

# THE ASSEMBLY: “Dios está aquí. God is Here.”

Through sharing the Good News of God’s presence, we will worship God, learn together and pray for the future of our ministries.

## What to Bring

- Internet capable mobile device (smart phone or tablet) is required for voting
- Mobile device, computer etc for accessing documents, websites
- Water bottle
- Bible & journal
- Comfortable clothing for warm weather and walking shoes

## Parking

- Parking is \$8/day upon arrival at the Embassy Suites for both visitors and registered guests at the hotel

## Scripture Readings

### Opening Bible Study & Worship

- Exodus 3:1–15 (Guiding story for the Assembly)
- Matthew 18:19-20
- Psalm 139:1-18

### Friday Morning Prayer (Campus Ministry)

- 1 Kings 19:9b–14

### Saturday Morning Prayer (Pastor Kate Davidson, outdoors with hot air balloon)

- Psalm 104:1-4
- John 3:5–8

## Transportation

Transportation is available to worship Thursday night and the ABQ Adventures on Friday night.

## ASSEMBLY SCHEDULE

Thursday, May 22

| Time       | Event   |
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| 11:00 a.m. | Exhibit set up begins   |
| 12:00 p.m. | <b>Registration Opens—Embassy Suites, Convention Center Entrance</b>  |
|            | Voter Help Desk Open  |
| 2:00 p.m.  | <b>Assembly is Convened in the Assembly Hall (Sandia Ballroom)</b>  |
|            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Opening of Assembly</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Land Acknowledgement</li> <li>○ Bishop's Opening Reflections</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Opening Business</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Credentials Report, Rules of Procedure, and Program</li> <li>○ Reference and Counsel – Memorials &amp; Resolutions</li> <li>○ Introductions</li> <li>○ Nominations for Committees</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b><a href="#">Dave Jarvis (Executive Director of Rainbow Trail Lutheran Camp)</a> Retirement Blessing</b></li> <li>• Synod Council Officer Reports</li> </ul> |
| 4:15 p.m.  | <b>Break</b>  |
| 4:30 p.m.  | <b>Workshop 1</b><br><i>*See Workshop Descriptions or <a href="#">HERE</a></i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Multicultural Ministries and Communities: Reflecting <i>the Richness and Unity of the Body of Christ</i> (<b>Sierra I</b>)</li> <li>• Synod Budget Overview (<b>Sierra II</b>)</li> <li>• Equipping Lay Leaders <b>for</b> Ministry, with, without, or alongside a rostered leader (<b>Sierra III</b>)</li> <li>• At a Crossroads (<b>Ocotillo II</b>)</li> </ul>   |
| 5:30 p.m.  | Hotel Cocktail hour (One complimentary drink card per hotel guest, valid for two drinks daily)  |
| 5:45 p.m.  | Dinner ( <b>Sandia Ballroom</b> )   |
| 7:30 p.m.  | <b>Opening Worship at <a href="#">St. Paul's Lutheran Church</a></b> (offsite)  |

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|  | 1100 Indian School Rd NE, Albuquerque, NM 87102 ( <i>limited transportation available, carpooling is encouraged</i> ) |
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## Friday, May 23

