



Delaware-Maryland Synod Assembly 2010
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DATE: January 11, 2010

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

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

SUBJECT: 2010 DELAWARE-MARYLAND SYNOD ASSEMBLY

The 2010 Assembly of the Delaware-Maryland Synod will be held on June 10-12, 2010 at The Eisenhower Inn & Conference Center, Gettysburg, Pennsylvania with registration beginning at 11:00 a.m. Thursday, June 10th.

The registration period for the assembly will be **February 1, 2010-April 30, 2010**. 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.*

RESOLUTION OF SPECIAL ASSEMBLY FEES

If you registered for the canceled Special Synod Assembly, you may transfer your registration fee to the 2010 Synod Assembly. A copy of the form that was sent out in December is included in this mailing.

- The funds may be transferred to new voting members if your congregation selects different representatives to the June Assembly
- You may submit one form to indicate the option selected by the congregation
- If you choose the transfer option, please contact the synod for registrations cards to complete your registration by mail.

Check the card- Congregation Delegation Count. It has the current information on the resolution of your special assembly registration.

The primary mode for registration will be the online registration. You may contact the Synod office to request assistance with the on-line procedures or to submit a mail-in registration.

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ONLINE REGISTRATION



- Online registration will be available from **February 1, 2010 - April 30, 2010**.
- Go to the Delaware Maryland Synod website: www.demdsynod.org .
- Click on the **2010 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 a coupon code to initiate the registration process and be officially recognized as a lay voting member.**

At the third (3rd) window- *Select Options for Delaware-Maryland Synod Assembly:*
Check the TOP of the page for instructions:

- *If you are a Lay Voting Member, before you do anything else, you must enter your coupon code at the bottom of the page in the area provided. Then click the Submit Code button, after which the appropriate registration choices will appear. Please continue with registration only after you have entered the coupon code.*

- **Enter the code shown below at the bottom of the page**

Lay Voting Member Coupon Code Entry:

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- **The window will appear again and you may select the appropriate options on the page to continue the registration.**

Lay Voting Member or Lay Voting Member Under 35

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

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- 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 2010 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: *Linda Chinnia*



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.

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ROOM RESERVATION



The Eisenhower Center has offered the Delaware-Maryland Synod the same room rates from the 2008 assembly.

Make your room reservations directly with the Eisenhower Center **by May 7th** in order to receive the group rate. Be sure to tell them that you are with the Delaware-Maryland Synod.

- Have your credit card handy. **YOU ARE RENTING A ROOM** which will accommodate 1-4 persons. (One bed or two beds)
- Sleeping Room Rates:

\$107.00 + 6% State and 3% Hotel Tax	Singles & Doubles	(\$116.63)
\$117.00 + 6% State and 3% Hotel Tax	Triples	(\$127.53)
\$127.00 + 6% State and 3% Hotel Tax	Quads	(\$138.43)
- Indicate any special accommodations when making your room reservations.
- Check-in time is 3:00 PM. Anyone arriving prior to 3:00 PM will be accommodated as soon as possible. *There may be a wait.* Check-out time is 11:00 AM. Arrangement can be made for baggage storage at the front desk.
- Call the Eisenhower Center – 717-334-8121

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.

You may also indicate a choice of meals to donate for the Month of Potlucks –World Hunger Campaign

CHILDCARE



Childcare will be available for children **ages 2-8 years** of age during the **business sessions** only. Childcare will be located the Gettysburg YWCA. Parents must provide transportation to and from the childcare site..

Childcare will be free of charge. Please complete the registration form and return it by April 30th.

HELP WANTED...ASSEMBLY VOLUNTEERS!



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

Thank you for your attention to these matters. We look forward to seeing you at the 2010 Synod Assembly.