

UPPER SUSQUEHANNA SYNOD
EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA
THIRTIETH ANNUAL ASSEMBLY
June 16-17, 2017

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ASSEMBLY PERSONNEL
 Thirtieth Annual Assembly
 June 16-17, 2017
 Upper Susquehanna Synod
 Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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Parliamentarian	Atty. Benjamin Landon
Registrar	Ms. Clarice Pellman
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 The Rev. Karl Runser
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 The Rev. Sarah Hershberger
 The Rev. Chad Hebrink
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 Ms. Ruth Doran
 Bishop Collins

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of the Upper Susquehanna Synod,
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

WEBER CHAPEL

Susquehanna University, Selinsgrove, PA
June 16 and 17, 2017

“Together in Mission: Relating and Reforming”

ELCA Churchwide Representative – Ms. Sunitha Mortha
Special Guests – The ELCA Glocal Mission Team

Thursday Evening, June 15

6:00 – 9:00 pm *Registration for dorms, only.*

Friday, June 16

7:00 – 8:30 am Registration and Refreshments
Displays in Degenstein Campus Center (8:00 am)
Along the Way Bookstore in Degenstein Campus Center

8:30 – 9:25 am Opening of the Assembly
Worship led by the Glocal Mission Team Musicians

Plenary I

9:30 – 10:15 am Greetings by Bishop
Introductions of Guests
Greetings by SU Representative, Chaplain Scott Kershner
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First Ballot

10:15 – 10:30 am Break

Plenary II

10:30 – 11:30 am Gathering Song led by the Glocal Mission Team Musicians
Plenary: Mission & Accompaniment, Glocal Team

11:30 – 11:40 am **Move to Workshops/Lunch**

- 11:40 – 12:40 **Glocal Mission Team Workshops**
Middle Creek, North Branch, and Tulpehocken Conferences
- Lunch**
Buffalo Valley, Juniata Valley, and West Branch Conferences
- 12:40 – 12:50 pm **Move to Workshops/Lunch**
- 12:50 – 1:50 pm **Local Teams Workshops**
Buffalo Valley, Juniata Valley, and West Branch Conferences
- Lunch**
Middle Creek, North Branch, and Tulpehocken Conferences
- 1:50 – 2:00 pm **Move to Breakout Session Rooms**
- 2:00 – 3:00 pm **Breakout Sessions for Committee Reports** (w/ time for Q&A)
Buffalo Valley and Tulpehocken Conferences Faylor Hall
Juniata Valley and Middle Creek Conferences Degenstein Theater
North Branch and West Branch Conferences Stretansky Hall
- The assembly will be divided into three groups, in three locations, to hear reports and to have the opportunity to ask questions of the presenters. Reports will be from the: Campus Ministry Team, G.R.O.W. Team, Mt. Luther Staff, ELCA National Youth Gathering Coordinator, Mission Team, and Constitution Committee.*
- 3:00 – 3:15 pm **Move to Weber Chapel**
- Plenary III**
- 3:15 – 5:00 pm Gathering Song led by the Glocal Mission Team Musicians
Recognition of Rostered Leaders' Anniversaries
Report of the Seminaries/Alumni Award, Rev. Glenn Ludwig
Report of Elections / [Second Ballot if needed]
Report of the Asst. to the Bishop/Dir. for Evangelical Mission,
Rev. Craig A. Miller – Page 250
Installation of Deans
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Installation of Camp Mt. Luther Staff

5:00 – 5:30 pm

Move to Degenstein Dining Hall

5:30 – 7:30 pm

Dinner and Recognition of Anniversary Congregations
 Story of Song and Evening Prayer led by the Glocal Musicians

Saturday, June 17

7:00 – 8:30 am

Registration

Plenary IV

8:30 – 8:45 am

Gathering Song led by the Glocal Mission Team Musicians

8:45 – 10:15 am

Report of the Registrar, Ms. Clarice Pellman
 [Report of Elections if needed]
 Report of Reference and Counsel, Rev. Rick White
 Report of the ELCA Churchwide Rep., Ms. Sunitha Mortha
 Report of Outgoing Synod Vice President, Dr. Karla Bohmbach
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 Recognition of Authorized Lay Leaders
 Catechists, Evangelists, and Worship Leaders
 Report of the Bishop (Part II)

10:15 – 10:30 am

Break

Plenary V

10:30 – 11:30 am

Gathering Song led by the Glocal Mission Team Musicians
 Plenary: Connecting our Current Context to the Reformation, Glocal Team

