



# Greater Milwaukee Synod Assembly

## May 20 & 21, 2022

### Italian Community Center

631 E Chicago St., Milwaukee

A Snapshot of Information for Registered Members of Synod Assembly 2022  
for full information visit: <https://milwaukeesynod.org/event/2022-synod-assembly/>

## Schedule

The full agenda will be adopted by the assembly

### Wednesday, May 18, 2022

- 6:30 pm - New voting member orientation (Zoom)
- 7:30 pm - Budget hearing (Zoom)

### Friday, May 20, 2022

- 2:00 pm - Registration Check-in Opens
- 3:30 pm - Voting Log-in Opens
- 4:00 pm - Voting Member Orientation
- 5:00 pm - Voting log-in closes for Friday Voting
- 5:00 pm - Plenary 1 - First Ballot for Bishop
- 6:00 pm - Dinner and Keynote
- 7:15 pm - Worship
- 8:30 pm - Plenary 2 - Announce Results of the First Ballot for Bishop
- 8:45 pm - Fellowship & Dessert Reception

### Saturday, May 21, 2022

- 7:00 am - Registration Check-in Opens
- 7:30 am - Voting Log-in Opens\*
- 8:00 am - Continental Breakfast
- 8:30 am - Plenary 3
- 12:00 pm - Lunch
- 1:00 pm - Plenary 4
- 4:00 pm - Closing of the Synod Assembly

\*On Saturday, you will need to log in to the voting app again beginning at 7:30 am and no later than 8:30 am. Voting log-in will close to allow a credentials report and reopen after ballots are cast in each election.

## Preparing for Synod Assembly

Add [gmsoffice@milwaukeesynod.org](mailto:gmsoffice@milwaukeesynod.org) to your email contacts to help ensure that you receive confirmations and important detailed emails prior to Synod Assembly. Sometimes our emails end up in spam folders and adding this address will help.

**Materials and information will be shared directly with voting members at the email address you provided during registration.** If there are any changes to the email address you provided, you must contact us immediately to update our records and ensure the ability to vote.

**Synod Assembly work includes being informed about the resolutions, budget, constitutional amendments, and elected positions that will be presented.** In addition, we will be electing a bishop during this assembly. We strongly encourage you to take the time to read through the information on our website under "Synod Assembly Resources" and to read the information that is emailed to you to be prepared for discussion and voting during assembly.

**"Log-in" means** to log in to the voting portal through your smartphone, tablet or laptop.

**"Check-in" means** to physically stop at the registration area tables at the ICC.

**Biographies and videos of pre-identified names for bishop will be removed from our website at midnight on May 15, 2022.** Please be sure to set aside time to review this information prior to midnight on May 15th. You may review the videos here: <https://tinyurl.com/bishop-election>

## Procedures During Assembly

**All voting, whether you are in person at the Italian Community Center (ICC) or online, will take place with a smartphone, tablet, or laptop.** We do not recommend sharing a device. Each voting member should have their own device.

**A limited number of Chromebooks will be available for loan at the ICC.** These must stay on-site and cannot be taken home with you. You will need to return the device at the end of each day. Please give yourself an extra 30-45 minutes to register and receive your Chromebook. We encourage you to note your need for one of these devices in advance of the start of Synod Assembly. You may do this during the registration process or by calling 414-671-1212.

**Log-in to the Synod Assembly voting portal no later than 5:00 pm on Friday, May 20.** You may log in beginning at 3:30 pm, and there will be an important orientation session for all voting members beginning at 4:00 pm. This will be an opportunity to learn about the voting platform and to test your technology. You will log into the voting portal with your voting credentials and you may be in person at the Italian Community Center or online.

**Voting credentials will be emailed to registered voting members no later than noon on Wednesday, May 18.** If you don't receive your voting credentials in your email, please contact us immediately at 414-671-1212.

**The deadline for nominations for open positions from the floor** (excluding the bishop election) is 9:00 am on Saturday, May 21. Nomination forms received after this deadline will not be considered. The nomination form is available here: <https://milwaukeeesynd.org/nominations/>

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We strive to provide as much information as possible on our event website. Please visit:

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to learn more or call us at 414-671-1212 with questions.

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## Electing a Bishop

The Bishop Election Committee and ELCA Treasurer, Lori Fedyk, will oversee the bishop election process.

**The first ballot** for bishop is an ecclesiastical ballot. The ecclesiastical ballot is an open ballot on which voting members will write the name of an ELCA pastor to be nominated for the bishop election. Pre-identified persons must also be nominated on this ballot in order to participate in the election process. 75% of legal votes cast shall be necessary for election on the first ballot.

**The second ballot** will include all nominees from the ecclesiastical ballot that do not withdraw their names from the process by the deadline. If there is no election, the top seven nominees (plus ties) will proceed to the third ballot. 75% of legal votes cast shall be necessary for election on the second ballot.

**The third ballot** will be preceded by a five minute address from each of the seven nominees. If there is no election, the top three nominees (plus ties) will proceed to the fourth ballot. Two-thirds of legal votes cast shall be necessary for election on the third ballot.

**The fourth ballot** will be preceded by a fourteen minute question and answer period for each of the three nominees. If there is no election, the top two nominees (plus ties) will proceed to the fifth and final ballot. 60% of legal votes cast shall be necessary for election on the fourth ballot.

**The fifth ballot** will closely follow the fourth ballot. There is no speaking time before the fifth ballot for the nominees. The majority of legal votes cast shall be necessary for election on the fifth ballot.

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### Ballots are scheduled as follows:

- Ballot 1 - Plenary 1, Friday, May 20, at 5pm
  - Ballots 2 and 3 - Plenary 3, Saturday, May 21, beginning at 8:30 am
  - Ballots 4 and 5 - Plenary 4, Saturday, May 21, beginning at 1:00 pm.
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