

## **Synod Gatherings & Assembly**

**June 11-12, 2021**

**John S. Knight Center, Akron and Zoom**

**Centered on Christ**

**Empowered by the Spirit + We Move Outward in Love**

### **CALL AND NOTICE OF SYNOD ASSEMBLY**

In accordance with Section S7.13.01 of the Northeastern Ohio Synod constitution, I hereby call and give notice of the synod assembly which will commence on the twelfth day of June, 2021 and will be held at the John S. Knight Center, Akron, Ohio, in conjunction with an education day which will commence on the eleventh day of June, 2021.

*Matthew Beery, Secretary*

**This year's Assembly consists of two different parts followed by an installation service, offered both online and in person:**

#### **DAY 1 - Friday, June 11, 2021**

##### **Educational Seminars - 8:30 am - 5:00 pm**

Everyone in the synod is invited to participate on this day. It is **a day of seminars on a variety of topics** from spirituality in retirement to engendering a spirit of abundance. Each seminar is taught by a credentialed, knowledgeable person and will be offered in half or full day options. The cost for this day is \$100 per person. If assembly voting members attend *both* the seminars and the Assembly on Saturday, June 12, the cost is only \$150 per person (25% discount). There is a congregational cap on costs based on the size of your rostered staff. Please see the chart, below. Registration information will be available after April 15, 2021.

[\[Course List of Educational Seminars\]](#)

#### **DAY 2 - Saturday, June 12, 2021**

##### **Synod Assembly Business Session - 8:00 am - 12:30 pm**

This is our **business meeting for our rostered ministers and voting members** and will be offered as a hybrid meeting with both in-person and remote options. Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton will be present as our Churchwide representative. Our keynote speaker for the morning will be Rev. Dr. Jack Fortin, author of *The Center Life*, who will speak on our theme. The cost for this day is \$100 per person. If your voting members attend *both* the Educational Seminars on Friday, June 11 and the assembly, the cost is only \$150 per person (25% discount). There is a congregational cap on costs based on the size of your rostered staff. Please see the chart, below. Registration information will be available after April 15, 2021.

**DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF RESOLUTIONS IS April 30, 2021**

Resolutions to be considered by the assembly are to be submitted in writing to the synod office by April 30, 2021 for consideration by the Committee on Reference and Counsel. Resolutions submitted after the deadline must be of an urgent nature which could not be submitted prior to the deadline because of changing circumstances in the church or the world.

### **Bishop Installation - beginning at 2:00 pm**

Festival worship to install the Rev. Dr. Laura Barbins as our 5<sup>th</sup> bishop of the Northeastern Ohio Synod, ELCA. This worship is open to all in our synod. Seating is limited and voting members at the assembly have first preference for in person seating. Registration and reservation information will be available after April 15, 2021. This event has no charge and will be livestreamed on the synod's YouTube channel [youtube.com/NEOSynod](https://www.youtube.com/NEOSynod).

### **NOTICE OF VOTING MEMBERSHIP FOR SYNOD ASSEMBLY BUSINESS SESSION**

#### **Voting Members**

Ministers of Word and Sacrament (Clergy) on the roster of the Northeastern Ohio Synod and ordained ministers from a church body with which a relationship of full communion exists and who are under service in a congregation of this synod in accordance with S7.27.A13

Ministers of Word and Service (Deacons) on the roster of the Northeastern Ohio Synod

Synod officers and voting members of synod council

**Two lay voting members** from each congregation, congregation under development, or synod authorized worshipping community

**One additional lay voting member, for** a maximum total of three lay voting members, from each congregation, congregation under development, or synod authorized worshipping community *provided that such one additional member qualifies as a youth (under age 18), young adult (age 18-30), person of color, LGBTQIA+, or person whose primary language is other than English.*

#### **ONLINE REGISTRATION / RESERVATIONS**

Registration / Reservation information will be available after April 15, 2021 on the synod's website [www.neos-elca.org](http://www.neos-elca.org), and social media sites. Because of the hybrid option of both in-person and remote attendance, once again this year **having accurate separate email addresses for each attendee is crucial**. When registering for Friday's educational seminars you will need to choose your seminars during registration. A [list of available seminars](#) is included with this Call and Notice and also available on the synod's website [www.neos-elca.org](http://www.neos-elca.org) and social media sites.

**Registration will close May 30, 2021.**

Reservations for attending the installation service in-person will remain open while seats are available but **no later than June, 6, 2021.**

Individual cost will be \$100 for attending one of the two day or \$150 for both days

**Chart of Congregational Costs:** *based on attending both days*

<b>Rostered Staff Size*</b>	<b>Lay Attendees**</b>	<b>Registration Fee Cap</b>
1	5+	\$700
2	5+	\$850
3	5+	\$1000

*\*The Rostered Leader(s) must be a paid congregational staff member, not simply a retired rostered minister who in a member of the congregation.*

*\*\* Lay Attendees may consist of 2 - Lay Voting Members; 1 - either 3<sup>rd</sup> Lay Voting Member or Participant; 1 or more - Lay Participants.*