11:30 – 11:40 am

Move to Workshops/Lunch

11:40 – 12:40

Glocal Mission Team Workshops
 Buffalo Valley, Juniata Valley, and West Branch Conferences
Lunch
 Middle Creek, North Branch, and Tulpehocken Conferences

12:40 – 12:50

Move to Workshops/Lunch

12:50 – 1:50

Local Teams Workshops
 Middle Creek, North Branch, and Tulpehocken Conferences
Lunch
 Buffalo Valley, Juniata Valley, and West Branch Conferences
 Set-up for worship w/choir rehearsal

1:50 – 2:00 pm

Move to Weber Chapel

2:00 – 3:15 pm

Closing Worship Celebration with Holy Communion
 Closing of Assembly

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of

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TASK FORCES, AND NETWORKS**

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June 2017

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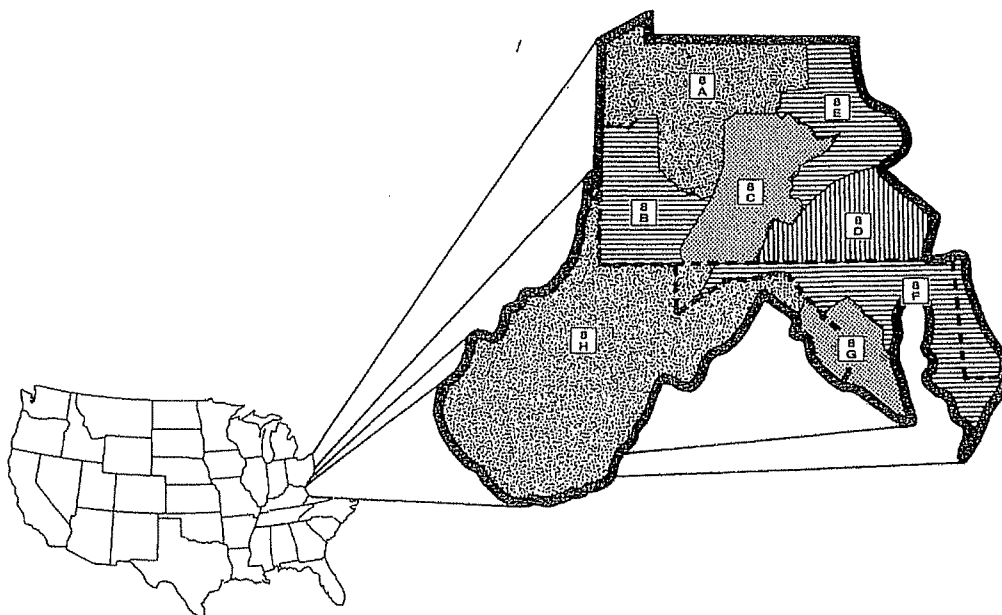
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Synod 8.D—Lower Susquehanna. The counties of Adams, Cumberland, Dauphin, Franklin, Fulton, Lancaster, Lebanon, Perry, York in the state of PENNSYLVANIA.

Synod 8.E—Upper Susquehanna. The counties of Clinton, Columbia, Juniata, Lycoming, Mifflin, Montour, Northumberland, Snyder, Tioga, Union in the state of PENNSYLVANIA.

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Synod 8.G—Metropolitan Washington, D.C. The District of Columbia; the counties of Calvert, Charles, Montgomery, Prince Georges, St. Mary's in the state of MARYLAND; the counties of Arlington, Fairfax, Loudoun, Prince William, and the independent cities within the territory of these counties in the state of VIRGINIA; BERMUDA.

Synod 8.H—West Virginia-Western Maryland. The county of Garrett in the state of MARYLAND; the state of WEST VIRGINIA.

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Mr. Sam Leister, 2019
Ms. Charlene Rineer -2018
Ms. Eileen Stauffer – 2017
The Rev. Andrew Weaver - 2018
Ms. Nancy Wood – 2017
Mr. Terry Gardner, Synod Council Rep.

