Editorial Policies of the Southern Ohio Synod of the ELCA

The Southern Ohio Synod acts as a representative of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) and Christ Jesus. The material posted on this synod's website or printed and distributed must be a positive reflection of both the ELCA and our Lord, Jesus. The synod assumes the right to refuse to post, print or distribute any news, event or activity, which does not pertain to the goals of the ELCA or this synod.

In general, what will be printed or posted to the synod website as a news story or calendar item:

- ELCA events, activities, news
- Synod sponsored events, activities, news
- Synod committee/task force sponsored events, activities, news
- Southern Ohio Synod conference or cluster sponsored events, activities, news
- ELCA-affiliated agency events, activities, news
- Synod affiliate/partner events, activities, news
- ELCA-affiliated college, university or seminary events, activities, news
- Individual congregation events only if these events directly financially benefit the ELCA, synod, or an ELCA/synod affiliate or partner

Please send all requests for posting, printing and/or promoting events/information to Rev. Rebecca Grate at SOSCommunications@southernohiosynod.org. Hard copy requests are also accepted.

Policy regarding email or U.S. Mail addresses

The Southern Ohio Synod does not share lists of email addresses for our congregations, rostered ministers or other contacts with any outside entity, except as directed by a court of law.

This synod does not share lists of U.S. Mail addresses for our congregations, rostered ministers or other contacts with outside entities. Exceptions to this rule are the once a year mailings sent by our partner Lutheran universities--Capital University and Wittenberg University.

Mailing lists may be requested by Southern Ohio Synod committees, task forces or congregations, for synod-sponsored events only. All requests for mailing labels must be made in writing, either hard copy or email, and include the name of the requesting group, contact name, contact phone number, contact email address, and purpose of the mailing. Only those requests that are in compliance with the printing, posting and promoting events policies of this synod will be granted. Mailing labels must be used only one time per request and must be used solely for the purpose stated in the request.