| Time           | Event   |
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| 6:00–9:00 a.m. | Breakfast (complimentary to hotel guests in atrium)   |
| 8:30 a.m.      | Morning Prayer - Campus Ministry ( <b>Sandia Ballroom</b> )   |
| 8:50 a.m.      | <b>Plenary 2</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bishop's Report &amp; Vice President's Report</li> <li>• Resolutions &amp; Memorials</li> <li>• Voting</li> <li>• Holy Stories featuring Emmy Baylis (Youth Synod Council Rep/Churchwide Rep), Pastor Rhonda Newby–Torres and Luis De Vargas (NM Campus Ministry, Luther House)</li> </ul>  |
| 11:00 a.m.     | Break (Sponsored by <a href="#">Clergy Financial Resources</a> )  |
| 11:15 a.m.     | <b>Workshop 2</b><br><i>*See Workshop Descriptions or <a href="#">HERE</a></i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Commission for Renewing the Lutheran Church (<b>Sierra I</b>)</li> <li>• 2025–2026 Synod Budget Overview (<b>Sierra II</b>)</li> <li>• Congregational Ministry Team (<b>Sierra III</b>)</li> <li>• Pastoral Leadership Transitions (<b>Ocotillo II</b>)</li> </ul>  |
| 12:00 p.m.     | <b>Lunch</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Interest Lunches</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Madagascar Companion Synod Update (<b>Sierra I</b>)</li> <li>○ <a href="#">World Hunger Network</a> (<b>Sierra II</b>)</li> <li>○ <a href="#">Rocky Mountain Synod Women's Organization (RMSWO)</a> (<b>Sierra III</b>)</li> <li>○ <a href="#">Veteran Servant Corps Project</a> (<b>Ocotillo II</b>)</li> <li>○ Lutheran Center Property Discussion (<b>Sandia Ballroom</b>)</li> </ul> </li> </ul> |
| 1:30 p.m.      | <b>Plenary 3</b> ( <b>Sandia Ballroom</b> ) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Announcements</li> <li>• Election Report/Follow–up Election</li> <li>• Consideration of Budget, Questions, and then Budget Vote</li> </ul>   |
| 2:30 p.m.      | <a href="#">My Father's House</a> , a documentary that tells the story of how a community center that celebrates diversity came to be.<br><br><i>Pastor Marcel Narucki, Co-Founder &amp; Director of Multi-Faith &amp; Community Affairs and <a href="#">Village Exchange Center</a></i>  |
| 3:30 p.m.      | Break   |
| 3:45 p.m.      | RMS Mission and Vision (Bp Meghan) ( <b>Sandia Ballroom</b> )   |
| 4:45 p.m.      | Churchwide report with Mary Campbell, Program Director <a href="#">AMMPARO</a>  |
| 5:30 p.m.      | Hotel Cocktail hour ( <i>One complimentary drink card per hotel guest, valid for two drinks daily</i> )   |

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| 5:45 p.m. | <p>Dinner (<b>Sandia Ballroom</b>)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ruth Hoffman, Council VP Farewell and thank you for Ruth's years of service in the Synod.</li> <li>Rostered Leader Anniversary Celebration</li> <li>A word from <a href="#">Lutheran Family Services Rocky Mountains</a> (LFSRM) President &amp; CEO, James Horan</li> </ul>  |
| 7:00 p.m. | <p><b>Choose Your ABQ Adventure (off-site)</b><br/><i>(Transportation available)</i></p> <p><i>*Sign-up <a href="#">HERE</a></i><br/><i>*Each activity has a capacity limit, so early selection is encouraged to help hosts plan.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Beer &amp; Hymns (<a href="#">St. Luke Lutheran Church</a>)</li> <li>Sip &amp; Paint (<a href="#">All Saints Lutheran Church</a>)</li> <li>Labyrinth Presentation &amp; Experience (<a href="#">St. Paul's Lutheran Church</a>)</li> <li>Campus Ministry—Open house at the <a href="#">Luther House</a></li> <li><a href="#">Evening Bosque Stroll</a></li> <li><a href="#">Explore Albuquerque</a> (on your own)</li> </ul> |

Saturday, May 24

| Time            | Event  |
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| 7:00–10:30 a.m. | Breakfast (complimentary to hotel guests in atrium)  |
| 7:00 a.m.       | Morning Prayer (Outside hotel), led by Pastor Kate Davidson of <a href="#">Lord of the Mountains</a> in Dillon, CO.  |
| 9:30 a.m.       | <p><b>Plenary 4 (Sandia Ballroom)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Extended Voting time, if needed.</li> <li>God is here! Guided takeaways What three areas will you focus on for congregational health, leadership, and outreach? How can Synod assist in these efforts?</li> </ul> |
| 11:00 a.m.      | Closing Worship & Sending  |

# ASSEMBLY DETAILS

## Chaplaincy

- Pastor Barbara Berry Bailey is the Assembly's Chaplain.
- **Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Table Talks** over mealtimes with Pastor BBB can be scheduled at the Registration desk.
- The Chapel is located in the Pinon Room for quiet time, contemplation and prayer.

## Offerings



- Assembly Offerings will benefit Betela Seminary, Campus Ministry and Camping Ministries
- Cash, check, and **online donations** are all welcome—Thank you for your generosity!
- Checks should be made payable to “Rocky Mountain Synod” Scan the QR, select “Synod Assembly Offering” from the Tithely menu and enter your information.
- Never scanned a QR code? Aim your phone camera at the code and tap on the link that appears on your screen.