V. ELECTED BY THE SYNOD
 ("F" indicates first term; "X" indicates ineligible for re-election)
SYNOD COUNCIL
UPPER SUSQUEHANNA SYNOD
EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA
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 The Rev. Theodore Cockley (2019)

Vacant (2019)
 The Rev. Paul Kampa (2019)
 Ms. Sylvia Everitt (2021)
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 Ms. Jo Ellen Freida (2021)
Vacant (2021)

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 The Rev. Lisa Schuster (2019)
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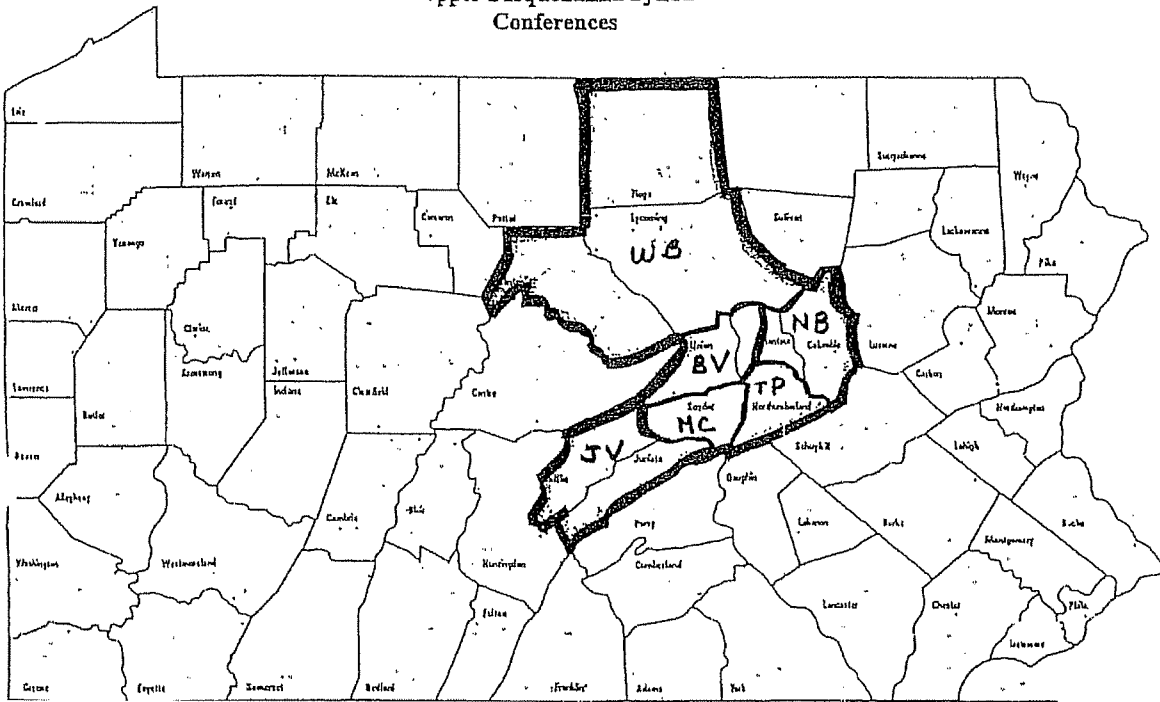
VI. ELECTED BY THE CONFERENCES

Conference Officers

(Terms are pending approval of by-law change)

Conference:	Dean:	Secretary:	
Buffalo Valley	The Rev. William Henderson 2018	The Rev. James Fladland	2019
Juniata Valley	The Rev. James Park Bricker 2019	The Rev. Carla Volland	2018
Middle Creek	The Rev. Robert Doll 2018	The Rev. Lisa Barnes	2019
North Branch	The Rev. John Koons 2018	The Rev. David Kingsborough	2019
Tulpehocken	The Rev. Andrew Weaver 2019	The Rev. MarthaSue Moll	2018
West Branch	The Rev. Theodore Cockley 2019	The Rev. Viking Dietrich	2018

Upper Susquehanna Synod
Conferences



Key:

- BV - Buffalo Valley Conference
- JV - Juniata Valley Conference
- MC - Middle Creek Conference
- NB - North Branch Conference
- TP - Tulpehocken Conference
- WB - West Branch Conference

VII. SYNODICAL ENTITIES

2017 USS Committee, Ministry Teams, Networks, Taskforces

Ansbach-Würzburg Kirchenkreis Taskforce

The Rev. Dr. Lois Martin, Chair
 The Rev. Kerry Aucker
 Ms. Barbara Houseknecht
 Mr. Douglas Houseknecht

Bishop's Committee on Worship

Ms. Connie Fladland
 Mr. David Reier
 The Rev. Karl Runser
 Ms. Carol Waltz
 Ms. Jennifer Baker-Trinity
 The Rev. Rick White

