th Street and Boardwalk	866-627-8483	\$139	\$269

MEAL APPLICATION

This is optional.



If you want meals you must complete the application with your registration. This will be the only opportunity to apply for the meal package.

CHILDCARE



Childcare will be available for children **ages 2-8 years** of age during the **business sessions** only. ..
Childcare will be free of charge. Please complete the registration form and return it by April 15th.

HELP WANTED...ASSEMBLY VOLUNTEERS!



Volunteers are needed to serve on committees and help with worship services. Complete and return the volunteer form by April 15th!