



# **SOUTHERN OHIO SYNOD ASSEMBLY**

## **JUNE 7-8, 2019**

**Wittenberg University**  
**HPER Center, 250 Bill Edwards Drive**  
**Springfield, Ohio**



**Southern Ohio Synod**  
**Evangelical Lutheran Church in America**  
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# What you need to know about the 2019 Southern Ohio Synod Assembly

The 2019 Southern Ohio Synod Assembly is taking place on June 7-8 at the HPER Center, 250 Bill Edwards Drive, Wittenberg University, in Springfield, Ohio.

Our theme for assembly is ***Stronger and Better Together: On the way***. Our focus scripture is Luke 24:13-24. We are delighted to welcome our **ELCA representative, The Rev. Elizabeth Eaton, Presiding Bishop**.

We will, once again, offer the opportunity for registrants to participate in workshops. Pre-registration is not necessary. You'll be provided with a list of workshop options in your Pre-Assembly Packet of materials. Just plan to attend the workshop you're interested in, but have a back up in case the room fills up!

Again, this year, prior to our inspiring synod-wide worship service, we will be hosting a fellowship dinner in the HPER Center. The dinner is included in the assembly registration fee. We do ask that you let us know on the registration form if you plan to attend so we can prepare accordingly. We do hope you will join us for *both* dinner *and* worship!

Below is a tentative schedule of events. Our schedule will be a bit fluid depending on at what point during the assembly meeting a Bishop is elected. As such, Bishop Dillahunt may move items within our agenda to keep the assembly moving along.

## Friday, June 7

7:30-9:00 am	Registration & Check-In
9:00 am	Registration closes and reopens after Ecclesiastical Ballot
9:00-12:30 am	Opening Worship & Session 1
12:30-2:30 pm	Lunch
1:30 pm	Registration closes until June 8
2:30-5:30 pm	Session 2
5:45-7:15 pm	Fellowship Dinner
7:30-9 pm	Synod-Wide Worship at Weaver Chapel

## Saturday, June 8

7:30-8:50 am	Registration & Check-In
8:50 am	Registration closes
9 am – 12:00 pm	Session 3
12:15-2:15 pm	Lunch
2:15 – 4:15 pm	Session 4 and Closing Worship

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.

This year's assembly is going to be uplifting, challenging (in a good way), and inspirational. Bishop Suzanne Dillahunt and the assembly planning team are excited to have you participate!

For more details and to access the various reports and informational materials for assembly, please visit the Southern Ohio Synod Assembly website at <http://bit.ly/ELCA-SOSAssembly>.

**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.

# Housing Options

**On-campus housing** is available in New Hall. Rates include bedding package, washcloth and towel.

\$85 per night (June 6 & 7) Single Room

\$65 per night (June 6 & 7) Double Room

If you select a double room, please coordinate with whomever you'd like to share a room. A roommate will be assigned if none is indicated.

## Area Hotels and B&B's

### **Courtyard Marriott Springfield Downtown**

100 S. Fountain Ave.

Springfield, OH

937.322.3600

We have secured the rate of \$114 for single or double rooms per night at the Courtyard by Marriott Hotel. Please call the hotel directly to book your room. Please let the hotel representative know you are with the Southern Ohio Synod group so you will receive our special rate.

### **Country Inn & Suites**

1751 W. First St.

Springfield, OH

937.322.2200

### **Fairfield Inn**

1870 W. First St.

Springfield, OH

937.323.9554

### **Hampton Inn**

101 W. Leffel Lane

Springfield, OH

937.325.8480

### **Holiday Inn Express**

204 Raydo Circle

Springfield, OH

937.505.1670

### **Simon Kenton Inn**

4690 Urbana Road

Springfield, OH

937.399.9950

### **Holiday Inn Dayton/Fairborn**

2800 Presidential Dr.

Fairborn, OH

937.426.7800

### **Hearthstone Inn & Suites**

10 Main St

Cedarville, OH

937.766.3000

### **Mills Park Hotel**

321 Xenia Ave.

Yellow Springs, OH 45387

937.319.0400

### **Scioto Inn**

205 Scioto

Urbana, OH

937.508.4546

### **Arthur Morgan House B and B**

120 W. Limestone St.

Yellow Springs, OH

937.767.1761

### **Colonial Manor B&B**

3774 Urbana Road

Springfield, OH

937.390.3949

714.624.3278 (cell)