Bishop's Task Force on Weekly Eucharist

The Rev. William Henderson
 The Rev. William Jones
 The Rev. Erwin Roux

Campus Ministry Team

Mr. Lynn Johnson, Mansfield University
 Ms. Alicia Anderson, Penn State University
 Ms. Tammey Aichner, Protestant Campus
 Ministry, Penn Tech at Williamsport
 The Rev. Jill Young, Bloomsburg University
 The Rev. Scott Kershner, Susquehanna Univ.
 The Rev. Elizabeth Taylor, Lock Haven Univ.
 Mr. Chad Hershberger, Convenor

Candidacy Committee

Mr. Kenneth Roush, Chair
 The Rev. Theodore Cockley
 Ms. Michelle Mitchell
 The Rev. Ronald Montgomery
 The Rev. Patricia Pittsnogle
 The Rev. Joshua Reinsburrow
 Ms. Pam Rhoads
 The Rev. Dr. Gilson Waldkoenig
 The Rev. Thomas Martin
 The Rev. Paul Baglyos, Region 7 & 8

Carol G. Main Scholarship Fund Steering Committee

Mrs. Carol Bradford, Chair
 Ms. Deborah Bernhisel

Ms. Ruth Koble

The Rev. Mary Peterhaensel
 Ms. Stephanie Lewis
 Ms. Kathy Whitesel

Committee on Discipline

The Rev. John Yost (2017)
 The Rev. Sarah Hershberger (2017)
 Mr. Kenneth Roush (2017)
 Mr. Barry Spangler (2017)
 Ms. Joan Fulkroad (2019)
 Mr. George Groff (2019)
 The Rev. Richard Fangmann (2019)
 The Rev. Lisa Schuster (2019)
 The Rev. Carla Volland (2021)
 Mr. Michael S. Schrey (2021)
 The Rev. Gretchen Johanson (2021)
 Ms. Donna R. Batschelet (2021)

Constitution Committee

The Rev. Gregory Kramer, Chair
 Ms. Carol Waltz
 The Rev. Kris Brown
 The Rev. Craig Miller

Consultation Committee

The Rev. Steve Middernacht (2017)
 Ms. Gwen Hornberger (2017)
 The Rev. Matthew Schuster (2019)
 The Rev. Theodore Cockley (2019)
 Mr. Gary Womelsdorf (2019)
 The Rev. Paul Kampa (2019)
 Ms. Sylvia Everitt (2021)
 The Rev. Trevor J. Hahn (2021)
 Ms. Jo Ellen Freida (2021)
 The Rev. Andrew Weaver (2021)

ELCA World Hunger Task Force

The Rev. Karl Runser, Co-Chair
 The Rev. Theodore Cockley, Co-Chair

Fiscal Management Ministry Team

The Rev. Chad Hebrink, Treasurer
 Ms. Linda Brown
 Mr. Jeff Mitchell

The Rev. Craig Miller
 Ms. Lisa Myhre
 The Rev. Rick White
 Ms. Cami Zimmerman

**GROW Team (Youth & Christian Education
 for Faith Formation; Learn Team)**

Mr. Chad Hershberger
 Ms. Charlene Rineer
 Ms. Dawn Long
 Ms. Robin Kunkel
 Ms. Sherry Bingaman
 Ms. Kathy Wither

Lay Ministry Institute Board

The Rev. Melody Sell, Director of LMI
 Ms. Donna Batschelet, Chairperson
 Ms. Carol Black
 Mr. Harry Deitz
 Mr. Mark Giesen
 The Rev. Gretchen Johanson
 Mr. Lowell Leitzel
 The Rev. MarthaSue Moll
 The Rev. Ron Montgomery

Liberia Task Force

The Rev. Viking Dietrich, Chair
 The Rev. D. Elinor Allison
 Ms. Carol Bradford
 Dr. Robert Bradford
 Ms. Ruth Doran
 Ms. Carol Harrison
 Ms. Shirley Heasley
 Mr. Joseph Kanagy
 Ms. Ruth Koble
 Ms. Sandra Nelson
 The Rev. Mary Peterhaensel
 Mr. John Warfel

Mission Support Table

Mr. Gary Womelsdorf
 The Rev. Craig Miller
 The Rev. Cinda Brucker
 Mr. Mel Stojakovich
 Ms. Lisa Myhre

