

“God’s Work. Our Hands”: South Dakota Lutherans to Gather at Synod Assembly

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SIOUX FALLS, S.D.—Nearly 1,000 Lutherans from across South Dakota will gather for the 22nd annual assembly of the South Dakota Synod, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). The assembly will be held at the Augustana College Elmen Center, Sioux Falls, from Friday, May 29, through Saturday, May 30.

The theme for this year’s assembly is “God’s Work. Our Hands.” The Rev. David B. Zellmer, Bishop of the South Dakota Synod, will preach at Opening Worship, which marks the official start of the assembly. The Rev. Victoria Cortez, Bishop of the Iglesia Luterana Fe y Esperanza de Nicaragua (Nicaraguan Lutheran Church of Faith and Hope) will proclaim the Gospel. Keynote speaker for the event will be David D. Swartling, Secretary of the ELCA.

Attending from this area are Pastor
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representing

Church,

Bishop Zellmer will preside over business sessions, which will include action on resolutions and the consideration of a 2009 Mission Plan (budget) in excess of \$2 million.

Voting members and visitors will enjoy several “break-out sessions,” a banquet honoring leaders of this synod’s congregations, a Prayer Labyrinth available throughout the weekend, a Mission Prayer Breakfast, and more.

The South Dakota Synod, ELCA, numbers 122,925 baptized members in 253 congregations.

Membership in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America is 4,709,956.

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