### **Emma's Bed and Breakfast**

4200 E. National Rd.

Springfield, OH

937.505.3602

### **Grinnel Mill Bed and Breakfast**

3536 Bryan Park Road,

Yellow Springs, OH

937.767.0131

## ***Bishop Election Process***

At the 2019 Southern Ohio Synod Assembly, we will elect a Bishop to serve and lead our synod. Any rostered minister of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America may be nominated on the first ballot, called an Ecclesiastical Ballot. The following is from The Southern Ohio Synod Constitution:

S9.04. The bishop shall be elected by the Synod Assembly by ecclesiastical ballot. Three-fourths of the legal votes cast shall be necessary for election on the first ballot. If no one is elected, the first ballot shall be considered the nominating ballot. Three-fourths of the legal votes cast on the second ballot shall be necessary for election. The third ballot shall be limited to the seven persons (plus ties) who received the greatest number of legal votes on the second ballot, and two-thirds of the legal votes cast shall be necessary for election. The fourth ballot shall be limited to the three persons (plus ties) who receive the greatest number of legal votes on the third ballot, and 60 percent of the legal votes cast shall be necessary for election. On subsequent ballots a majority of the legal votes cast shall be necessary for election. These ballots shall be limited to the two persons (plus ties) who receive the greatest number of legal votes on the previous ballot.

†S8.51. The terms of office of the officers of this synod shall be:

- a. The bishop of this synod shall be elected to a term of six years and may be reelected.

More information about this and other elections taking place at assembly will be included in your pre-assembly materials.

## ***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 2019 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, workshops, continental breakfast on both days, snacks, beverages, lunch on both days & Fellowship Dinner on Friday. Dinner is not available for those registering on-site.

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

- Clergy     Retired Clergy     Deacon     Deaconess     Lay Person

**YES! I plan to attend the Fellowship Dinner on June 7**

<b>Registration Type (Check all that apply)</b>	Assembly Fees	On-campus Housing Single Room	On-campus Housing Double Room	On-Site Registration No Dinner, No Housing
Voting member	<input type="checkbox"/> \$225	<input type="checkbox"/> \$85 (June 6) <input type="checkbox"/> \$85 (June 7)	<input type="checkbox"/> \$65 (June 6) <input type="checkbox"/> \$65 (June 7)	<input type="checkbox"/> \$300
Non-Voting Member	<input type="checkbox"/> \$175	<input type="checkbox"/> \$85 (June 6) <input type="checkbox"/> \$85 (June 7)	<input type="checkbox"/> \$65 (June 6) <input type="checkbox"/> \$65 (June 7)	<input type="checkbox"/> \$300
Retired Clergy	<input type="checkbox"/> \$200	<input type="checkbox"/> \$85 (June 6) <input type="checkbox"/> \$85 (June 7)	<input type="checkbox"/> \$65 (June 6) <input type="checkbox"/> \$65 (June 7)	<input type="checkbox"/> \$300

**Roommate:** Please provide roommate name if staying on-campus in double room (Please confirm your choice with your selected roommate to avoid confusion.) \_\_\_\_\_

**Deadline for registration is May 17, 2019**

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/ELCA-SOSAssembly!\*\*](http://bit.ly/ELCA-SOSAssembly!)  
**Click on the Registration tab.**  
**Credit cards accepted online only.**

**Refunds:** Refunds are only available before May 20. Refunds will be processed by the end of June, 2019.