Mission Table

The Rev. Kerry Aucker
 Dr. Karla Bohmbach
 Ms. Holly Fry
 Mr. Chad Hershberger
 Mr. Chris Minnich
 The Rev. Rick White
 Mr. Gary Womelsdorf
 Ms. Donna Batschelet
 Ms. Cindy Bilger
 The Rev. Robert Doll
 Ms. Sylvia Everitt
 Ms. Diane Force
 Ms. Deb Leidy
 Ms. Robin Steele
 Ms. Linda Weaver
 The Rev. Craig Miller, Director for Evangelical
 Mission

Reconciliation Team

The Rev. James Park Bricker, Chair
 Ms. Cindy Bilger
 The Rev. David Byerly
 Ms. Cinda Crissinger
 The Rev. Richard Fangmann
 Mr. George Jansson
 The Rev. MarthaSue Moll
 Mr. Kenneth Roush
 The Rev. Karl Runser
 Ms. Meghan Weaver

Small Church Mission Team

Ms. Diane Force
 Ms. Deb Leidy
 Ms. Shirley Heasley
 Ms. Donna Batschelet

Transformational Ministry Team

The Rev. Kerry Aucker
 Ms. Cindy Bilger
 The Rev. Robert Doll
 Ms. Holly Fry
 Ms. Sylvia Everitt
 The Rev. Craig Miller
 Ms. Linda Weaver
 Ms. Robin Steele

Note: Bishop Barbara J. Collins is a member of all synodical committees and taskforces.

2017 Synod Assembly Committees

2017 Synod Nominating Committee

The Rev. Erin Bovendam, Chair (JV)

Ms. Linda Weaver (BV)

The Rev. Sarah Hershberger (MC)

The Rev. Chad Hebrink (NB)

Mr. Craig Rhoades (T)

Ms. Ruth Doran (WB)

Bishop Barbara J. Collins

2017 Assembly Planning Committee

Bishop Barbara J. Collins, Chair

Ms. Shirley Heasley

Ms. Brenda Krouse

Ms. Brenda Mull, Susquehanna Univ.

Ms. Clarice Pellman

Ms. Holly Fry

The Rev. Andrew Weaver

The Rev. Janice Moody

Mr. Chad Hershberger

Ms. Jennifer Baker-Trinity

2017 Committee of Reference and Counsel

The Rev. Rick White, Chair

The Rev. Peter Bergstresser

The Rev. Karl Runser

Ms. Mary Lou Byerly, Deacon

2017 Elections Committee

The Rev. John R. Koons, Chair

The Rev. Theodore Cockley

Mr. William Borys

Ms. La'Na Brown

Mr. Chris Ruff

Mr. Scott Frost

Mr. Ken Roush

Mr. John Litterer

Ms. Marylou Wagner

Mr. Larry Herrold

Ms. Melanie Taormina

VIII. BOARDS OF DIRECTORS ELECTED BY SYNOD COUNCIL

Diakon Lutheran Social Ministries

The Rev. Chad Hebrink

The Rev. Dr. A. Donald Main

Diakon Child, Family & Community Ministries

Ms. Joyce S. Hershberger

Diakon Lutheran Fund

Mr. Ronald P. Dreese

Mr. Harold D. Hershberger, Jr.

Lutheran Advocacy Ministry in Pennsylvania

Bishop Barbara J. Collins

Mr. Terry Brown (2018)
The Rev. David Byerly (2017)

Pennsylvania Council of Churches

Bishop Barbara J. Collins

**The Lutheran Council for Campus Ministry
at Pennsylvania State University**

Mr. Eric Shearer

Region 8 Regional Council

Ms. Lucinda Bringman, Region 8 Steering Committee Chair

IX. OTHER SYNODWIDE UNITS

**Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
Upper Susquehanna Synodical Women's Organization**

Purpose: As a community of women created in the image of God, called to discipleship in Jesus Christ, and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we commit ourselves to grow in faith, affirm our gifts, support one another in our callings, engage in ministry and action, and promote healing and wholeness in the church, the society, and the world.

Ms. Jean Crumb, President
239 Railroad Street
Bloomsburg, PA 17815
570-784-3352

Ms. Peggy Bohart, Vice President
1669 Dauber Road
Cogan Station, PA 17728
570-998-2147

Ms. Robin Latsha, Secretary
5075 Slutter Valley Road
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Ms. Kathy Whitesel, Treasurer
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PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE
FOR
UNDERSTANDING A SYNOD ASSEMBLY

The basic purpose of Robert's Rules of Order is to provide an orderly way for a large group of people to do business. Familiarity with a few basic motions and rules of procedure permits a voting member to participate appropriately and to have opinions heard and tested in discussion and by vote of the Synod Assembly.

