

In the name of Christ, greetings to the congregations and members of the Northwestern Ohio Synod, ELCA!

We will be gathering in Bowling Green, OH for our Synod Assembly on June 3-4, 2022. During this Assembly we will be involved in business, worship, and discussion (for more information go to the Synod Website.) We also will be electing a Bishop for the next 6 years.

Our Task Force will be leading the process in this election. There are a few things we would like you to know at this point:

- The first ballot will be a blank one in which the Voting Members write in their selection of a member of the Word and Sacrament Roster of the ELCA to serve as Bishop. All members on this Roster are eligible to run on this ballot.
- There are members on this Roster who might be discerning the call to serve in the Office of the Bishop, and others who are being encouraged to such discernment. This Task Force has decided to not develop a pre-election process this year, since that process works well when the Synod has a Bishop who is retiring, and a new Bishop is to be called. At this Assembly members of the Roster may either be nominated by Voting Members or nominate themselves on the first Ballot. As you may know, Bishop Daniel is open to being called again as Bishop.
- Only Voting Members at this Assembly will be able to participate in the Nomination and Election process.

If you have any questions, please contact one of us on the Task Force.

We also ask that you keep this Assembly, this process, and our Bishop in your prayers as we trust in the Holy Spirit's work.

Blessings, as together we journey to the cross and empty tomb!

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