

**SOUTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA SYNOD
PROPOSED PROGRAM FOR THE
THIRTY-FIRST ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ASSEMBLY**

MAY 4-5, 2018

Come, Holy Spirit.

FRANCONIA MENNONITE CHURCH
613 HARLEYSVILLE PIKE
TELFORD, PENNSYLVANIA 18969

FRIDAY, MAY 4, 2018

- 8:30 a.m. Registration
Refreshments in Upper Fellowship Hall
- 8:45 a.m. Orientation (optional) to Assembly Proceedings
The Rev. Dr. Larry V. Smoose, Parliamentarian
- 9:30 a.m. Service of Holy Communion
The Rev. Wm. Chris Boerger, Preacher
ELCA Secretary
Commemoration of the Faithful Departed
Installation of Rostered Ministers called to Specialized Ministries
Order for the Opening of Assembly
- 10:50 a.m. Welcome and Introductions
- 11:05 a.m. Report of the Registrar – Ms. Cynta Outterbridge
- 11:10 a.m. Report of the Secretary – The Rev. Karl Richard
Presentation of the Program
Rules of Procedure
Reception of Reports
Announcement from Registrar – Ms. Cynta Outterbridge
- 11:25 a.m. Address by The Rev. Claire S. Burkat, Bishop
- 11:50 a.m. Procedures of the Committee for the Election of a Bishop
The Rev. Wm. Chris Boerger, ELCA Secretary
Ms. Christine Simpson, Chairperson
- 12:05 p.m. Prayer – Tracey A. Beasley, Vice President
First Ballot for Bishop
- 12:10 p.m. Report of the Nominating Committee
The Rev. Christopher McKinstry, Chairperson

- 12:25 p.m. Greetings and Prayer
The Rev. Dr. Donald P. Kreiss, Bishop
Southeast Michigan Synod
Chair, ELCA Lutheran Episcopal Coordinating Committee
- 12:30 p.m. Lunch and Mission Center
- 1:50 p.m. Report of the Committee for the Election of a Bishop
Ms. Christine Simpson, Chairperson
- 2:10 p.m. Balloting for General Elections
The Rev. Rebecca Schanely, Chairperson
- 2:30 pm Report of the Treasurer – Ms. Janet Huber Neff
Report of the Finance Committee – Mr. Albert Glenn, Chairperson
- 3:05 p.m. First Report of Reference and Counsel
Dr. Addie Butler, Chairperson
Announcement from Registrar – Ms. Cynta Outterbridge
- 3:25 p.m. Portico Benefit Services – Ms. Barb Debski, Regional Representative
- 3:30 p.m. Report of the Committee for the Election of a Bishop
Ms. Christine Simpson, Chairperson
- 3:55 p.m. Prayer – Mr. Emanuel Alves, Discernment Team
Second Ballot for Bishop
- 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Forums Mission Center Dinner
- 7:00 p.m. Prayer
- 7:05 p.m. Report of the Committee on General Elections and Balloting
The Rev. Rebecca Schanely, Chairperson
- 7:20 p.m. Recognition of Anniversary Celebrants
- 7:45 p.m. Introduction of Candidates
Deacon Allison Wilcox, Director of Candidacy
The Rev. Sarah Stobie, Chairperson
- 8:15 p.m. Report of the Committee for the Election of a Bishop
Top 7 Candidates
Ms. Christine Simpson, Chairperson
Evening Prayer
Adjournment of Friday Session

SATURDAY, MAY 5, 2018

- 8:00 a.m. Refreshments in Upper Fellowship Hall
- 8:30 a.m. Worship
- 9:00 a.m. Distribution of Top 7 Candidates Biographical Information and Digital Pictures Shared Forum with Nominees for Bishop (**5 minutes each to present**)
- 9:30 a.m. Announcement from Registrar – Ms. Cynta Outterbridge
- 10:00 a.m. Prayer – Ms. Karen Strobel, Discernment Team
Third Ballot for Bishop
- 10:15 a.m. Report of the Committee on General Elections and Balloting
The Rev. Rebecca Schanely, Chairperson
- 10:35 a.m. Report of the Vice President of the SEPA Synod – Ms. Tracey A. Beasley
- 11:05 a.m. Second Report of the Committee on Reference and Counsel
Dr. Addie Butler, Chairperson
- 11:25 a.m. United Lutheran Seminary
- 11:35 am Report of the Committee of the Election of a Bishop
Ms. Christine Simpson, Chairperson
- 11:45 a.m. Prayer and Lunch
- 1:00 p.m. Prayer
- 1:05 p.m. Forum with Top 3 Candidates for Bishop (**90 seconds to answer each question**)
- 1:20 p.m. Announcement from Registrar – Ms. Cynta Outterbridge
- 1:50 p.m. Prayer – The Rev. Daniel Spigelmyer, Discernment Team
Fourth Ballot for Bishop
- 2:00 p.m. 50th Anniversary Celebrants
- 2:20 p.m. ELCA Churchwide Representative
The Rev. Wm Chris Boerger, ELCA Secretary
- Announcement from Registrar – Ms. Cynta Outterbridge
- 2:50 p.m. Report of the Committee for the Election of a Bishop
Ms. Christine Simpson, Chairperson

- 3:00 p.m. Forward Together in Faith
- 3:15 p.m. Forum with Top 2 Candidates **(5 minutes each to present)**
Prayer – The Rev. Fritz Fowler, Discernment Team
Fifth Ballot for Bishop
- 3:35 p.m. Report of the Committee on General Elections and Balloting
The Rev. Rebecca Schanely, Chairperson
- 3:45 p.m. Third Report of the Committee on Reference and Counsel
Dr. Addie Butler, Chairperson
- 4:25 p.m. Unfinished Business
Recognition of Outgoing Synod Council Members
Installation of Synod Council Members
- 4:45 p.m. Report of the Election of a Bishop
Ms. Christine Simpson, Chairperson
- 4:55 p.m. Report of the Registrar – Ms. Cynta Outterbridge
Sending of Churchwide Assembly Representatives
Order for Closing