A smooth, orderly, and penetrating discussion of issues at a Synod Assembly depends on the ability of the chair and also on the responsibility and knowledge of the voting members.

The chair is responsible (with the advice of the parliamentarian) to assure good order, encourage full freedom of discussion of all germane or pertinent motions, remove from discussion non-germane motions or debate (to declare out of order), assure a fair hearing to all who wish to be heard (including calling for speakers' pro and con on an issue), to interpret to the Assembly the meaning of the actions to be voted on, to determine when the Assembly is ready to vote on a motion (unless the Previous Question is voted), to prevent "steam-rolling", and to attempt to move the business along to keep the Assembly within the time frame required. The chair must remain as neutral as possible on issues, and has no real control over what issues are brought to the floor as long as they are germane, and within the power of the synod to act. The chair cannot debate issues without stepping down from the chair.

The chair cannot limit debate (only the Assembly can vote to limit debate) and cannot control the wording of resolutions that come to the floor. The chair can attempt to clarify wording, recommend that certain resolutions be referred to the Committee of Reference and Counsel for clarification, and welcome consultation from any voting member prior to the Assembly to determine when and if a given resolution would be in order and also welcomes consultation to clarify the wording of resolutions.

The voting members are individually and corporately responsible for cooperating with the chair in the maintenance of good order. This includes care in the preparation of motions or resolutions, speaking concisely and to the point, and not using the Rules of Order to inhibit discussion of actual issues.

SOME MOTIONS MOST OFTEN USED:

1. ADOPTION OF AGENDA (simple majority). At the beginning of an Assembly, voting members are asked to consider the order of business. This order is proposed by the Synod Council, but any voting member is free to propose an amendment of the proposed agenda by addition of an issue, by delegation of an issue, or by changing the sequence of the order of business. After all amendments to the agenda are voted on, the agenda is adopted. Once adopted, the Assembly must proceed according to this agenda, unless subsequently the Assembly should vote to amend the agenda which requires 2/3 vote.

2. AMENDMENT OF MAIN MOTION (simple majority). Once an amendment has been moved and seconded to change, add, or omit words in the original motion, debate must be confined to the amendment itself. Debate cannot continue on the original main motion until the amendment has been voted upon and either adopted or lost.
3. TO AMEND THE AMENDMENT (simple majority). Once a motion to amend the amendment has been moved and seconded, debate must be confined to this matter. Debate cannot continue on the main motion or the first amendment. No more than one amendment may be made to an amendment.
4. TO SUBSTITUTE (simple majority). A term referred to an amendment which is not less than a complete paragraph and amends by replacing a paragraph, or a whole motion.
5. COMMIT OR REFER TO A COMMITTEE (simple majority). If the Assembly feels that a given issue can be adequately handled by a committee of the Assembly or the Synod Council, it can vote to "Refer with power to act". If the Assembly feels that adequate study of an issue requires more in-depth consideration than a full Assembly can give, or the Assembly feels that it needs more information, it can vote to "Refer to an appropriate committee or to the Synod Council for 'study and recommendation' ". Such a motion should include the time or date that the committee is directed to reply to the Assembly.
6. CONSIDER BY PARAGRAPH OR SERIATIM (simple majority). A lengthy statement or resolution (example: the budget) is best considered line by line or paragraph by paragraph. This permits voting members to focus their discussion, rather than to allow discussion to range in no particular order from one part of the statement or resolution to another. This is an important device to assist an assembly to deal with the many parts of a complex issue.
7. LIMIT DEBATE or EXTEND LIMIT OF DEBATE (two-thirds vote). The first of these motions permits the Assembly to prevent filibuster by a small minority of voting members. The second of these motions permits the assembly to provide additional time to adequately conclude discussion on an issue.
8. DIVISION OF THE HOUSE (any voting member can call for division without rising or making a motion and the chair must honor the request). If a voice vote does not give clear indication of the will of the Assembly, "ayes" and "nays" are asked to stand or raise their hands. If it is not visually clear whether or not the motion has carried or has been lost, an actual count is taken by tellers.
9. TO TABLE (simple majority, not debatable). A motion to table is appropriate when the Assembly does not wish to take immediate action on a resolution. It should be tabled at least until the next meeting when a motion to "take from the table" must be made to return the question to the floor of the Assembly.
10. CLOSE NOMINATIONS (2/3 vote, not debatable). Appropriate when it is clear that voting members do not wish to add nominees to a ballot.

11. TO POSTPONE (simple majority). If the voting members feel that they do not have sufficient information to vote intelligently on a resolution before the Assembly, it is appropriate to "postpone action" on the motion to a later time or after supportive information has been presented.
12. TO REFER (simple majority). It is also appropriate to refer a question to a committee requesting future information to be presented at a later time to complete the action on the question, or the committee can be charged to act on the question on behalf of the synod.
13. PREVIOUS QUESTION (2/3 vote, not debatable). Adoption of the Previous Question closes debate, and brings the Assembly immediately to a vote on the question before the house. A second vote is then taken on the resolution or main motion to adopt it or defeat it. Note: Many voting members think that by calling out "Question", they are requiring the chair to proceed immediately to a vote on the question before the Assembly, or that they are requiring the chair to close off debate. This is not so! Debate can be closed only by moving the Previous Question, without comment by the mover, and by the Previous Question receiving a vote of at least 2/3 of the Assembly. This is appropriate to prevent filibuster by a majority of the voting members, but is inappropriate when it is introduced too early in a debate, thus choking off legitimate discussion.
14. TO RECONSIDER (simple majority). This enables the Assembly to bring back further consideration a matter already voted upon. It must be moved by a voting member who originally voted with "winning" side ("aye" or "nay"). This is appropriate to permit correction of hasty or ill-advised action, or to take into account new information or a changed situation that has developed since the taking of the original vote. The making of this motion is subject to time limits: it may be made only on the same day (in a one-day assembly) as the original motion was made, or on the next succeeding day (in an assembly of more than one day). It is inappropriate, if used as a device to reverse the will of the Assembly when only a small number of members are on the floor.
15. POINT OF ORDER (no vote). To be used if a voting member wishes to present an objection to a ruling of the chair or some method of parliamentary procedure.
16. POINT OF INFORMATION (no vote). If a voting member wishes information relating to pending business, he/she addresses the chair stating, "I rise to a point of information".
17. A QUESTION OF PRIVILEGE (no second, no vote). This action can be taken by a voting member at any time except during the actual voting process or its verification for various reasons--not being able to hear, poor lighting or ventilation, excessive noise or other disorder and discomforts.

PARLIAMENTARY GLOSSARY

ACTION - The process of discussion and voting for or against a motion.

ALTERNATE VOTING MEMBER - The substitute for a primary voting member of a congregation.

BAR OF THE ASSEMBLY - The section of the auditorium in which the voting members of the Assembly sit.

BYLAWS - A subsidiary set of rules to the constitution adopted by the Assembly of Synod for governing its own meetings and functions.

CAUCUS - A private meeting of the individual conferences to decide on policy before a general meeting of the Assembly. A caucus may be called by a conference at any free time during the Assembly.

CHAIR - The title given to the leader of a formal meeting.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – A parliamentary device by which the assembly is considered to be one large committee. All voting members of the assembly become members of such a committee. This is usually done for the purposes of discussing and debating all resolutions/memorials related to a single issue rather than having to discuss each resolution/memorial separately. It also can provide opportunities to assess the mood of the assembly regarding the entire matter before returning to its plenary session where each resolution is considered separately.

CONSTITUTION - A group of written fundamental laws and principles adopted by an organization or corporation (church, synod, congregation).

CONTINUING RESOLUTIONS - This synod may adopt continuing resolutions not in conflict with the constitution or bylaws of this synod or the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Such continuing resolutions may be adopted or amended by a majority vote of the Synod Assembly or by a two-thirds vote of the Synod Council.

DEBATE - The pro and con discussion of an issue.

GENERAL CONSENT - When a question is placed by the chair, the Assembly denotes its agreement by remaining silent.

GERMANE - Pertaining to the issue under discussion on the floor of the Assembly.

MAIN MOTION - The primary presentation of a new subject or issue to the Assembly.

PARLIAMENTARIAN - A person skilled in the use of parliamentary rules who is available to interpret rules for the chair or voting member.

PENDING QUESTION - A motion that has been presented and seconded, is under discussion, but has not been voted upon.

PREVAILING SIDE - The winning side or group when a vote is taken on an issue.

PRIVILEGED MOTION - A motion of such great importance it takes precedence over all other motions, is undebatable and requires immediate action.

QUORUM - The minimum number of members required to be present at a meeting of the Assembly to transact business (vote on issues).

RECESS - Time allocated by the Assembly between or during meetings for other than business.

RECOMMENDATION - A proposal for action.

RESOLUTION - A formal statement of opinion adopted by an assembly or group.

ROBERT'S RULES - An approved set of rules which provides for greater expediency in the disposition of business of an assembly.

SIMPLE MAJORITY - Having more than half the votes cast.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - The items of business which have not been disposed of within the time limits of the agenda and must be held over to be acted upon after all the agenda items have been disposed of.

VOTING MEMBER - a layperson who represents a congregation at the Synod Assembly, or a pastor or deacons on the rosters of this synod.

**RULES OF PROCEDURE
UPPER SUSQUEHANNA SYNOD ASSEMBLY**

1. The bar of the Assembly is the front section of the Weber Chapel auditorium. Voting members must be seated in this area during plenary sessions. During voting procedures, votes will be counted from voting members seated in this section only.
2. Only voting members wearing official voting member badges shall be eligible to vote.
3. Other non-voting members and alternate voting members may be permitted to speak on the floor of the assembly by a 2/3 vote of the assembly. At the time of the reports of this assembly, members of the reporting committee who are non-voting members shall have voice.
4. In addressing the chair, a “mike” shall be used. Voting members shall state plainly their name and congregation; ordained ministers and associates in ministry, their name.
5. In all business sessions, speeches from the floor will be limited to one three-minute presentation. This rule shall not apply to persons presenting a report, nor when direct questions are posed to specific individuals for clarification.
6. All motions shall be written by the mover, signed, and sent to the Committee of Reference and Counsel, except those that are offered as germane motions, which must be written and sent to the chair before being discussed by the assembly. Motion forms are available at the pages' table.
7. Resolutions and memorials concerning issues of the church may be developed for consideration at the 2017 Synod Assembly. Deadline for such resolutions and memorials to be received in the synod office is May 15, 2017. Any resolutions and memorials received **after** that date will be dealt with at our Synod Assembly as last items on the agenda. The Committee of Reference and Counsel will meet prior to the assembly, and an initial report concerning memorials and resolutions, including a printing of the text of all resolutions and memorials received, will be mailed to each voting member.
8. Any motion that seeks to amend the proposed synodical budget by increasing the expenses, shall also include adjustments in other income or expense categories so as to maintain a balanced budget proposal.
9. When there are many pro and con statements on a motion, the chair will recognize alternately persons making a pro or con statement.
10. ROBERT’S RULES OF ORDER, latest edition, shall be the governing parliamentary law of this assembly. A parliamentarian shall be appointed.
11. One-half of the members of the assembly shall constitute a quorum.

12. Elections at the assembly shall utilize paper ballots.
13. All nominations from the floor must have the prior approval of the person nominated. The person making the nomination will give (a) the name of the nominee, (b) the nominee's occupation, and (c) the nominee's home congregation. Nominations for Synod Council will be conducted according to conferences. Nomination forms are available at the pages' table.
14. All questions on specific issues are to be addressed to:
The Rev. Rick White, Chair
Committee of Reference and Counsel

COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE AND COUNSEL

A resolution of a general character shall be given to the Committee of Reference and Counsel (CRC) by the voting members proposing such resolution (signatures of at least two voting members affixed). The CRC shall report all such resolutions to the assembly.

The CRC has power to put resolutions in proper form, eliminating duplication where similar resolutions are offered, and ensure that all resolutions relating to a specific subject will be offered in logical sequence. The committee may make substantive changes in a resolution only with the sponsor's consent.

Appropriate reports to the assembly may be (1) to refer, (2) to amend, or (3) to consider with or without recommendation. The report on each resolution is treated as if it had been moved and seconded before being referred.

Status of Committee's Recommendations:

When the Committee of Reference and Counsel has recommended the approval of a resolution considered by the committee, the committee's recommendation and text of the resolution recommended for passage shall be the main motion before the assembly.

When the Committee of Reference and Counsel has recommended the adoption of a substitute recommendation for the resolution(s) on a subject, the committee's recommendation shall be the main motion before the assembly.

When the Committee of Reference and Counsel has recommended referral of a resolution(s), the committee's recommendation shall be the main motion before the assembly.

When the Committee of Reference and Counsel has recommended that the assembly decline a proposed resolution without the committee making any other recommendation related to the same or closely related subject, the voting member's resolution, if then moved by that voting member and seconded, shall be the main motion and the committee's recommendation shall be received as information.

In addition, the committee may recommend special orders or give such assistance to the bishop as may be requested in the course of the assembly.

A sponsor may appear before the committee to explain a resolution or to answer questions about it.

The Committee of Reference and Counsel chair is The Rev. Rick White.